



## ALASKA REGIONAL RESPONSE TEAM

### MEETING SUMMARY

### GENERAL MEETING

January 30, 2020

Anchorage, Alaska

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#### Introductions

Following a safety brief provided by the BP Energy Center facility manager, Ms. Mary Goolie, EPA ARRT Coordinator, and Mr. Craig Ziolkowki, ADEC ARRT Coordinator, provided opening remarks and led introductions of the meeting participants.

#### Review of Actions Since Last Meeting and Tri-Chairs Report

Mr. Mark Everett, USCG Tri-Chair, presented an overview of the actions of the ARRT since the May 2019 meeting. Major events and milestones include continued restructuring of area planning and affirming the ARRT committee structure. Nationally, ARRT member agencies are involved in joint contingency planning between the U.S. and Russia and U.S. and Canada and ongoing coordination with the Arctic Council. The Arctic Council, Emergency Prevention, Preparedness and Response (EPPR) has prepared a video on [Basic Oil Pollution Response Principles](#) (hyperlink also available on ARRT website). See slide 4 of meeting presentation packet for additional information. Tri-Chairs from the EPA (Ms. Beth Sheldrake) and ADEC (Ms. Denise Koch) also offered introductory remarks and a brief update on their agencies' status and recent work.

#### Report from the Wildlife Protection Committee/ Status of the Wildlife Protection Guidelines

Wildlife Protection Committee Chair Dr. Phil Johnson, USDOl, reported on the status of the Wildlife Protection Committee. The committee has recently completed a revision to the Wildlife Protection Guidelines. He reviewed the major changes to the guidelines, which are summarized in the meeting presentation, slides 6-11.

#### Report from the Historic Properties Committee/ Status of the Historic Properties Specialist Training

Dr. Johnson, also chair of the Historic Properties Committee, reported on the status of the Historic Properties Committee. The committee recently completed two workshops to train Historic Properties Specialists. A total of 65 people attended the training, including representatives for Alaska Native organizations and tribes, state and federal agencies, and private sector organizations. The workshops resulted in two multi-agency proposals for future work regarding historic properties USDOl funding: one to create cultural resource job aids and another to develop a cultural resource survey to identify

culturally significant lands, similar to a subsistence use survey. USDO I is planning similar workshops planned for other regions in the country. See presentation slides 12-18.

### Report from the Science and Technology Committee

Science and Technology Committee Chair Ms. Catherine Berg, NOAA, provided an update on the status of the committee. She noted they are hoping for an EPA representative to be assigned to the committee soon and invited other ARRT member agencies to recommend additional members. She also noted the recent activities that are of interest to the committee, including the work on developing guidance and tools to support: Unmanned Aerial Systems guidance, Intentional Wellhead Ignition guidance, *In-Situ* Burning Checklists, and Surface Washing Agent Area guidance. See presentation slides 19-21.

### Report from the Statewide Planning Committee

Mr. Craig Ziolkowski provided an update on the Statewide Planning Committee. They are beginning work on revisions to the Regional Contingency Plan (RCP) and are considering a Statewide Planners meeting in 2021. See presentation slides 22-25.

### Area Committee Reports

Each of the four Area Committees provided updates on their respective activities and recent major events in the areas. Significant work is being made on each of the four Area Contingency Plans (ACPs). See presentation slides 27-52.

Area Committee	Next Meeting	Status of ACP	Major Upcoming Exercises/Trainings
Prince William Sound	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TBD (mid-February), Steering Committee</li> <li>March 17, 2020, Area Committee (Cordova)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Validated/updated contact info contained in the ACP appendices (Sections 9100 and 9200)</li> <li>Timeline to Next Version: Co-Chairs currently working on compiling all contact info updates and integrating into Version 1.1</li> <li>Target: February 2020</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cordova PREP Full Scale Exercise: 7-8 April 2020 (Cordova)</li> <li>Valdez Marine Terminal Exercise: 21 May 2020 (Valdez)</li> </ul>
Southeast Alaska	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>August 28, 2020, Area Committee</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Version 2020.0 anticipated public review March 2020; final in June 2020</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hoonah, AK area GRS test and validation, TBD Summer 2020</li> </ul>
Arctic and Western Alaska	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>April 13, 2020, Area Committee (Fairbanks)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Version 2018.1 signed in November;</li> <li>Currently working on Version 2020.0 final in June 2020</li> </ul>	<i>None reported</i>

