

COOK INLET RISK ASSESSMENT PROJECT

Monthly Progress Report for Contract #HSCG84-12-C-B17024

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This is a Monthly Progress Report submitted to the U.S. Coast Guard for the Cook Inlet Risk Assessment Project (#HSCG84-12-C-B17024). This report includes an account of the work completed from September 15, through October 31, 2012, as well as identification of any problems encountered or anticipated. Wherever necessary, we will also discuss any budget or scheduling impacts and proposed remedies.

Overview

The U.S. Coast Guard contracted Nuka Research to provide procedural expertise and project management during the preparation of the Cook Inlet Risk Assessment. This project began on September 15, 2012. The final project deliverable will be a report presenting recommended risk reduction options for vessel traffic in Cook Inlet.

Task Details

This section provides an update on the status of the eight project tasks identified in the contract. The tasks are sequential and build directly on each other.

Task 1: Plan and Conduct Consequence Analysis Workshop

The Consequence Analysis Workshop was held in Anchorage on October 30-31, 2012. The meeting information is available online at:

<http://www.nukaresearch.com/projects/cira/meetings.html>. Forty experts participated in the workshop, representing a range of expertise and experience with Cook Inlet's wildlife, fisheries, subsistence, oceanography, spill response, shipping, salvage, ports, and other areas. This included 14 members of the Advisory Panel (including some alternates). The results of the meeting will be presented in Task 2: Develop Consequence Analysis Report.

The Management Team provided input on the workshop agenda on an October 11 teleconference.

This task is now 100% complete.

Task 2: Develop Consequence Analysis Report

A draft report outline was developed based on the discussions at the workshop. This will serve as the basis for the development of the consequence analysis report over the next two months.

Task 3: Solicit and Describe Risk Reduction Options

At the Consequence Analysis Workshop, the Advisory Panel agreed to a general process for the solicitation of suggested risk reduction options (RRO) from the public and key stakeholders. Suggested RRO will be invited via the project website, local press releases, and targeted individual outreach to key stakeholders until early February 2013. The RRO will be compiled and ranked through a preliminary survey of the Advisory Panel to determine priority RRO for consideration at a meeting to be scheduled in Anchorage during the third week of February 2013.

Task 4: Estimate the Benefits of Risk Reduction Options

This task relies on information to be developed earlier in the project and has not yet started.

Task 5: Estimate the Costs of Risk Reduction Options and Develop Cost-Benefit Ratios

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Task 6: Assess the Ease of Implementation of Risk Reduction Options

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Task 7: Assess Unintended Consequences of Risk Reduction Options

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Task 8: Prioritize Risk Reduction Options, Develop Recommendations, and Prepare Final Report

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