



## **Alaska Regional Response Team**

### **Meeting Summary**

**Valdez City Council Chambers  
Valdez, AK  
May 22, 2013**

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The meeting was called to order at 08:00. Members present were Chris Field (USEPA), Mark Everett (USDHS, USCG), Gary Folley (AK DEC), Doug Helton (USDOC), Bill Zagrocki (USDOD), and Pamela Bergman (USDOJ). Members participating by phone included Cindy Sacks (USDOT), Robert Forgit (USDHS, FEMA), and Brian Swanson (USGSA). Member agencies not participating in the meeting were USDHHS, USDOE, USDOS, USDOL, and USDOJ.

Mr. Mark Everett (USCG) introduced a discussion on subjects related to ARRT Governance. Topics included the meeting schedule and format; participation in meetings via teleconference; availability of members for activation; the meeting notes format; the update process of the Unified and subarea contingency plans; and the ARRT Charter. Ms. Bergmann requested that the record reflect that some of the changes noted were in conflict with the existing ARRT Charter. Mr. Field concurred that this was so.

Dr. Tara Reimer Jones, President and CEO of the Alaska SeaLife Center, presented information on her organization's oil spill response and wildlife rehabilitation capabilities.

The State and Federal on-scene coordinators (OSC's) delivered reports on recent response activities, exercises, planning initiatives, training programs and lessons learned. The OSC areas of responsibility and presenters included the following:

- USCG, MSU Valdez (Prince William Sound COTP), CDR Benjamin Hawkins
- USCG, Sector Anchorage (Western Alaska COTP), CAPT Paul Mehler
- USCG, Sector Juneau (Southeast Alaska COTP), Ms. Kathy Hamblett for CAPT Scott Bornemann
- EPA (Inland Zone), Mr. Calvin Terada for Mr. Matt Carr and Bob Whittier
- ADEC, Mr. Gary Folley for all State OSCs

Mr. Nick Knowles (USEPA) reported on activities of the Tribal Guidance Task Force. Members have until close of business on June 28<sup>th</sup>, to review and comment on the draft guidance document.

Ms. Bergmann reported on activities of the Places of Refuge subcommittee. There were no updates to report for the Wildlife Protection Working Group or the Cultural Resources Working group.

Ms. Marcia Combes (USEPA) reported on activities of Endangered Species Act Working Group.

Mr. Field and Capt. Daniel Travers (USCG) reported on progress of the Dispersant Guidelines Taskforce.

Mr. Everett provided an update on the Arctic SONS Seminar and Exercise. The Senior Leader Seminar will be held on the morning of June 18 in Anchorage, AK.

Ms. Combes presented an overview of increased interest in the Arctic region, and on-going international, national, regional, and state policy development for Arctic issues.

Member agency representatives gave closing remarks.

Public comments were heard from Mr. Mark Swanson of the Prince William Sound Regional Citizen's Advisory Council, Dr. John French of Pegasus Environmental, and Ms. Delice Calcote and Mr. Nikos Pastos both of whom represent the Alaska Inter-Tribal Council.

The co-chairs offered closing remarks and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:30 p.m.

Internet Links to Powerpoint Presentations:

[Alaska SeaLife Center Capabilities](#)

[Arctic SONS Exercise Update](#)

[Arctic Emerging Activities](#)

[FOSC Report - USCG, Sector Anchorage COTP](#)

[FOSC Report - USCG, Sector Juneau COTP](#)

[FOSC Report - USCG, MSU Valdez COTP](#)

[FOSC Report - EPA](#)

[SOSC Report - ADEC](#)