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Alaska Inland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TBD (anticipating October 2020), Area Committee</li> <li>• See the table below for working group meeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Version 2020 anticipated public review March 2020; final in June 2020</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OSC Academy (Chicago), February 24-28, 2020</li> <li>• Conoco Phillips IMT Source Control Drill (Kuparuk), March 2, 2020</li> <li>• Eielson AFB Worst Case Discharge Exercise, March 24, 2020</li> <li>• Oil Spill Tech Symposium w/ ISB Demo, (Fairbanks), April 14-16</li> <li>• Hilcorp Swanson River IMT/Field Exercise, April 30, 2020</li> </ul>

The Area Committees have several working groups focused on specific topics. A summary follows:

Working Group	Sponsoring Area Committee	Upcoming Meetings/Timeline
Unmanned Aerial Systems	Arctic and Western Alaska	February 3, 2020
Intentional Wellhead Ignition	Arctic and Western Alaska	Early March, 2020
Government Initiated Unannounced Exercises	Arctic and Western Alaska	TBD
Lightering	Arctic and Western Alaska	TBD
Bulk Fuel Facilities	Arctic and Western Alaska	TBD
Hazardous Substance Response	Alaska Inland	TBD (~May 2020)
Logistics	Alaska Inland	February 14, 2020
<i>In-Situ</i> Burning	Alaska Inland	Meeting will follow Oil Spill Technology Symposium, April 14-16, 2020

*For AWA Area Committee working group, please contact [LCDR Matt Hobbie](#) (USCG Sector Anchorage)*

*For Alaska Inland Area Committee working group, please contact [Liza Sanden](#) (EPA Contractor)*

*The AWA Area Committee has requested ARRT supporting in identifying personnel to serve on the working groups.*

### Review/Discussion Part 1: Strategic Transition to the “New” Role of the ARRT to Support the Area Committees and Coordinate Regional Strategic Planning

Mr. Everett reviewed the “new” role that the ARRT plays in supporting the Area Committees and coordinating regional planning. He reviewed the [ARRT Status of Revitalization](#) summary.

### Review/Discussion Part 2: ARRT Support Requests

Ms. Angela Matz, USFWS, presented to the ARRT on the needs and challenges of the wildlife protection agencies to identify personnel to capture oiled wildlife, particularly sea otters. Specifically, she is asking the ARRT to help spread the word to the Area Committees on the need to pre-identify personnel and to verify that these people have the appropriate training and authorizations. The Tri-Chairs directed the Statewide Planning Committee to forward this information and request to the Area Committees.

LCDR Hobbie, with USCG Sector Anchorage, spoke to the ARRT on the need for support from the ARRT to the AWA Area Committee to identify personnel to assist the working groups on Intentional Wellhead Ignition and Unmanned Aerial Systems. The Tri-Chairs directed the Statewide Planning Committee to contact the appropriate personnel, identified by LCDR Hobbie, and request their participation in these working groups. The NRT has agreed to work on the development of UAS guidance, and the ARRT will coordinate between the Area Committee and NRT to share content. Copies of the ARRT’s ICS 213R used for resource requests to the ARRT are available on slides 56-57.

### Review/Discussion Part 3: How Does the ARRT Manage and Respond to Support Requests?

Mr. Ziolkowski reviewed the process the ARRT Coordinators and Tri-Chair will use to track and respond to requests for support, specifically the ICS 213R form that LCDR Hobbie used.

### Tabletop Exercise: How does the ARRT support the On-Scene Coordinator (OSC)?

The ARRT Coordinators facilitated a discussion-based tabletop exercise for the ARRT members. This exercise was a follow-up on to a notification exercise held the previously day, where a voice call, text message, and email were disseminated to all members in order to verify the accuracy of the contact data and to test the effectiveness of the message formats. This tabletop exercise objective was to prompt agencies to identify what resources they may provide to the exercise scenario and what role they may play in the response as an ARRT representative (separate from their role in the Unified Command incident management team), as well as to identify gaps in this information in the RCP. This exercise also tested the validity of the agency roles and responsibilities descriptions in the RCP. See slides 60-69 for the exercise scenario and questions directed to ARRT members.

