

GRS development in the Copper River & Delta Flats

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GEOGRAPHIC RESPONSE STRATEGIES



Geographic Response Strategies (GRS) are oil spill response plans tailored to protect a specific sensitive area from impacts following a spill. Environmental conditions at GRS sites frequently change according to season, storm impact, erosion, substrate redistribution, and other factors, therefore GRS are intended to be flexible, allowing spill responders to modify them as prevailing conditions dictate. These response plans are map-based strategies that can save time during the critical first few hours of an oil spill response. They

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Why?



Anchorage Museum of History & Art. Library & Archives.



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Process

- **Workgroup meetings outside of GRS subcommittee**
 - **One per month?**
 - **Approximately 5-6 meetings?**
 - **Begin in early 2025**
- **Public workshop day**
- **Build out of ten GRS's in both PDF and GIS format**
- **Get "approval" of new GRS sites from PWS Area Committee**
- **Work under PWS Area Committee GRS subcommittee**
- **Keep GRS subcommittee and PWS AC informed on progress**

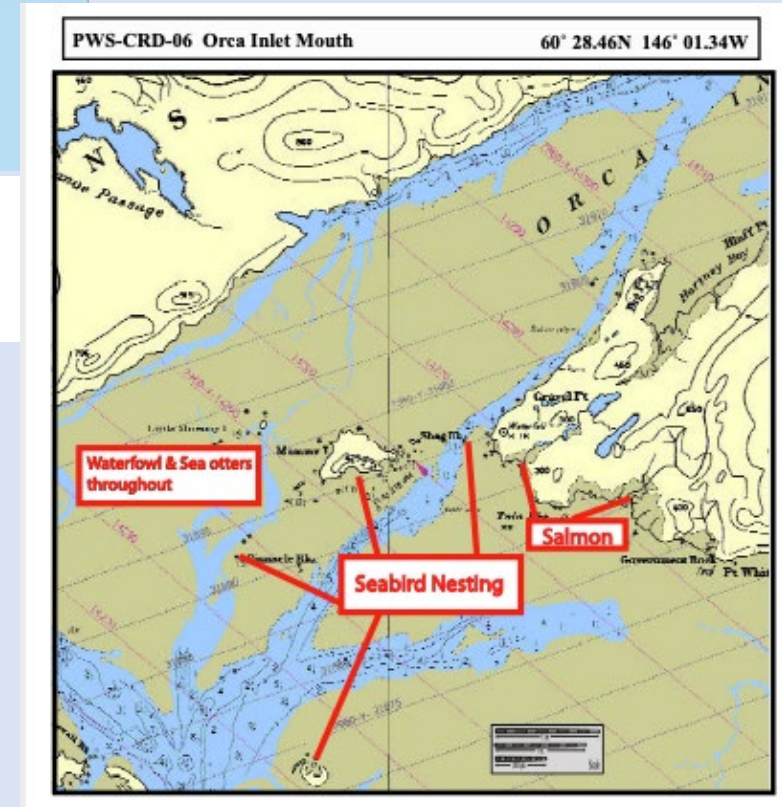
Caveats

- **Contract still coming together and details may change**
- **First new GRS developed in years; revisit basic process**
- **Blueprint for ideal GRS development process?**
- **Site visits?**
- **Some areas will be challenging to protect**

Past Work



- CRD-06 Orca Inlet Mouth (PDF 233K)
- CRD-07 Boswell Bay/Snake Creek (PDF 209K)



Who is Nuka?

- Helped facilitate past GRS work in PWS & EVOS region**
- Designed PDF template we're familiar with**
- Currently developing GRS's on British Columbia coastline with Canadian First Nations, Cowichan Tribes**
- Other GRS work in Maine and Massachusetts**
- Developed report on past Copper River GRS efforts**
- Elise DeCola will be project lead from Nuka + others**

Stay Tuned...

- Workgroup process begins early 2025
- Who should participate in this discussion?
- Thanks in advance for the effort

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