

Alaska Regional Response Team
February 17, 2022, Business Meeting (Virtual Meeting)
Meeting Summary

Meeting Documentation
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agenda• Meeting Presentations – Morning Presentations and Afternoon Presentations• Meeting Attendees (attached)
ARRT Documents, Plans and Guidance (New/Updated since last meeting)
<i>None currently</i>

Introductions

Ms. Mary Goolie, EPA ARRT Coordinator conducted a roll call of the ARRT Members and the On-scene Coordinators. Non-member attendance was from the Zoom sign-in list.

Review of Actions Since Last Meeting & Tri-Chairs Report

Ms. Tiffany Larson, ADEC Tri-Chair, Ms. Beth Sheldrake, EPA Tri-Chair, and Mr. Mark Everett, USCG Tri-Chair offered opening remarks.

Mr. Everett, USCG Tri-Chair, presented an overview of the actions of the ARRT since the September 2021 meeting, (See Slide 8). Major events and milestones include the following:

- Version 2 of Regional Contingency Plan, completed
- Update of USCG-EPA FOSC Jurisdictions, completed
- Biennial Work Plan 2022-2023, updated
- Annual ESA Compliance Report and Annual Report to NRT, in process
- Continue COVID tracking/ precautions
- GAO released their report GAO-22-104153, Offshore Oil Spills: Additional Information is Needed to Better Understand the Environmental Tradeoffs of Using Chemical Dispersants

ARRT Committee Reports

Dr. Phil Johnson, USDOJ reported on the recent activities of the Wildlife Protection Committee and Cultural Resources Committee, Ms. Catherine Berg, NOAA, reported on the Science and Technology Committee, and Ms. Mary Goolie, EPA, reported on the Statewide Planning Committee. A summary of their major activities of these committees and presentation slides is listed below.

ARRT Committee	Major Activities	Presentation
Cultural Resources Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Met in November 2021 and January 2022, next meeting Fall 2022 • 2022-2023 Goals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Finalize revisions to the <i>ARRT Cultural Resources Committee Charter</i> ○ Review and revise the <i>Alaska Implementation Guidelines</i> 	Slide 11
Science and Technology Committee	<p>Tracking several requests for projects, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cook Inlet Spill Trajectory Tool (Oil Spill Recovery Institute (OSRI) funded): First step to evaluate potential oil spill trajectories and identify measurements needed to better characterize circulation in Cook Inlet • NOAA/OSRI Environmental Sensitivity Index (ESI) updates: Cook Inlet/Kenai Peninsula – OSRI funded; Next locations are Kodiak Island/Shellikof Strait, and southeast Alaska • Research Priorities for Food Safety & Security Following an Oil Spill, funded by OSRI • Oil in Ice Research, Phase 2. Joint project with CRREL, NOAA, USCG, Water Mapping LLC, CRRC, USEPA, ARA Associates. Field tests for UAS with thermal and multispectral sensors to detect, characterize, and map surface oil thickness in ice-infested waters. Research in Cook Inlet (March-April 2022) 	Slides 16-20
Statewide Planning Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly SPC Meetings • Tracking upcoming ACP Reviews: Prince William Sound and Arctic and Western Alaska • Working on FAQs & Outreach on Plan Review Process & How Area Committees and the ARRT Committees work together • Recommending & coordinating website updates (ADEC and ARRT) 	Slides 21-26
Wildlife Protection Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next full committee meeting – fall 2022 • 2022-2023 Goals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Review and administrative update of the <i>Wildlife Protection Guidelines for Oil Spill Response in Alaska</i> ○ Support Pribilof Islands Working Group and Sensitive Areas Working Group • Pribilof Island Working Group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Met in January 2022, Next meeting – March 2022 ○ 2022-2023 Goals: Review and revise the <i>Wildlife Protection Guidelines: Pribilof Islands</i> • Sensitive Areas Working Group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2022-2023 Goals: Review, administrative update, and begin content revision of the <i>Sensitive Areas Compendium</i> ○ Next meeting – TBD 	Slide 12-15

ARRT Regional Stakeholder Committee Task Force

ARRT is standing up a task force to make recommendations on a new Regional Stakeholder Committee (RSC) Job Aid and is seeking task force members from a broad range of representation of stakeholders, including agencies and organizations throughout the state. Those wishing to join this task force should contact one of the ARRT Coordinators (contact information on ARRT website).

Area Committee Reports

Each of the four Area Committees provided updates on the activities of the Area Committees and recent major events in the areas. Significant work is being made on each of the four Area Contingency Plans. See presentation slides 28-52.

