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Cook Inlet Risk Assessment Project & Website Update

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Cape International, Inc. has completed the Vessel Traffic Study for the Cook Inlet Risk Assessment (CIRA) project, and it is now available for download on the CIRA project website. Input from the general public and the CIRA Advisory Panel has been incorporated.

Characterizing the existing fleet and traffic in the region, and the quantities of both bunkers and cargoes being moved, is critical for identifying risk. This study builds on a similar study conducted in 2005-2006 and utilized Automated Information System (AIS) data along with vessel operator and port records. This information was reviewed and analyzed to quantify the vessel category and type of oil carried. Vessels under 300 gross tons with fuel capacities less than 10,000 gallons were not examined other than to note their potential impact on larger vessels transiting the region.

The Cook Inlet Risk Assessment is a vital analysis of navigation specific to this area to determine: What can go wrong? How likely is it that something will occur? And, What can be done to reduce the risk and mitigate the consequences? The report, and all documents, meeting notices and reports pertinent to the CIRA project, may be found on the project website: <http://www.cookinletriskassessment.com/index.html>

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