

Aleutian Islands Waterways Safety Committee
Meeting Summary
May 1, 2018
9:00AM – 12:00PM
Webinar

Attendees:

Voting Members:

Frank Vargas – Commercial Fishing, Primary
Steven Gabelein – Passenger Vessels, Primary
Wyatt Morgan – Barges and Associated Tugs, Primary
Chris Iszler – Assist Tugs, Primary
Scott Brown – Port Director, Harbormaster, Local Government, Primary
Jennifer Tungul – Terminal Operators, Primary
Matt Melton – Oil Spill Response, Primary
Bert Ray – P & I Clubs, Primary
Todd Duke – Salvage, Primary
Andrew Hartsig – Conservation Organization, Primary
David Arzt – Marine Pilots, Primary
Andrew Mew – Ship’s Agents, Primary
Karen Pletnikoff – Subsistence User, Primary
Peggy McLaughlin – WSC Chair; Managing Board Representative, Primary
Leslie Pearson – At Large, Primary
Ed Page – Vessel Monitoring and Tracking, Primary

Non-Voting Members:

(Alternates with Primary present)

Ernie Weiss – Port Director, Harbormaster, Local Government, Alternate
Thomas Tunnel – Oil Spill Response, Alternate
Buddy Custard – Managing Board Representative, Alternate
Melissa Good – At Large, Alternate

Ex-Officio:

Geoff Merrell, Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC)
Lisa Krebs-Barsis, ADEC
LT. Bart Buesseler, NOAA Coast Survey
Jeff Williams, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Aaron Poe, Aleutian and Bering Sea Islands, Inc. (ABSI)
Jeanette Alas, Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADFG)

Managing Board:

Joe Bereskin, Member
Buddy Custard, Secretary/Treasurer
Frank Kelty, President
Peggy McLaughlin, WSC Chair

Other:

Megan Moravec, Crowley
Joseph Kareta, Crowley
David Ridge, Crowley
Greg LeBeau, Witt O’Brien’s
Lauren Divine, Aleut Community of St. Paul
Tim Robertson, Nuka Research and Planning Group
Sierra Fletcher, Nuka Research and Planning Group
Sara Nichols, Nuka Research and Planning Group

Call to Order

The second meeting of the Aleutian Islands Waterways Safety Committee (WSC) was called to order at 9:05AM by Chairwoman McLaughlin.

Approval of Agenda

<p>Motion Pearson, Mew to approve the agenda with the addition of Item IX. d. Additional Workgroup Assignments. Motion passes unanimously.</p>

Approval of Meeting Summary February 28, 2018

<p>Motion Pearson, Arzt to approve the meeting summary of February 28, 2018. Motion Passes Unanimously</p>

Managing Board Report

Managing Board President Frank Kelty reported that in the past month, the Board made several appointments to Committee seats and Ex Officio seats. They are also working on a sustainable funding plan for the organization and developing a News Release to be published within 48 hours of this meeting.

Waterways Safety Plan Workgroup Report

Workgroup Chairwoman Pearson reported that they have been working via email as opposed to holding formal meetings, and have produced a template for the Waterways Safety Plan utilizing language that encompasses the identity of the AIWSC Scope. The Workgroup also developed language for their Mission Statement to be presented to the Committee today.

Navigation Workgroup Report

Navigation Workgroup Chairman Arzt reported that they held two teleconferences and several email polls in the past few months. They have compiled and prioritized a list of assignments based on navigational issues and concerns to be addressed in the Waterways Safety Plan, and produced a mission statement for the Committee's approval today.

Facilitator's Report

Mr. Robertson stated that he is impressed by the engagement the group has shown in the process so far. He reminded the Committee Members that most of the work gets done at the Workgroup level, encouraging them to throw in their hat to join the workgroups. He gave an overview of the website and reported that Nuka Research is in the process of incorporating all of the Aleutian Island Risk Assessment Documents into a special section for the group's convenience. A news release is being developed for immediate publication following this meeting, and he is looking for a quote from the Committee level to include.

Review Marine Safety Issues/Concerns List

The group addressed each of the issues presented on the list that was compiled during the February 28 WSC Meeting, and verified that they were represented in the draft Waterways Safety Plan if appropriate or consolidated where needed. They discussed the Coast Pilot and Marpol, deciding that the inclusion of external documents would be too cumbersome for the AIWSC Safety Plan. External documents will be referenced and a link will be provided on the web site.

Waterways Safety Plan Workgroup Mission Statement

Motion Pearson, Page to approve the Mission Statement of the Waterways Safety Plan Workgroup to be *“The mission of the Waterways Safety Plan Workgroup is to facilitate the compilation and dissemination of information to enhance safety, efficiency, and environmental stewardship in the Aleutian Islands.”*

Motion Mew, Page to change “Aleutian Islands” to “waters of the subject region”. Motion Passes Unanimously

Main Motion Passes as amended by Non-objection.