Area Committee Requests for Support:

The Area Committee submitted the following requests for support:

- Continue conversation on logistic support from ARRT member agencies. Request Fall 2022 ARRT Meeting include exercise, to continue the Yukon River WCD scenario exercised in September 2020 (Alaska Inland ACP)
- Assistance in developing a of statewide vulnerability and risk assessment methodology, including a potential standardization of the process across Area Committees. A standard risk assessment methodology will assist in developing and/ or updating the scenario compendium, prioritize future planning efforts, and feed GRS validation work (AWA and Southeast Alaska [SEAK] AC)
- GIS support and improved technology for planning (trajectory and GRS validation software), including support for converting of GRS documents to GIS format (AWA and SEAK AC)

Area Committee	Next Meeting	Status of ACP	Major Upcoming Exercises/ Trainings
Alaska Inland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TBD, Fall 2022 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • V2020.1, signed in March 2021 • Annual review, spring-summer 2022 • On-going work to ISB OSC Decision-making Checklist 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tonsina River Alyeska TAPS tabletop exercise (March 30, 2022) • Alyeska Fast water Boom Deployment Training (June 24, 2022) • Proposing Capacity Building Outreach and Training- Coordinated by EPA, ADEC, ANTHC (Summer-Fall, 2022)
Arctic and Western Alaska	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 19, 2022 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • V2020.1 Signed December 2021 • V2020.2: ACP Admin Subcommittee has begun 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hilcorp/Harvest Cook Inlet (April 20, 2022) • PREP Exercise with Crowley (May-Sep 2022, exact dates TBD)

		<p>identification of prospective changes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Several holdovers from 2020.1 input will be addressed in 2020.2 • Anticipate public comment period beginning mid-August 2022 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MADEX (July 26-28, 2022)
Prince William Sound	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 6, 2022 <i>(Note: This is the current date as of 3/1/2022. Date was changed after ARRT meeting)</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • V2020.1 revision planned for this year • Public Comment period: estimated February-March 2022 • Target Final Plan: April 2022 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PWS Tanker Exercise (Crowley): May 16-18, 2022 (Valdez) • PWS VMT Exercise (Alyeska): October 2022 (Valdez and Virtual)
Southeast Alaska	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February 10, 2022 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • V2020.1, signed in March 2021 • Admin Subcommittee – Workgroup approved UAS protocols (AWA ACP) for next SEAK ACP update 	<p>Ketchikan WCD Scenario Exercises, Organized by ADEC and USCG Sector Juneau IMD. Including DOI, NOAA, Seapro, Western Canada Marine Response Corporation (WCMRC), Delta Western. Scenario worked in multiple exercises:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ketchikan Tactics Exercise, May 9-13, 2022 • PREP Full Scale Exercise 2023 • CANUSDIX – 2023, further continuation of the Ketchikan exercises but involving Canadian Coast Guard <p>Area Maritime Security Exercise – Ketchikan, 2023</p>

The afternoon session consisted of three special topics presentations. The slides from these presentations are available on the [‘Afternoon Presentations.’](#) A summary of these presentations is not included in this meeting summary due to the complexity and detail of each presentation, interested parties should review the presentation slides.

[ACP & RCP 101 and the Role of the Area Committees & the ARRT in planning](#)

Presentation by CDR Jereme Altendorf, USCG Sector Anchorage, (Afternoon Presentation, Slides 3-41)

[Indigenous Knowledge & Science in Decision-Making](#)

Presentation by Dr. Jim Kendall, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, (Afternoon Presentation, Slides 42-70)

BSEE Development of Response Information for Offshore Oil Spills in Area Contingency Plans, Presentation by Gabrielle McGrath, RPS Group ADEC, (Afternoon Presentation, Slides 71-124.)

[Meeting Close-out](#)

[Public Comment](#)

- Ms. Karen Pletnikoff, Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association offer public comments. She spoke on the need for consistent and effective notifications of meetings. She offered her opinion that the USCG needs more than one tribal liaison for the state of Alaska, especially considering that nearly half of the federally recognized tribes in the U.S. are in Alaska.
- Ms. Sierra Fletcher, Nuka Research remarked on a short online survey and project description describing the effort to gain input about research and other needs related to food safety after an oil spill.

[Closing Remarks:](#)

The tri-chairs offered closing remarks and thanked all presenters and attendees for their participation.

[Upcoming Dates](#)

- ARRT Meeting: September 22, 2022

Participant Summary:

Seventy-five individuals attended the meeting, representing 12 member agencies and additional other tribal governments, federal, and state agencies, industry, and other non-governmental organizations

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	●	
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission		●

Non-member Organizations in Attendance
Federal Agencies
U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement
U.S. Department of the Interior, Fish & Wildlife Service
U.S. Department of Commerce, NOAA Fisheries
U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management
State Agencies
Alaska Department of Fish and Game
Alaska Department of Natural Resources/ Office of History and Archeology
Federally Recognized Tribes
<i>Aleutian Community of St. Paul Island</i>
Local Governments/Agencies

Industry
ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc.
Crowley Alaska Tankers
Crowley Fuels LLC
Hilcorp Alaska
Response and Environmental Services
1-Call Alaska/ Resolve Marine
Alaska Clean Seas
Cook Inlet Spill Prevention & Response, Inc (CISPRI)
Nuka Research and Planning, Ltd.
Pearson Consulting
SLR International
Non-Governmental Organizations
International Bird Rescue
Ocean Conservancy
Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council
Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association