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Cook Inlet Risk Assessment Management Team Releases Vessel Traffic Study

At its first Advisory Panel meeting in Anchorage on October 20, 2011, the Cook Inlet Risk Assessment draft Vessel Traffic Study was presented to the Panel. The Panel agreed the study was complete enough to be released to the public for a 30 day comment period. The study may be found on the project website, www.cookinletriskassessment.com. A comment form and instructions are available as well. Comments will be accepted until November 30, 2011.

The study was authored and presented by David Eley of Cape International of Juneau, Alaska.

The Cook Inlet Risk Assessment is a vital analysis of navigation specific to this area to determine: what can go wrong, how likely it is that something will occur, and what can be done to reduce the risk and mitigate the consequences. The Vessel Traffic Study is an important step in this process. This study creates a 2010 baseline of vessel types, their routes in the Inlet, their fuel and their cargo, and follows that up with projections of traffic to 2019. Later stages of the Risk Assessment process will include consideration of the consequences of navigation incidents, and the region's preparedness and ability to respond and mitigate the consequences.

All documents, meeting notices and reports pertinent to the Cook Inlet Risk Assessment may be found on the project website, www.cookinletriskassessment.com.

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