

Aleutian Islands Waterways Safety Committee
Convening Workgroup
Meeting Summary
August 9, 2017
8:00 AM
Teleconference

Attendees:

Aaron Poe, Aleutian and Bering Sea Islands LCC
David Arzt, Alaska Marine Pilots Association
Mayor Frank Kelty, City of Unalaska
Andrew Mew, Alaska Maritime Agencies
Tim Robertson, Nuka Research and Planning Group
Sierra Fletcher, Nuka Research and Planning Group
Sara Nichols, Nuka Research and Planning Group

Review and Approve Meeting Summary of July 27, 2017

Group approved without objection the July 27, 2017 Meeting Summary as presented.

Draft Charter

The addition of the Stakeholder Seats decided during the last call was approved by non-objection.

Marine Vessel Operations

- a) At-sea Fish Processors
- b) Commercial fishing – catcher vessels > 125 feet
- c) Commercial fishing – catcher vessels < 125 feet
- d) Passenger Vessels
- e) Cargo Ships
- f) Tank Vessels
- g) Barges (including cargo and petroleum) and associated tugs
- h) Assist tugs (docking, rescue)

Ports and Harbors

- i) Port Director, Harbormaster, Local Government
- j) Terminal Operators

Response Operations

- k) Oil Spill Response
- l) P&I Clubs
- m) Salvage

Others

- n) Alaska Native Interest
- o) Conservation Organizations
- p) Marine Pilots
- q) Ships' Agents
- r) Subsistence User
- s) At-large
- t) At-large

All agreed with the seat qualifications as represented below:

In order to qualify as a member for seats a-h (Marine Vessel Operations) and p (Marine Pilots) an individual must have maritime expertise as documented by one of the following:

- i. Has held or currently holds a Merchant Officer's credential,*
- ii. Has held or currently holds a position on a commercial vessel that includes navigational responsibility, or*
- iii. Has or currently holds a position in a company that operates commercial marine vessels in the Aleutian Islands.*

Individuals with onboard navigational experience will be given preference.

The group made no changes to the Non-Voting Member seats:

Ex-Officio Members

Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation
Alaska Department of Fish & Game
Marine Exchange of Alaska
National Ocean and Atmospheric Administration
North Pacific Fisheries Management Council
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
U.S. Coast Guard

The group requested that the following changes be made to the Charter:

1. Add the Community names to the Geographic Scope Map;
2. Remove the language "at the discretion of the chair" in the Governance section where it references telephonic meeting participation to allow for the unusual logistics of the area;
3. Move Secretary above Work Groups and create a section for Chair and Vice-Chair to be elected by the Committee, in the absence of the Chair, the Vice-Chair will assume Chair duties.

The group will consider this a final draft and at the next meeting will be prepared to approve a final document

Board of Directors

Process for Selection –The group wishes for the selection process to be open to anyone interested in developing an organization to promote marine safety in the region, so a broad solicitation for potential board members will be circulated. The group noted that the Board should be composed of individuals with a broad variety of backgrounds and experiences. The Board should be familiar with and promote involvement of every stakeholder group. Board members should also have experience in forming and managing a sustainable non-profit. The group agreed that members of the Convening Workgroup would be eligible for selection for the initial Board of Directors in order to keep continuity and background knowledge as the Board continues the formation of the waterway safety committee.

Composition – The group decided that there will be a minimum of five (5) and no more than eleven (11) Board Members.

Geoff Merrell (via email) proffered a name of someone who had expressed interest. The group agreed that this person should be sent a personal invite to submit a resume` for consideration to serve on the Board.

Nuka will draft a solicitation for Letters of Interest and Resume`s, and will post it on the website and send it out to the news media.

Convening Workgroup members will reach out to people they know are interested or would be a valuable member of the AIWSC.

Action Items

- Nuka will prepare and distribute a news release, soliciting letters of interest for Board Members;
- Workgroup members will reach out to contacts for potential Board Members;
- The new draft of the Charter will be circulated and approved via email.

Next Meeting

This group will meet again around September 15 to approve the final Charter document and select a Board of Directors from the Letters of Interest submitted.

Meeting adjourned at 8:41AM.