

Public Meeting



Alaska Regional Response Team



June 11, 2026

MEETING PURPOSE AND “RULES”

- **This is a business meeting of the ARRT**
 - Questions and discussions is for ARRT Members and OSCs

- **Items discussed that are the responsibility or content of the Area Committees will be referred to appropriate Area Committee and not included in the meeting discussion, except for how the ARRT can provide support, if requested/needed**

- **While open to the public, it is not a public meeting**
 - As time allows, questions may be taken from the public. Please type questions in the Chat box. Non-ARRT members are invited to sign up for Public Comment.

OPENING COMMENTS FROM TRI-CHAIRS



Alaska Regional Response Team



MEMBER ROLL CALL

ARRT Coordinators will facilitate ARRT member and FOSC/SOSC roll call.

For other attendees and members of the public, an attendee list will be based on Participant Names



New Members, OSCs, Area Planners



CDR Ginny Nadolny, Sector SE Deputy Sector Commander

CDR Rianne Troutman, Sector SE Response Department Head

LT Brian Moneghan, Sector SE IMD Chief

CDR Lane Monroe, Sector Western Alaska Deputy Sector Commander

CDR Adrianna Gaenzle, Sector Western Alaska Response Department Head

LCDR Amanda Faulkner, Sector Western Alaska Secretary

LT Brandon Abdallah, Sector Western Alaska EMD

LT Alison Dew, Sector Western Alaska IMD Chief

CDR Scott Troutman, Arctic District Contingency Planning

LT Bradley Ragan, MSU Valdez IMD Chief

SINCE LAST MEETING (June 2026)

Alaska Regional Response Team

- Sector Western Alaska and MSU Valdez ACP has undergone restructuring and public comment period.
- Signed update ARRT Charter in Dec 2025 and Wildlife Protection Committee Charter in May 2026
- Science & Technology Committee completed Phase 1 of Dispersant Use Guidelines Update; submitted to Tri-chair Spring 2026
- Cultural Resource Committee -Cultural Resource Guidelines Update

ARRT Staffing Changes

USCG - All 3 Coastal Zone FOSCs change in June/July 2026 – Thank you to CAPT Chris Culpepper, CAPT Stan Fields and CDR Sara Rousseau. Sector Southeast AK has new Area Committee Chair, Mr. Ray Reichl

ADEC - None

EPA - Planner position approved for 4th quarter hiring (2026). Stephen Nguyen is assisting temporarily. Stephanie Wenning hired in May as new EPA Branch Manager/ARRT Co-Chair.

Other Goings On

- **Alaska Regional Contingency Plan will be updated in 2026 – Postponed to lapse in appropriations and staffing**
- CG Arctic District (CGD-A) – CAN US Joint Contingency Plan Arctic Annex (TTX) – postponed to Dec 2027
- CGD-A – CAN US JCP Dixon Entrance Annex Operational Exercise – No US participation due to lapse in appropriation
- Western AK Storms – EPA and CG supported Emergency Support Function 10 (Pollution Activation) – CG and DEC responded under own authorities and leveraged Oil Spill Liability Trust Funds to pay for response
- Minton Creek Exercise – TAPS Combined Resources Exercise and Village Response

ALASKA REGIONAL RESPONSE TEAM COMMITTEES



Alaska Regional Response Team





Wildlife Protection Committee

Lisa Fox – U.S. Department of the Interior

Wildlife Protection Committee (WPC)

The WPC maintains the Wildlife Protection Guidelines for Oil Spill Response in Alaska (WPG)

- Last August, member agencies met to review the WPC Charter
- Review was completed and revisions proposed
- Revisions clarify committee membership and advisor roles
- Next step – WPC advisor review
- Next meeting TBD

WPC

Member Agencies:

- Department of the Interior Office of Environmental Policy & Compliance (OEPC)
- U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
- Alaska Department of Fish & Game
- U.S. Department of Commerce
NOAA Fisheries

U.S. Coast Guard:

Arctic District / Sector / DRAT /
Incident Management

Advisors:

- Alaska Clean Seas
- Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation
- Alaska Sea Life Center
- Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association
- Alyeska Pipeline Service Company
- Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
- Chugach Regional Resources Commission
- Cook Inlet Regional Citizens Advisory Council
- Defenders of Wildlife
- International Bird Rescue
- National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration
- U.S. Coast Guard
- U.S.D.A. - Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service
- U.S. Forest Service



Cultural Resources Committee

Lisa Fox – U.S. Department of the Interior

Cultural Resources Committee (CRC)

*The CRC maintains the Alaska Historic Properties Protection
Implementation Guidelines for FOSCs*

- FOSC progress review completed Fall 2025
- All comments from all reviews have been:
 - recorded
 - considered
 - addressed
- Final consideration of targeted topics occurring presently
- Distribute to CRC / tribal partners

CRC Representation

Co-Chairs:

Alaska State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO)

Department of the Interior - OEPC

- Bureau of Indian Affairs
- Bureau of Land Management
- National Park Service
- U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
- Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association, Unanga Heritage Library
- Alutiiq Museum, Kodiak
- Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation
- Alyeska Pipeline Service Company

- Chickaloon Village Traditional Council
- Environmental Protection Agency
- National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration
- Native Village of Kotzebue
- Oil Spill Recovery Institute
- Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council
- Sitka Tribe of Alaska
- U.S. Forest Service
- U.S. Air Force
- U.S. Army
- U.S. Coast Guard – Arctic District / DRAT

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Science and Technology Committee Report

