**Arctic and Western Alaska Admin Subcommittee**

Date – 22 JAN 2025, 1230

Location – 1901 Bragaw St., Rm 290, University of Alaska Anchorage

1. Introductions and sign-ins
2. ACP Re-Architecture—out for public comment in February
   1. Final draft approved by FOSC, draft for SOSC for review/approval
3. GRS Validation Project: trip planning, validation form finalized, GRS College 30-31 Jan.
4. Intentional Wellhead Ignition (IWI) Workgroup: create tool for OSC’s to ensure regulatory requirements met prior to authorizing IWI as a tactic
   1. Participants: BSEE, USEPA, NOAA, USCG, & ADEC
   2. Q: lots of agency—any input from industry? A: Used old workgroup participants, expand once ironed out to have exercise--take to industry and then engage
5. UAS Protocols: for use during oil spill responses/exercises, etc.
   1. Participants: DOI, USDWS, USCG, USFWS, NOAA, ADEC, ADF&G
   2. What does AWA want to use? -> connect with ARRT so as not to duplicate
   3. Identify current efforts by Wildlife Protection + Science & Technology Groups
   4. Job aid would be helpful
   5. Need statewide alignment
   6. What do waivers look like when not permitted normally (FAA involvement)
6. Potential Places of Refuge (PPOR): for deep draft vessels in Aleutian Islands
   1. Find definitions in ARRT guidelines
   2. Some PPOR have been identified as unsafe; needs updating/notes?
      1. Comment: as simple as making a note for large vessels? (vs. removing)
      2. Comment: avoiding the thought of being able to tuck in (in bad weather)
         1. Ongoing Aleutian Islands Safety Committee discussion; collaborate
7. New business? (open comments)
   1. GRS: UAF validation work complete as possible; next: develop written procedures
   2. Alaska Clean Seas would be happy to help exercise things from the plan
   3. Feedback is warmly received, so new ideas/objectives welcome
   4. Presentation to ARRT next week (UAS, GRS, ACP, PPOR)
8. April 24 next subcommittee meeting, May 7 next AWA meeting
9. FOSC updates: (thank you for participation and work)
   1. Comandante relieved of position 20 Jan; Vice Comandante Lunde is Acting
   2. Many Executive Orders: immigration, border security (see original document)
   3. No big ripples anticipated for USCG; some impacts: increased USCG presence across US borders; more exploratory drilling
      1. Gas production, oil pipeline, LNG pipeline, upcoming Red Dog mine closure, mineral mining (if water transfer), etc.
      2. No anticipated new resources

Attendees:

In-Person:

USCG: CDR JoEllen Arons, CWO AnnMarie Borkowski, LT Josh Gross, Gina Winters, Shawn Hay

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