

## **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 – January 31, 2013, 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**

After incorporating extensive comments from the subject matter experts during December and the beginning of January, Nuka Research distributed the draft report to the Advisory Panel, Management Team, and members of the public who have signed up to receive project updates (or attended the workshop). The subject matter experts were also asked for any final comments on the revised draft. The draft report was posted on the project website with instructions about how to submit comments.

The report will be completed by February 12, pending any additional comments from the Management Team on that date.

#### **Task 3: Solicit and Describe Risk Reduction Options**

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](http://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 press release distributed in early January resulted in articles announcing the RRO submission opportunity in several publications and websites, including [Alaska Dispatch](#), [Seldovia.com](#), [Alaska Business Monthly](#), [Homer News.com](#), [Peninsula Clarion](#), and [Petroleum News](#).

The Advisory Panel will consider the RRO on February 22 in Anchorage. A meeting venue has been secured and meeting registration and travel arrangements for participants are underway.

**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**

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

**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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