Liza Sanden – NOAA

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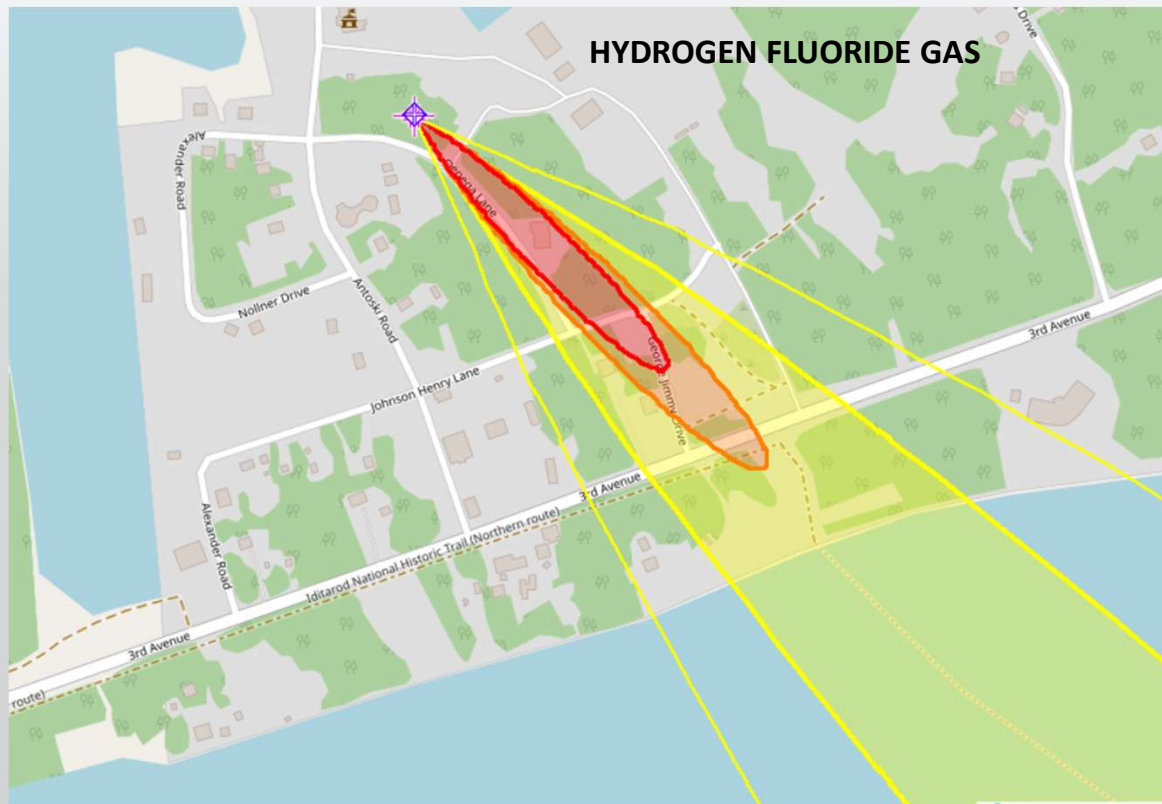
Science & Technology Project: Dispersant Use Plan Update

- Phase 1 draft submitted to ARRT Tri-Chairs February 2026; final document pending tri-chairs' comments & approval
- Phase 2 – Full Review of the Dispersant Use Plan, Modification with Public Review.
 - Kickoff following completion of Phase 1 draft
 - Email Liza.sanden@noaa.gov to serve on working group



ADEC Staff at Marine Spill Response Corp (MSRC)
Dispersant Application jet, Valdez, AK, May 2025
Source: ADEC

Lithium ion battery response



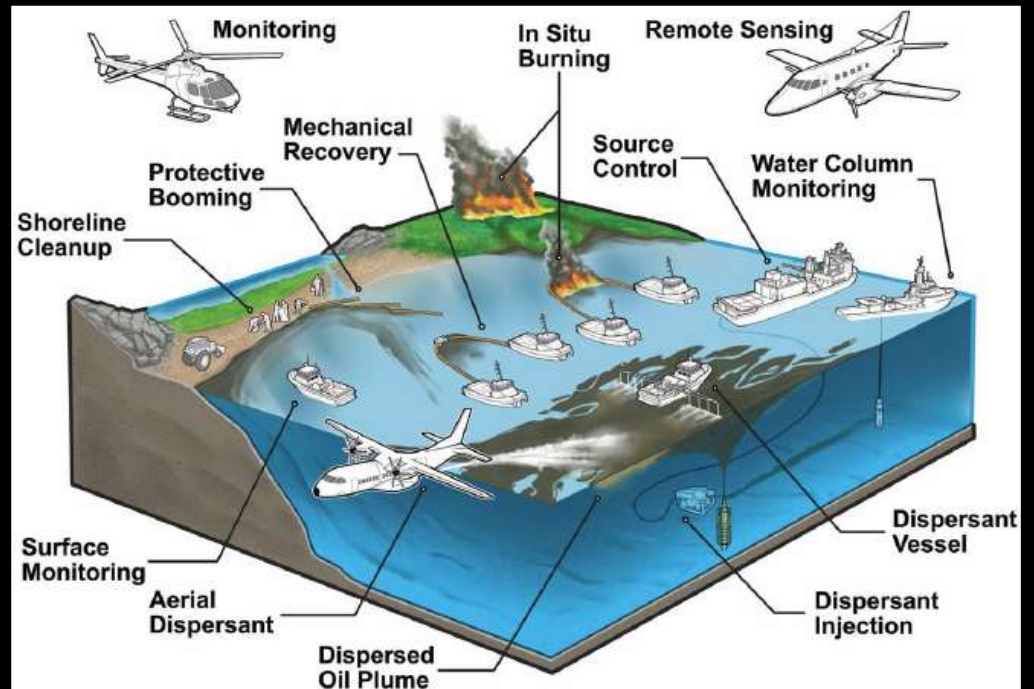
ALOHA aerial plume model of Hydrogen Fluoride gas produced by 500 kWh Lithium Ion battery energy storage system. Figure from NOAA SSC presentation on Lithium Ion battery emergencies.

- Create guidance on lithium-ion battery response and disposal best practices in *Rural* Alaska
- Presentations (EPA & NOAA) at AK Forum, LEPCA, SERC, Alaska Hazmat Working Group
- Coordinating with other state agencies, committees, working groups

In Situ Burning Guidelines update

In Situ Burning Guidelines:
Repeat Phase 1 & 2 the
Dispersant Use Plan for ISB

Timeline ??? 2027-2028





Statewide Planning Committee

Julie Liford-Parker – ADEC

Statewide Planning
Committee Members

ARRT Coordinators

EPA - Stephen Nguyen

USCG - Angella Gebert

DEC - Ytamar Rodriguez

**USCG Area Secretaries and
DEC/EPA Area Planners**

USCG PWS: Lt. Bradley Regan

USCG SEAK: Lt. Lindsay Wheeler
& Ray Reichl

USCG AWA: LCDR Amanda
Faulkner & Gina Winters

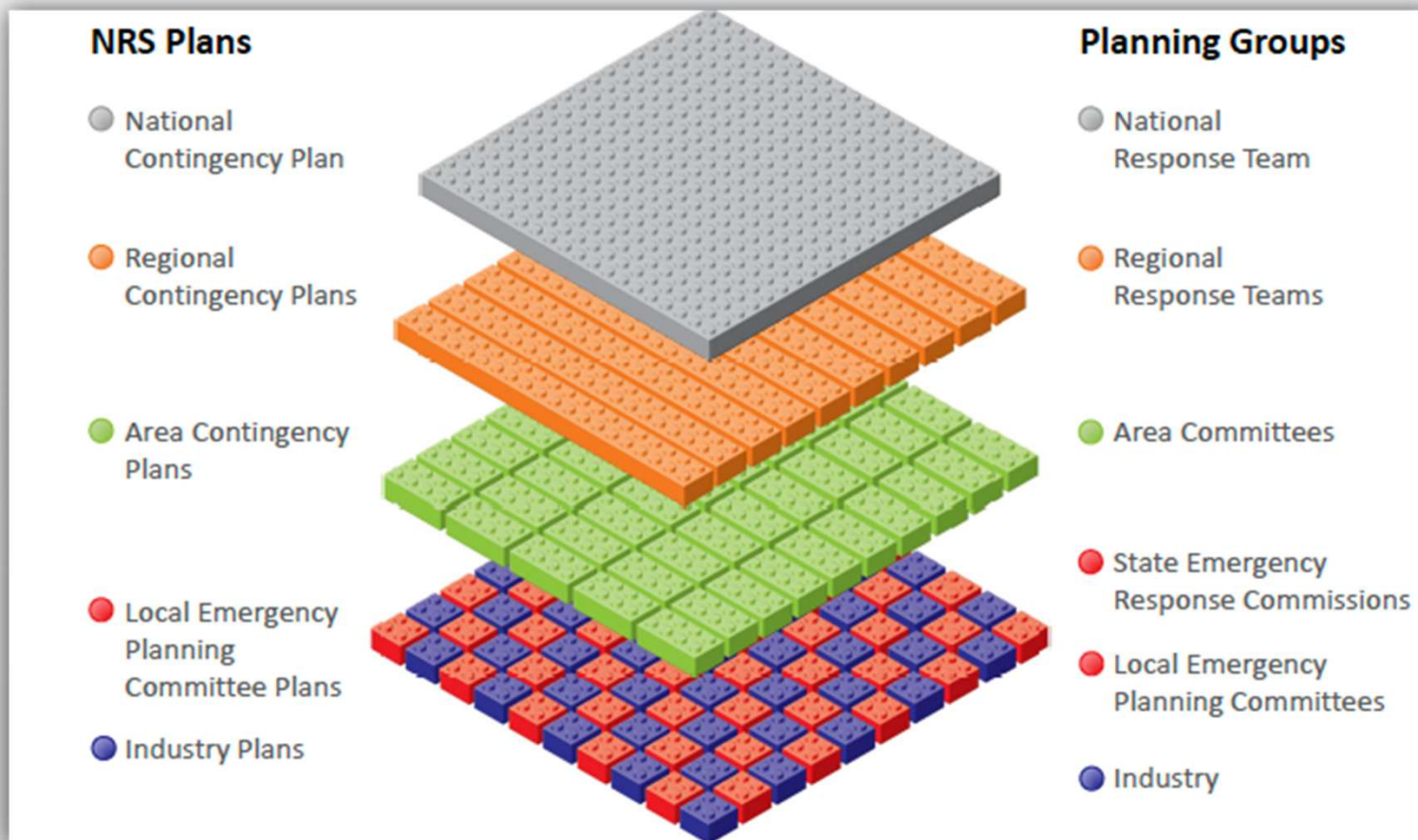
DEC: Julie Liford-Parker

EPA: Robert Whittier

Statewide Planning Committee Activity

- Monthly SPC Meetings
- Reviewed selected sections of area plans so the location matches other area plans
- Upcoming ACP Reviews: South East
- Alaska ACP Restructuring
- Outreach: Biennial newsletter
- Regional Contingency Plan Update

NRS PLANS AND PLANNING GROUPS





ARRT COMMITTEE REQUESTS FOR SUPPORT:

Wildlife Protection	
Cultural Resources	
Science & Technology	
Statewide Planning	

ALASKA REGIONAL RESPONSE TEAM AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS



Alaska Regional Response Team





ARCTIC AND WESTERN ALASKA AREA COMMITTEE

REPORT TO ALASKA REGIONAL RESPONSE TEAM
11 JUNE 2026

AREA COMMITTEE UPDATE

AWA AC Meeting

- 26 October
- 550W 7th Ave, Suite 280. AK Dept. of Transportation and Public Facilities

Training & Exercises:

- CANUS Arctic Exercise – Anchorage – Postponed
- USCG PREP Exercise – Utqiagvik – 10-13 May
- Hilcorp – Swanson River – 02 June
- Hilcorp – Pt Thompson Oil Spill – 04 June
- Crowley Fuels LLC – Galena – 10 June
- U.S. Air Force – JBER – 11-12 August

Notable Initiative – GRS Updates:

- DEC shared all backlogged update files (2015 – present) with Nuka and USCG.
- USCG & DEC working with CIRCAC and NUKA Research to catalog and prioritize submissions.
- Reviewing technical and administrative processes to prevent future backlog.



AREA CONTINGENCY PLAN UPDATE

- The CY25 ACP revision is published on the ADEC website. [Arctic & Western Alaska Area | AK Dept. of Environmental Conservation](#)
- **CY2026 ACP Update:**
 - **Salvage & Marine Firefighting Annex:**
 - Promulgation of the Annex E SMFF Architecture by the Office of Marine Environmental Response has been delayed due to multiple DHS lapses in appropriations in FY26. Estimated completion date is unknown.
 - Area Secretaries are drafting 9 “pending development” sections of the ACP for the 2026 update:
 - 1330 – AC Meetings
 - 1340 – Annual Report
 - 1410 – ACP Annual Update, Review and Approval Process
 - 1520 – Facility Response Plans
 - 1560 – RCPs
 - 1570 – International Plans
 - 1600 – ACP Relationship to NRF
 - 1700 – ACP Relationship to NIMS
 - 1800 – ACP Relationship to MTS Focused Response Plans

CASE SUMMARY: F/V ARCTIC SEA GROUNDING

- 05 Jan: F/V Arctic Sea lost steering, grounded on St. George Island. The vessel started taking on water in the engine room and de-watering attempts failed. The vessel captain requested CG assistance, and all nine crew members were hoisted to safety by a crew from AIRSTA Kodiak. Vessel reported 52K gal of diesel fuel, 1.4K gal of lube/hydraulic oil, as well as 7K pounds of Tanner Crab at the time of the grounding. Resolve Marine was hired by the Responsible Party to initiate a response to the environmental threat.
- 07-12 Jan: Sheening was observed from island residents, roughly 6-8 mile span, 200 yards off-shore.
- 07 Jan: Response Vessel (R/V) Makushin Bay launched and remained on scene around St. Paul Island awaiting weather window. Could not start salvage operations due to sea state and continued inclement weather.
- 17 Jan: Weather permitted the launch of a small boat, and the salvage team observed an emulsified oil product and a visible sheen stretching east and west from the vessel. Salvors boarded the ARCTIC SEA, finding its bow mostly submerged and decks nearly awash. They placed rat traps and successfully accessed 3 starboard fuel tanks and the stern most port tank. The two starboard stern tanks were sounded and contained fuel and water mix. The stern most tank was mainly pure product but the midship tank appeared to be emulsified diesel.
- 18 Jan: R/V MAKUSHIN BAY returned to the site, but salvage operations were severely hampered by adverse weather, including 30-knot winds with gusts up to 45 knots. The crew was unable to anchor close enough to the ARCTIC SEA to commence de-fueling. Decision was made to suspend operations and for the MAKUSHIN BAY to transit back to Dutch Harbor the next morning.
- Resources at risk: Sea Lion and Seal rookeries as well as Sea Bird nesting along the cliffside.

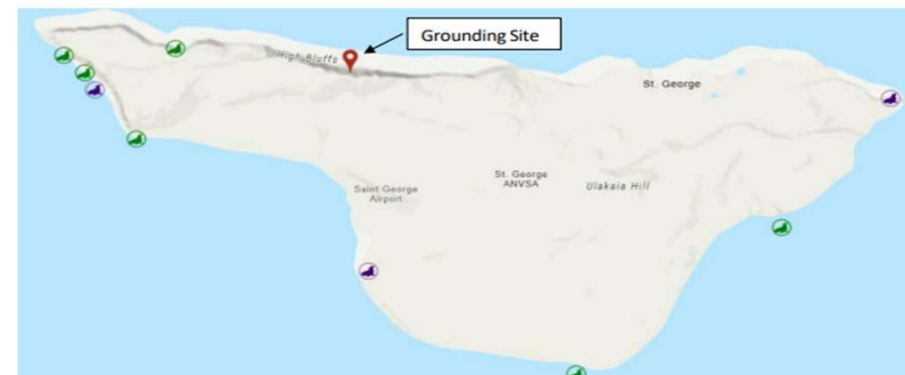


CASE SUMMARY: CONTINUED F/V ARCTIC SEA GROUNDING

- On Monday, June 1, 2026, a team from Global Diving & Salvage, Inc. (Global) boarded the F/V Arctic Sea and conducted a pollution survey. The team found that only one of eleven fuel tanks, the #2 starboard double bottom tank, was full of diesel fuel, with a capacity of 5,821 gallons.
- **SOURCE CONTROL:** The source is controlled. The #2 starboard tank is currently plugged, and all other tanks are suspected to have been breached during the winter months.
- **FUTURE PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:** Options for safe lightering of onboard fuel and oils, overflight monitoring, spill response and salvaging operations are in discussion with the USCG, DEC, and oil spill response company, and the vessel salvage company. DEC will continue to monitor the response actions and review plans being developed for the response and salvage operation.
- Plans are underway to remove the remaining fuel from the F/V Arctic Sea. Weather forecasts appear favorable for the next 10 days at St. George Island. Wreck removal plans continue suspected to have been breached during the winter months.



May 31, 2026, F/V Arctic Sea wreck site taken during drone overflight. Photo credit Polaris Applied Sciences.



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Members:

CAPT Joel Carse, Federal On-Scene Coordinator



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INLAND AREA COMMITTEE

Report to Alaska Regional Response Team
6/11/2026

Kimberley Maher (ADEC)
Torri Huelskoetter (EPA)

INLAND AREA COMMITTEE UPDATE

- **Meetings**

- Last Meeting 03/03/2026
- Next meeting: 09/11/2026

- **Subcommittees & Working Groups:**

- Last Meeting: 6/9/2026
- **Administrative:** On Hold. Phase II Content Revisions currently planned for 2027.
- **Hazardous Substance Response:** On Hold. Task Update ACP Chapter 7000 & HazSub Job Aid.
- **In-Situ Burning:** On hold.
- **Lithium-Ion Battery:** Established 06/09/2026 to evaluate multiple aspects of response including statewide BESS inventory, plume modeling, and DDR battery disposal.
- **Response Logistics:** On Hold. Task Update Chapter 5000 Logistics & Logistics Job Aid.

INLAND AREA COMMITTEE UPDATE

- **Training and Exercises:**

- *Participated in the IMT for the following exercises:*
 - Conoco Phillips Mutual Aid Drill (MAD) on 12/16/2025 – 12/17/2025
 - Alyeska Pipeline Service Company Tank 110 Combined Resource Exercise on 04/30/2026
 - Conoco Phillips Functional Exercise on 05/20/2026 -05/21/2026
 - Hilcorp Swanson River Functional Exercise on 06/02/2026
- *Planning to participate in the following exercises:*
 - Alyeska Pipeline Service Company South Fork Koyukuk Combined Resource Exercise on 07/08/2026

INLAND AREA CONTINGENCY PLAN UPDATE

- **Version 2020.2 was approved and posted April 2025**
- **Plan updates:**
 - Public review and response to comments concluded.
 - Various administrative updates throughout.
 - Updated entire plan to new USCG format.
- **Next Steps:**
 - Content revisions will begin after the administrative updates to the three other Alaska ACPs and RCP, likely early 2027.
 - Working groups activation evaluated after 03/03/2026 AC meeting and confirmed during 06/09/2026 Subcommittee & Working Groups meeting.

CASE SUMMARY: DOYON 26 2026 WNS RIG MOVE INCIDENT

- On January 23, 2026, during a rig move, a self propelled drilling module for Doyon's Rig 26 left the road and toppled onto the tundra in the Western North Slope (WNS) near a gravel road about 6.5 miles northwest of Nuiqsut.
- Unified Command (UC) was established and consists of Doyon Drilling Inc (DDI) as Incident Commander, EPA as FOSC, Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation as SOSC, North Slope Borough (NSB) as LOSC, and Inupiat Community of the Arctic Slope (ICAS) as TOSC.
- The estimated discharge volume is approximately 4,000 gallons of diesel and 600 gallons of hydraulic oil.



CASE SUMMARY: DOYON 26 2026 WNS RIG MOVE INCIDENT

- As weather permits, Alaska Clean Seas has been conducting Flush and Recover tactics recovering an estimated 1,132 gallons of product.
- Ice roads and pads were constructed to get heavy equipment on site to begin demolition of the module.
- Crews are beginning the process of rig removal from the tundra, beginning with deconstructing and removing the crown of the rig.
- The UC held a community meeting in Nuiqsut on 2/9/26.
- The response team is continuing to evaluate the site and there remains no immediate risk to the community, infrastructure, air quality, drinking water sources, nearby waterways, traffic, or wildlife.



CASE SUMMARY - COOPER LANDING LITHIUM-ION BATTERY EV CHARGER FIRE

- On 04/08/2026, Cooper Landing Emergency Services and Anchorage Fire Department requested EPA support for air monitoring and technical assistance responding to an electric vehicle (EV) charger in Cooper Landing.
- No elevated readings were recorded while performing air monitoring for acid gases such as Hydrogen Fluoride (HF), particulate matter, or volatile organic carbons (VOCs).
- No levels above relevant regulatory limits were recorded in water samples collected for RCRA metals.
- Ongoing technical assistance is being provided to the Responsible Party (RP) related to waste disposal.



CASE SUMMARY – FORMER NABESNA MINE

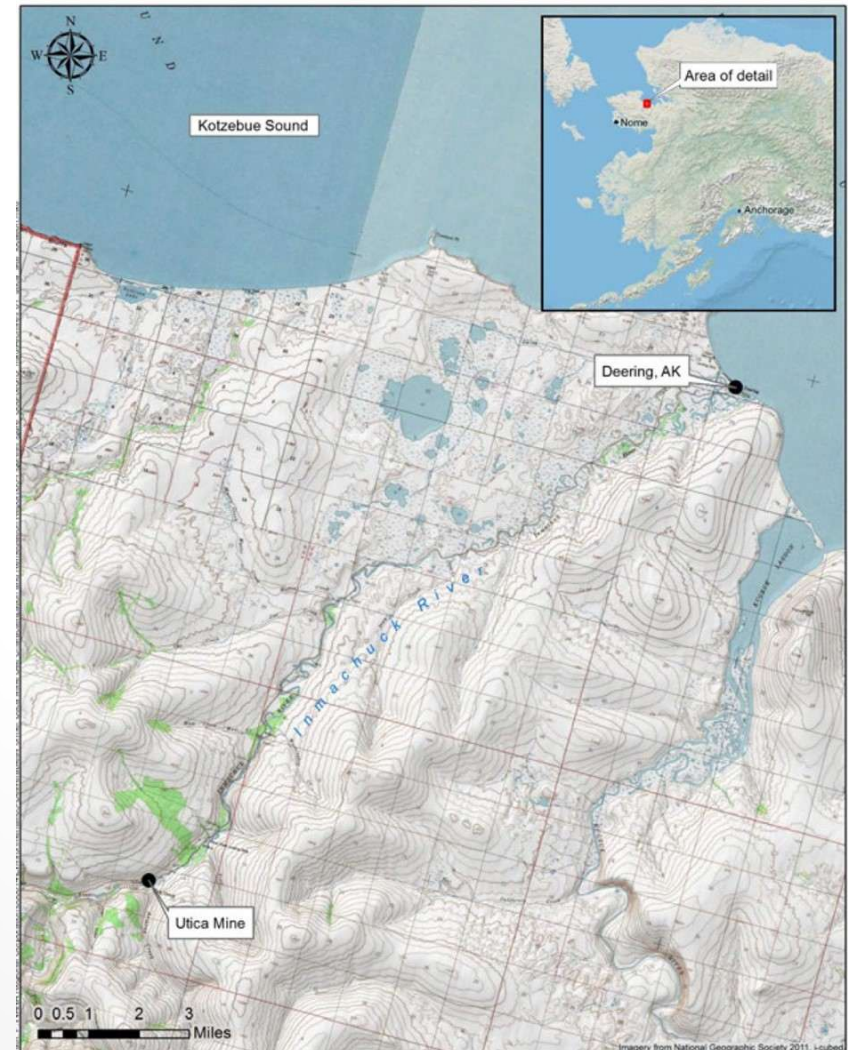
- Working in conjunction with the National Park Service.
- Access Agreement pending for the private parcel with mill.
- Removal Site Evaluation planned for June 2027 to address other hazardous substances.
- Structural assessment of the processing mill since its on the National Historic Register, Section 106 Historic Properties
- Potential interim Time Critical Removal Action



CASE SUMMARY: FORMER UTICA MINE ANSCA SITE

- **Site History and Contamination:**

- 18-mile road and a 10-acre former gold mine camp along the west bank of the Inmachuk River, Deering's drinking water source.
- Operated from 1903 until the 1980s.
- NANA acquired the site in 1991 through ANSCA
- A 2005 assessment revealed contamination, drums of unknown substances including benzene and heavy metals (mercury, lead arsenic, chromium).



CASE SUMMARY: FORMER UTICA MINE ANSCA SITE

• EPA Actions

- September 2024 EPA conducted a Removal Site Evaluation (RSE).
- The RSE revealed substantial contamination, with compromised stockpiles and drum liners failing to adequately contain materials, posing health and environmental risks.
- The 18-mile access road is only navigable via ATVs due to washouts and will require repairs to support future removal actions.
- June 2025 EPA conducted another Site visit to more thoroughly evaluate the access road for repairs and assess potential repository locations on the site.
- September 2025 EPA conducted a geophysical survey at the proposed repository location, including GPR & ERT sub-surface testing, and material samples.
- Development of the repository design drawing and long-term O&M plan is currently in progress.



CASE SUMMARY: FORMER UTICA MINE ANSCA SITE

- **EPA Next Steps**

- Preparing to conduct a Time Critical Removal Action in Summer 2027.
- Actions will include improvements to the road, construction of a lined repository cell, excavation of remaining sub-surface contamination, and placement of all contaminated media inside the repository.



TRAINING

- HazCat training was facilitated by EPA in Fairbanks on 4/21/2026 – 4/23/2026, with participants from ADEC, UAF, and other agencies.
- EPA planning to bring Lithium Ion Battery response and Radiation Detection Instrumentation and Response training to Alaska in 2026-2027, dates TBD.
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AREA COMMITTEE NEEDS FOR ALASKA ARRT SUPPORT

- The Inland Area Committee Lithium-Ion Battery Working Group is requesting technical expertise support from the ARRT STC.

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PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND AREA COMMITTEE

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June 11, 2026

CDR Sarah Rousseau, USCG, Julie Liford-Parker, DEC

AREA COMMITTEE UPDATE

- Fairwater Alaska Tankers (previously Crowley) FSE 5/12 - 5/14/2026. AAR Development in progress.
- Valdez Marine Terminal Equipment Deployment Ex. 7/08/2026
- Copper River Delta Flats GRS RCAC project.
- NOAA provided Shoreline Cleanup Assessment Technique (SCAT) training 2/4 – 2/6/2026
- Spring AC Meeting was 22April in Cordova
- Next Area Committee Meeting:
 - October 2026 (Valdez)

AREA CONTINGENCY PLAN UPDATE

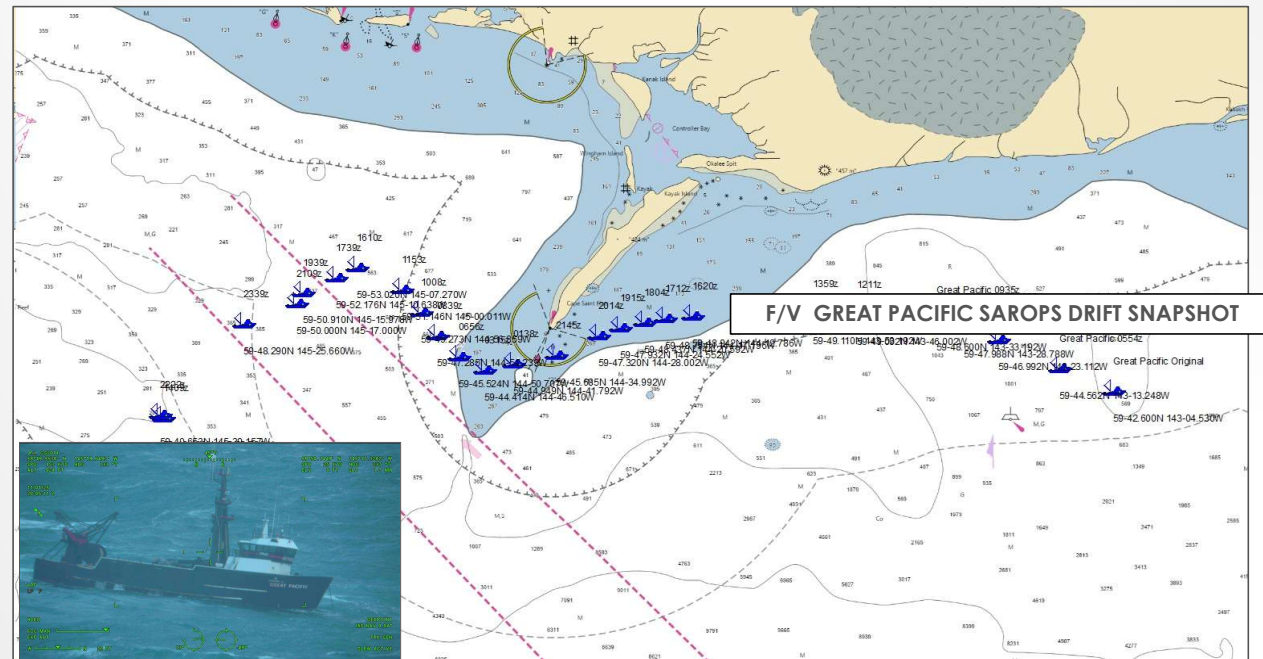
- Current Version (2020.1) signed 1/9/2023
- Plan updates:
 - Revision with new architecture and content changes has been finalized with all public comments adjudicated.
 - FOSC signed the plan, SOSC signature pends.
 - Anticipate publication after ADA compliance review.



Proposed Copper River Delta GRS sites

CASE SUMMARY/ENFORCEMENT

- October 29, 2025
Fishing Vessel
GREAT PACIFIC
- adrift in the Gulf of Alaska to PWS



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Commander Sarah Rousseau, USCG, COTP Prince William Sound is transferring this summer out of Valdez.
- The USCG civilian PWS Planning Position is currently vacant.

Thank you for your service, and we wish you fair winds and following seas in your next adventure.

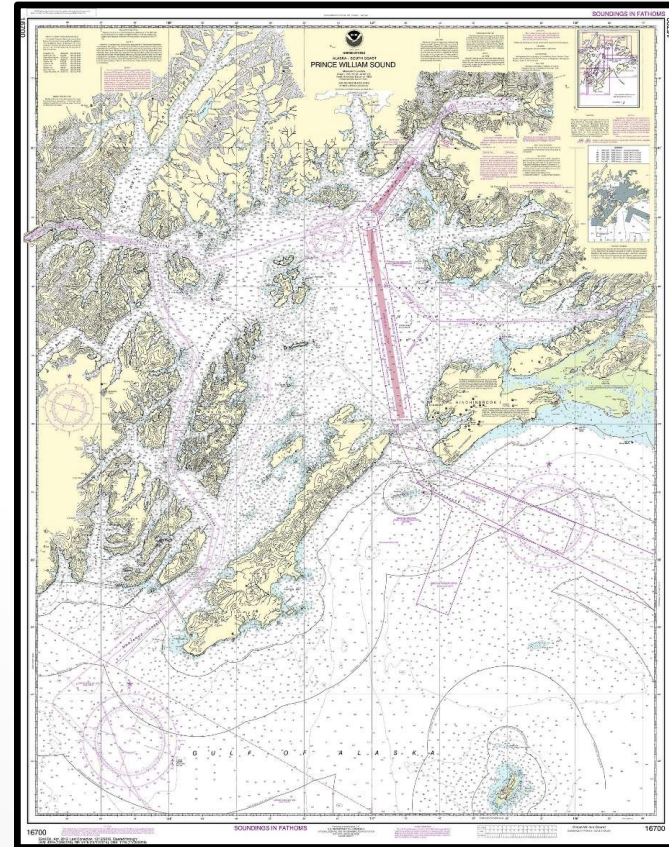
Thank you!

AREA COMMITTEE NEEDS FOR ALASKA RRT SUPPORT

- None at this time



PWS Commercial Salmon Fishery



PWS Nautical Chart

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VMT Equipment Deployment Exercise.
Self-Propelled Skimmer, Boom and Support Vessels



SOUTHEAST ALASKA AREA COMMITTEE

Report to Alaska Regional Response Team
June 2026

- LT Lindsay Wheeler (USCG)
- LT Brian Moneghan (USCG)
- Rachael Krajewski (DEC)

AREA COMMITTEE UPDATE

Most recent meeting: October 16, 2025

📍 Juneau, AK

Agenda Items:

- Statewide Abatement of Impaired Land (SAIL) Section, Division of Mining, Land and Water
- Animal Plant and Health Inspection Service: Oil Spill Roles and Responsibilities
- Glacial Lake Outburst Flood Response