BREAK 10:27-10:45

Navigation Workgroup Mission Statement

The group agreed that the language describing the scope in this Mission Statement should mirror the language in the Waterways Safety Plan Mission Statement.

Motion Pearson, Mew to approve and amend the Mission Statement of the Navigation Workgroup to be *“The mission of the Navigational Workgroup is to enhance marine safety for all mariners through the development of recommended best practices and standards of care for navigation in the waters of the subject region. Additionally, the Workgroup intends to promote safety through education and knowledge transfer to the maritime community.”* Motion passes unanimously.

Committee Secretary

Motion Page, Pearson to nominate Andrew Hartsig to fulfill the role of Committee Secretary. Motion passes by non-objection.

Mr. Hartsig accepted the nomination. Per the AIWSC Charter, the role of Committee Secretary is to prepare summaries of Committee and Board meetings.

Pacific Marine Expo Booth

The group discussed the pros and cons of purchasing a booth this year and ultimately decided that the AIWSC is not mature enough to justify the cost and time involved, but to keep it as an option for the future.

Additional Workgroup Assignments

The group discussed and volunteered for the following assignments.

Topic (Subsection)	Status	Volunteered to draft
1.1 Statement of Purpose	Draft Completed	Note: In Part 1 add sub topic on relationship with other committees (i.e. Subarea Committee)
1.2 Procedures	Draft Completed	
1.3 Committee Members	Draft Completed	
1.3.1 U.S. Coast Guard Sector Western Alaska	Draft Completed	
1.3.2 Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation	Draft Completed	
1.4 Geographic Scope	Draft Completed	
1.5 Environmental Issues of Concern	Draft Completed	
1.6 Economic Issues of Concern		Andrew Mew
1.7 Historical Information	Subsection title- no text	
1.7.1 Areas to be Avoided	Draft Completed	
1.7.2 Aleutian Islands Risk Assessment Risk Reduction Measures Implementation Status		Leslie Pearson
2.0 Standing Policies/Directives		U.S.C.G.
2.1 Places of Refuge for Storm Avoidance		Navigational Workgroup/Jeff Williams/ADEC/Jeanette Alas/Aaron Poe (drift analysis)
2.2 Coast Pilot Review & Update		Ed Page/Bart Buessler/Pilots
2.3 Automatic Identification Systems	Draft Completed	
2.4 Notice to Mariners		
2.4.1 Severe Weather Communication Procedures		
2.4.2 Severe Weather Advisories and Best Practices		
2.5 Communication: Emergency & Response		Note: Consult with communities in the geographic scope on communication procedures
2.5.1 Medical Transfers		Andrew Mew/Peggy McLaughlin/Chris Iszler/Bert Ray
2.5.2 Vessels Under Distress		
2.5.3 Tsunami Warning		Navigational Workgroup/Ed Page/Peggy McLaughlin/Karen Pletnikoff
2.5.4 Subchapter M Awareness		Navigational Workgroup
2.5.5 Man Lost at Sea		Consider removing from list
2.6 Priority Areas for Bottom Surveys		Navigational Workgroup pending information from other topics
2.7 Fishing Vessel-Shipping Conflicts		Navigational Workgroup/Aaron Poe (spatial analysis-if needed)
2.8 Marine Mammal Conflict Avoidance		Jeff Williams/Jeanette Alas/Bart Buessler/Melissa Good
2.9 Oil Spill Response and Preparedness		Steven Gabelein/Matt Melton/Bert Ray/Karen Pletnikoff
2.10 Public Vessels		

Topic (Subsection)	Status	Volunteered to draft
2.10.1 Military/Enforcement		
2.10.2 Local Workboats		
2.10.3 Government Research		
3.0 What are Standards of Care?	Draft Completed	
3.1 Dutch Harbor Fairway Management		Navigational Workgroup
3.2 Emergency Towing and Ship Arrestor Systems		Navigational Workgroup/ADEC/Steven Gabelein/Scott Brown
3.3 Areas to be Avoided		Andrew Hartsig/Steven Gabelein/Jeanette Alas/Aaron Poe/Jeff Williams
3.4 Severe Weather Guidelines (Unalaska/Dutch Harbor)	Developed and will be included as an Appendix and/or reference to website location where posted.	
3.5 Offshore and Nearshore Lightering		Leslie Pearson
3.6 Tanker Tethering		Navigational Workgroup
3.7 Emergency Anchorage & Mooring (Exit Strategies)		
3.8 Derelict Vessels		Ed Page/ADEC/Rachel Lord (coordinate/consult)

Review Action Items and Set Next Meeting

Action items summarized in the table above.

Next Meeting - To Be Determined

Adjourn

Motion Page, Pearson for adjournment. Motion passes by non-objection. Meeting adjourned at 12:15 PM.