### Exercise Hotwash

Following the exercise, the ARRT Coordinators facilitated a hotwash. The following table provides a summary of the major points and recommendations.

Recommendations to regarding the RCP	Revise the agency descriptions of their roles and responsibilities.
	Develop a brief description (target audience OSCs) on what the ARRT can provide during an incident.
	Develop a communications flow chart that describes information flow to/from the ARRT.

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Comments & Recommendations regarding future exercises	Reviewing a portion of the RCP as part of an exercise is a best practice.
	A future internal exercise should ask agencies identifying specific resources to meet OSC/incident needs.
	For future internal exercise, scenario development should include OSC input on what they would need in such a response and exercise scenario should begin with these requests for assistance.
	For external exercise, the ARRT needs good (early) communications with the exercise managers to assure the exercise design has appropriate elements.
Recommendations for future incident responses & the Role of ARRT	Using the 213R to communicate needs document requests from FOSC to ARRT during a response.
	The most important thing for the RRT to do for an OSC is to provide support and a shield from extraneous activities that would distract Incident Command from the mission.
	First questions ARRT members should ask: “Does my agency have a rep in incident command? How is my agency supporting the response?”

### Public Comment

Mr. Barkley Lloyd, Alaska Clean Seas, spoke on the current use of drones on the North Slope; issues of wildlife hazing and capture, and dealing with rabid animals. He indicated significant work relating to *in-situ* burning was being conducted.

### Parking Lot Issues:

Wildlife Protection Guidelines will go out for public review on Jan 31, 2020.

### Closing Remarks:

CAPT Sean MacKenzie remarked that LCDR Hobbie will be fleeting up to Deputy Command at Sector Anchorage and LCDR Hobbie.

CDR Michael Franklin complimented the ARRT in being more proactive rather than reactive.

Dr. Johnson recognized the significant contributions of Craig Ziolkowski on multiple endeavors, including the Wildlife Protection Guidelines and the Historic Properties Specialist training.

Mr. Everett offered a “Hail and Farewell” to the following members who are retiring or leaving state.

- Gary Sonnenberg (USDA USFS), who is retiring
- Tom DeRuyter (ADEC SOSOC), who is retiring
- CAPT MacKenzie, whose change of orders will be taking him to Germany.

Mr. Everett also offered a welcome and recognition of several new members and OSCs:

- Arlene Lamont, U.S. Department of Transportation (OSHA)
- Heather Parker, U.S. Department of Defense (Navy)
- Teddy Thompson, U.S. Department of Defense (ALCOM)
- Crystal Smith, ADEC OSC
- Curtis Keisel, ADEC OSC

- CAPT Phil Prather, USCG D17
- John Fitzgibbon, General Services Administration
- Kandi Petorak, General Services Administration
- David Rees, EPA

Participant Summary:

Member Agencies in Attendance		
Member Agency	Present	Not Present
Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation	●	
Department of Agriculture	●	
Department of Commerce	●	
Department of Defense	●	
Department of Energy	●	
Department of Health and Human Services		●
Department of the Interior	●	
Department of Justice		●
Department of Labor	●	
Department of State		●
Department of Transportation	●	
Environmental Protection Agency	●	
Federal Emergency Management Agency	●	
General Services Agency		●
U.S. Coast Guard	●	
Non-member Organizations in Attendance		
Alaska Chadux Corporation		
1-Call Alaska		
Alaska Clean Seas		
American Marine Corp.		
Association of Village Council Presidents		
BP Alaska		
Chickaloon Native Village		
Cook Inlet Regional Citizens' Advisory Council		
Crowley Fuels		
Gallagher Marine		
Hilcorp Alaska		
International Bird Rescue		
North Slope Borough		
Nuka Research		

## Participant Summary:

Ocean Conservancy
PENCO
Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council
Resolve (Resolve Marine/Resolve Alaska)
State of Alaska, Alaska Department of Fish and Game
State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources,
State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources, State Pipeline Coordinator's Section
State of Alaska, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management
U.S. Coast Guard, National Pollution Fund Center
U.S. Department of Commerce, National Weather Service
U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency
U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement
U.S. Department of Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service
U.S. Department of Transportation, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration