

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, 2012 – December 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

This task is now 100% complete.

Task 2: Develop Consequence Analysis Report

The draft report on the Consequence Analysis Workshop was circulated to the subject matter experts who participated in the workshop for review and comment. Nuka Research is incorporating the comments and edits received, while some reviewers have committed to providing their input in early January. When the input from the subject matter experts has been incorporated, the next draft of the report will be circulated for a public review. The report is on track to be completed in January 2013.

Task 3: Solicit and Describe Risk Reduction Options

As agreed by the Advisory Panel, RRO suggestions are being solicited from the public through early February. The RRO will be compiled and ranked through a preliminary survey of the Advisory Panel to determine priority RRO for consideration on February 22 in Anchorage.

The project homepage has been set up with an invitation to suggest RRO via an online comment form. The invitation is at: www.cookinletriskassessment.com and includes a list of previously suggested RRO (from forums on navigational safety in 1999, 2000, and 2007, as well as HR 3619). The deadline for RRO suggestions is February 4.

Notifications of the RRO submission opportunity were sent to everyone who had signed up to receive project updates via the website, as well as the Advisory Panel and Management Team. A “save the date” notice about the February 22 Advisory Panel meeting was sent to the participants, with additional logistical arrangements to be made in January 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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