

ARCTIC AND WESTERN ALASKA AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

November 1st, 2022

Location:

Robert B. Atwood Building
550 W 7th Ave
Anchorage, AK 99501

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What is an Area Committee?

The Clean Water Act, as amended by the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, and the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP) mandate that an Area Committee exist within each inland and Coast Guard Captain of the Port Zone. The Area Committee must: (1) Prepare for its area the Area

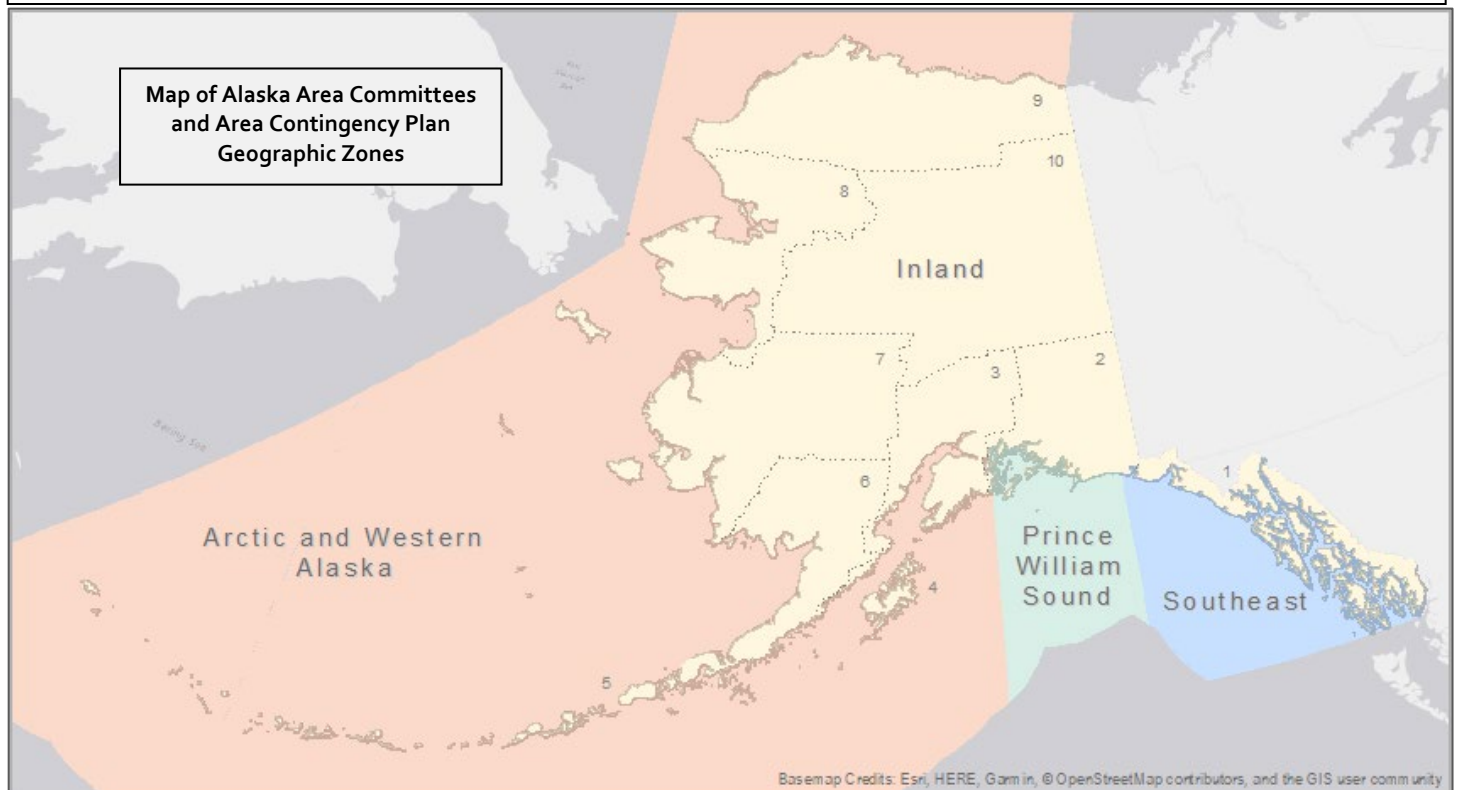
Contingency Plan; (2) Work with federal, tribal, state and local officials to enhance the contingency planning for those officials and to assure preplanning of joint response efforts, including appropriate procedures for mechanical recovery, dispersal, shoreline cleanup, protection of sensitive environmental areas, and protection, rescue and rehabilitation of fisheries and wildlife; and

(3) Work with federal, tribal, state, and local officials to expedite decisions for the use of dispersants and other mitigating substances and devices.

Where can you obtain more information about Area Committees and Area Contingency Plans?

<http://alaska.gov/go/7EKN>

Meeting presentations available for download at <https://dec.alaska.gov/spar/ppr/contingency-plans/response-plans/arctic-western-area/>



Area Committee Boundaries:

Three Coastal: The Arctic and Western Alaska Area, Prince William Sound Area, and the Southeast Area mimic the Captain of the Port Zones and extend seaward 200 nautical miles to the Economic Exclusion Zone. These Areas also extend inland 1,000 yards.

One Inland: The Inland Area extends from the coastal areas; beginning 1,000 yards inland

Geographic Zones:

Zones mimic the boundaries of the superseded 10 subareas: 1) Southeast Alaska, 2) Prince William Sound, 3) Cook Inlet, 4) Kodiak Island, 5) Aleutians, 6) Bristol Bay, 7) Western Alaska, 8) Northwest Arctic, 9) North Slope, and 10) Interior Alaska

Spotlight on Non-government Agencies (NGOs): The Arctic and Western Alaska Area Committee continues to highlight area planning contributions of different groups to our oil spill response preparedness. This meeting will highlight the many contributions and projects undertaken by NGOs to improve oil spill readiness across the region.



Draft Agenda

1300-1310: Introductions
1310-1325: OSC Opening Comments

Business Meeting

1325-1400: Subcommittee Status Reports
1400-1410 *Break*

Pollution Response Topics

1410-1430: Risk Assessment Methodology
1430-1450: UAS GRS Validation Exercise
1450-1500 *Break*

NGO Reports

1500-1520: Cook Inlet Regional Citizens Advisory Council
1520-1540: Prince William Sound Regional Citizens Advisory Council
1540-1600: Northern Alaska Environmental Center
1600-1620: Arctic Domain Awareness Center
1620-1640: Ted Steven's Center
1640-1700: Public Comment, Closing Remarks & Discussion of Next Meeting