

Cook Inlet Risk Assessment Advisory Panel Meeting: Closed Session
Anchorage, AK
October 20, 2011
9:30 AM-1:00 PM



Advisory Panel Member Attendance

Jim Butler (Primary-Fisheries); Sarah Melton (Alternate-Fisheries); Marie Steele (Alternate-Land/Resource Manager); Mike Stone (Alternate-Marine Pilots); Jack Rasmussen (Alternate-Mariner/Freight ship); Jack Jensen (Primary- Mariner/Tanker); Christina Waterfield (Alternate- Mariner/Tanker); Louise Audette (Alternate-Mariner/Tug & Barge); Rick Wilson (Primary-Mariner/Other); Owen Boyle (Alternate-Mariner/Other); Ron Long (Primary-NGO); Bob Pawlowski (Alternate-NGO); Greg Duggan (Primary-Oil Platforms & Mobile Drill Unit Operator); Brian Hawkins (Primary-Ports & Harbors); Stephen Ribuffo (Primary- Ports & Harbors); Marc Van Dongen (Primary- Ports & Harbors); Paul Hankins (Alternate-Marine Salvor) via teleconference.

Management Team Attendance

Mike Munger (Cook Inlet RCAC); CPT. Jason Fosdick (USCG); Steve Russell (ADEC)

Project Team Attendance

Tim Robertson and Amy Gilson (Nuka Research & Planning Group); Leslie Pearson (Pearson Consulting LLC); Dave Eley (Cape International); Eleanor Nick Kirtley (Glosten Associates)

Public Attendance

Commissioner Larry Hartig (ADEC); Susan Browne (ADNR, Oil & Gas); Jeffery Shearer (National Park Service); Darcy Dugan (Alaska Ocean Observing Systems); Walter Parker (Parker Associates); Linda Robinson (PWSRCAC); Matthew Forney (NOAA); Erika Ammann (NOAA)

Purpose: The purpose of this meeting is to introduce the members, orient them to the project work plan, and provide an overview of the Draft Vessel Traffic Study.

Welcome: ADEC Commissioner Larry Hartig provided opening message to the Advisory Panel emphasizing the importance of the project, the diverse experience of the group and recognizing the results will likely translate into safer transportation in Cook Inlet.

Introductions: Each member of the Advisory Panel, Management Team, Project Team and public provided a brief self-introduction.

Project & Work Plan Overview: A briefing was provided by the Project managers on background and approved work plan elements (Presentation; <http://www.cookinletriskassessment.com/documents/111015PresentationtoAdvisoryPa>

[nel.pdf](#)). The briefing included a description of the risk assessment limits and bounds, organization and management structure, project tasks and deliverables, and project timeline. For more details, the approved work plan is posted on the project website at: http://www.cookinletriskassessment.com/documents/110426CIRAFinalWorkPlan_rev2.pdf). Since the project began, additional funding has been secured from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, Prince William Sound RCAC and Tesoro Alaska.

Draft Vessel Traffic Study: Dave Eley with Cape International, Inc. provided a briefing on the draft vessel traffic study. The goal of this briefing was to inform the Panel members of the preliminary findings and seek input from the members and obtain approval to begin a public review and comment period. (Presentation: <http://www.cookinletriskassessment.com/documents/VesselTrafficStudyOverview.pdf>).

The study is based on 2010 vessel traffic data obtained from the Marine Exchange of Alaska. Findings indicate that 85% of the large vessel traffic is with 6 operators and approximately 15 ships. Tank barge traffic accounts for approximately 200 transits. The forecast (10-year/2020) is projected to be flat or grow 1.5-2.0% per year over the next 10 years and will be driven by population growth. Large projects such as the gas pipeline, coal and improving infrastructure could potentially increase the growth rate by adding another 200 ships or by 2/5ths.

Areas where Panel member input is needed include:

- The type and amount of tug and barge traffic operating throughout Cook Inlet
- Validation of the distribution of crude and refined product carriage for tank ships
- Additional vessel specific details are needed to improve the study
- Projections for cargo spot charters, including the age and type of vessels likely to be used over the next ten years
- Validation of the assumptions used to project changes in vessel traffic over the coming decade.

Initial Input on Vessel Traffic Report: The following preliminary input was provided by Panel members-

- Need to add a glossary of terms
- Footnote numbering is off
- More background on AIS, requirements and who's participating
- The section of NTV/Salvage & Firefighting needs to be reviewed and re-written since it currently mixes the requirements.
- Clarification on barge count and mixture
- Kachemak Bay being a Potential Port of Refuge needs to be discusses
- Additional explanation for the 10-year projection and growth.

The Panel found the report fit for purpose and recommended beginning a formal public review of the report.

Public Comments: Attending members of the public had no comments or input to provide.

Action Items:

- Post the Draft Vessel Traffic Study on the public website with a 30-day comment period.
- Develop and issue a press release announcing the Draft Vessel Traffic Study public review period.
- Issue an email notice to all of the individuals on the Project contact list announcing the Draft Vessel Traffic Study public review period.
- Update the public website

Meeting Adjourned at 4:30 PM