

Aleutian Island Risk Assessment (AIRA) STATUS REPORT: 3RD QUARTER 2012



Meetings/Teleconferences

- The Management Team met on an as need basis via teleconference during the 3rd quarter to discuss the initiation of Phase B and coordination/planning of the “Kick-off” meeting to be conducted in Unalaska.
- Nuka Research began planning and coordinating the AIRA Phase B “Kick-off” meeting with the Advisory Panel, Management Team and Project Team, which will occur in Unalaska on October 2nd in conjunction with an Emergency Towing Exercise on October 3rd.
- The Phase B Risk Analysis team met in Anchorage on September 19th to discuss and coordinate assignments, tasks and subtasks of the project in preparation of the “Kick-off” meeting and subsequent work plan development.

Phase B Contract Awarded

- The Management Team awarded Nuka Research and Planning Group the Phase B Risk Analysis contract. Nuka Research will leverage their technical expertise in oil spill prevention, response planning, regulatory compliance and project management with: Pearson Consulting, The Glosten Associates, Northern Economics, Baldwin & Butler, Moran Environmental Recovery, Cape International and Coastal and Ocean Resources. Phase B of the risk assessment involves additional work on four risk reduction measures that were identified by stakeholders in Phase A as options for mitigating the risks of vessel accidents and spills in the Aleutians. The Facilitation Team contract already issued to Nuka Research was combined into one contract.

Risk Reduction Projects

- National Fish and Wildlife Foundation continued to work with the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation by procuring funds for the purchase of additional Emergency Towing Systems for the Aleutians. Components for two additional systems have been purchased and are being packaged for staging. One system will be located in Cold Bay at the U.S. Coast Guard hangar.

Contact List and Public Communication

- The project contact list developed by Nuka Research was updated as needed during the 3rd Quarter.
- The AIRA Advisory Panel and Management Team contact information was updated during the 3rd Quarter.
- A project update and interview was conducted by an AIRA project team member with Anne Hillman who was writing a story for the Anchorage Press regarding

vessel traffic through the Aleutians and the impact of proposed west coast Canadian development projects.

AIRA Website

- All AIRA public and internal websites underwent a substantial update in preparation of Phase B. Website content was reviewed and approved by the Management Team for formal and final posting.

Upcoming Schedule

- AIRA Advisory Panel and Management Team Phase B Kick-off meeting, Unalaska, October 2nd
- Emergency Towing Exercise, October 3rd in Unalaska