

**DRAFT
MEETING SUMMARY
COOK INLET SE ZONE GRS WORKGROUP
February 24, 2004
Islands and Oceans Visitor Center
Homer, Alaska**

Attendees:	Joe Banta
Ephim Anahonak	Mark Fink
Don Combs	Gary Folley
Christopher Ellison	Steve Howell
Dale Gardner	Mark Janes
Jeff Ginalias	Carol Kvasnikoff
Jace Johnson	Sam Means
John Kwietniak	Mike Munger
Doug Lentsch	Doug Mutter
Paul Richie	Linda Robinson
Buzz Rome	Tim Robertson
Terry Bryant	John Whitney

John Kwietniak of Tesoro Alaska opened the meeting, facilitated introductions and reviewed the agenda.

Dale Gardner, ADEC, gave an overview presentation about geographic response strategies (GRS) in Alaska.

Tim Robertson, Nuka Research and Planning Group, gave a review of the process for developing GRS and showed the workgroup the resources available on the web.

Steve Howell, CIRCAC, explained the public outreach process for the project. Linda Robinson, PWSRCAC, will assist with the public outreach effort. The deadline for public comment on the sites selected for GRS was established as April 16, 2004.

The workgroup discussed the risks of oil spills in the zone. Tesoro tanker traffic does transit the coastline and Kennedy Entrance in route to their refinery at Nikiski. Tank barges, cruise ships and freighter ships also follow similar routes. Most of these larger vessels have switched to non-persistent fuels. The highest risks are from ship accidents

in the Kennedy Entrance area and from oil borne on the Alaska coastal current that could impact the area from outside the zone.

Dr. John Whitney, NOAA, gave a presentation on the current and weather patterns in this region. The history of the Exxon Valdez spill was used as an example of the migration of oil along this coast.

Doug Mutter, DOI, reviewed the site selection matrix and accepted revisions and additional information from workgroup members to assist in the selection process. The workgroup discussed the criteria to be used to determine critical sites for GRS development. In other projects, resource concentration based on population was a critical factor. ADFG will provide additional information about sea otter concentrations and commercial fishing. USFWS is asked to provide more information on waterfowl and seabirds.

The project is funded for 20 sites. The workgroup identified 16 high priority sites for GRS development, leaving four more choices for selection. With the input from the public, the cultural/historic resource information from the Villages of Port Graham and Nanwalek, and the addition of more biota information, the final four sites will be chosen, plus the initial 16 selections may face reconsideration. The initially selected sites are:

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| 1. Home Cove | 9. Outer Rocky Bay |
| 2. Brown Mountain Stream | 10. East Rocky Bay/Rocky River |
| 3. Head of Tonsina Bay | 11. Picnic Harbor |
| 4. Sunday Harbor | 12. Head of Windy Bay |
| 5. Taylor Bay | 13. East Elizabeth Island stream |
| 6. West Arm-Island Creek | 14. Head of Port Chatham |
| 7. West Arm-Middle Creek | 15. Clam Cove/Chrome Bay |
| 8. Port Dick Creek | 16. Dog Fish/Koyuktolik Bay |

The meeting was opened for public comment. No comment was given.

The following members volunteered for the Tactics Committee:

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| Ephim Anahonak | Jace Johnson |
| Don Combs | John Kwietniak |
| Christopher Ellison | Doug Lentsch |
| Dale Gardner | Paul Richie |
| Jeff Ginalias | Buzz Rome |

Terry Bryant
Rep. from Village of Nanwalek

Tim Robertson

John Kwietniak and Mike Munger, CIRCAC, will work together to find vessel resources for the site survey. Don Combs, USCG, will inquire into USCG support for the photographic overflights. Mark Fink, ADF&G, requested that a resource agency representative be included in the site surveys. Some past surveys have included a representative when space has allowed, and the survey group will do so again, if possible.

The next Cook Inlet SE Zone Workgroup meeting will be held May 5, 2004 in Homer.