Next meeting: June 24, 2026

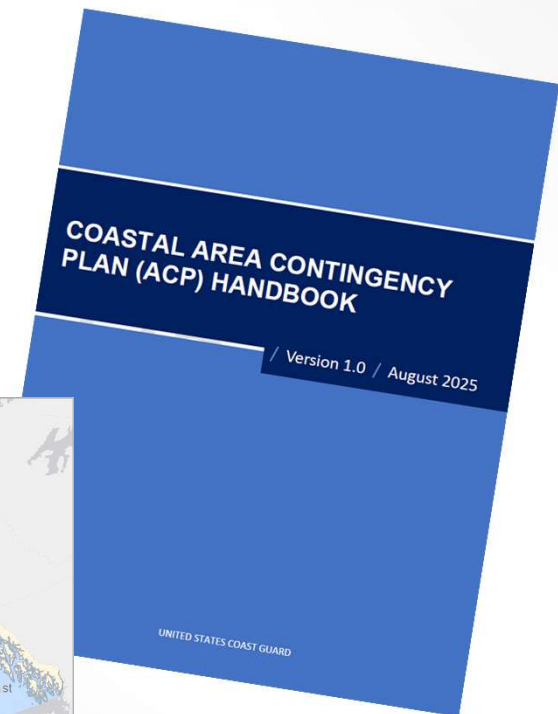
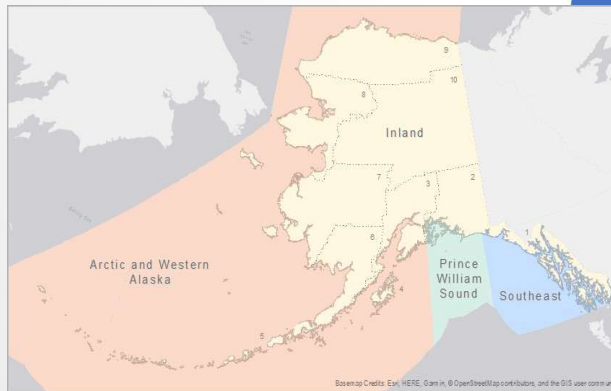
📍 Ketchikan, AK

- **Staffing Update:**
- **LT Lindsay Wheeler has been replaced by Mr. Ray Reichl as Southeast Alaska Area Secretary**
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SOUTHEAST ALASKA AREA CONTINGENCY PLAN UPDATE

- Last major update: March 2021
- Updates in alignment with the new Coastal Zone ACP Sponsorship Model are in progress
- SEAK's ACP update is anticipated for October 2026.



HISTORIC WINTER STORMS IN SOUTHEAST ALASKA (DEC 2025 – JAN 2026)

Record Snowfall in Juneau

- Snowiest December on record: 82.0 inches (surpassed 1964 record)
- New 5-day snowfall record: 49.0 inches
- All-time snow depth record: 50 inches (Dec 31)
- Second-highest monthly snowfall in city history

Extreme Cold

- Temperature dropped to -10°F at Juneau Airport (Dec 22)

Compounding Event

- Early January atmospheric river brought heavy rain
- Increased risk of avalanches and flooding

Impacts

- 9 boats sank in Juneau harbor; 8 more in Hoonah
- Local emergencies declared due to roof collapse and avalanche risks



Photos by Mari Kanagy/Juneau Empire The Fred Meyer gas station roof collapsed early morning on Thursday, Jan. 1.

STORM RESPONSE: VESSELS

17 Sunken or Compromised Vessels

- Many sank due to heavy snow and ice accumulation
- USCG personnel responded on scene to survey spill impacts and oversee response actions
- DEC supported owner-led response by supplying spill response materials from DEC caches

Four responses were federalized, utilizing the Oil Spill and Liability Trust Fund to remove and cleanup fuel from sunken vessels

- ***The F/V Carefree***: refloated & all fuel removed
- ***The F/V Julie Ann***: all fuel removed
- ***F/V Western Spirit***: all fuel removed



STORM RESPONSE: HOME HEATING OIL TANKS

19 Spills from Home Heating Oil Tanks

DEC actively partnered with homeowners by:

- deploying spill response materials
- loaning air filtration units
- removing oil-impacted snow
- guiding contaminated soil excavation
- providing regulatory cleanup guidance

DEC Home Heating Oil Tank Response Funding

DEC supported homeowners in a new way this year; many residents applied and were approved for new state funding to help cover residential home heating oil spill cleanup costs.



STORM RESPONSE: HOME HEATING OIL TANKS

Many heating oil tank spills occurred when snow shoveled from rooftops landed on tanks, breaking piping and fittings



January 11, 2026, in Haines, AK



Haines Fire Department was the first on-scene



Impact from falling snow and ice caused a crack in the nozzle weld

OTHER NOTABLE ITEMS

January 2026 Situation Unit Leader Training

- Hosted by Sector Southeast Alaska
- Attendees included:
 - City and Borough of Juneau
 - DEC
 - Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska

2026 Juneau GLOF Preparations

- Connecting with partner agencies through preparatory meetings and exercises
 - 16 April – GLOF TTX
 - 9 June – Pre-season community meeting (Juneau)



AREA COMMITTEE NEEDS FOR ALASKA RRT SUPPORT

Continued support for improving and updating our Area Contingency Plan in accordance with CG-MER guidelines.



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M/V LITUYA in Juneau.

AREA COMMITTEE REQUESTS FOR SUPPORT:

Arctic and Western Alaska SJ1	
Alaska Inland SJ2	
Prince William Sound SJ3	
Southeast Alaska SJ4	

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SJ1 Continued support for GRS/GIS project

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SJ2 Support/ideas/resources for Village Compliance Assessment

- Tank Farm Facilities
- Response equipment
- Trained personnel (i.e. HAZWOPER training)

Increased concerns of aging underground home heating oil tanks

School District Outreach

Continue the conversation on logistical support from ARRT member agencies

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SJ3 To draft an ESA consultation programmatic review

To identify a location to host Priority Protection Site GIS data

To develop a job aid for UAS protocols and delineate processes for wildlife, exercise, and response

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SJ4 Continued support for transition of GRS products to GIS format; SEAK AC is standing by to help as needed

USCG Sector SEAK in process of hiring replacement Emergency Management Specialist; new hire's role will be to assist with review and updates for SEAK ACP

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Copper River Delta and Flats GRS Development Project

*-ARRT Meeting-
June 11, 2026*



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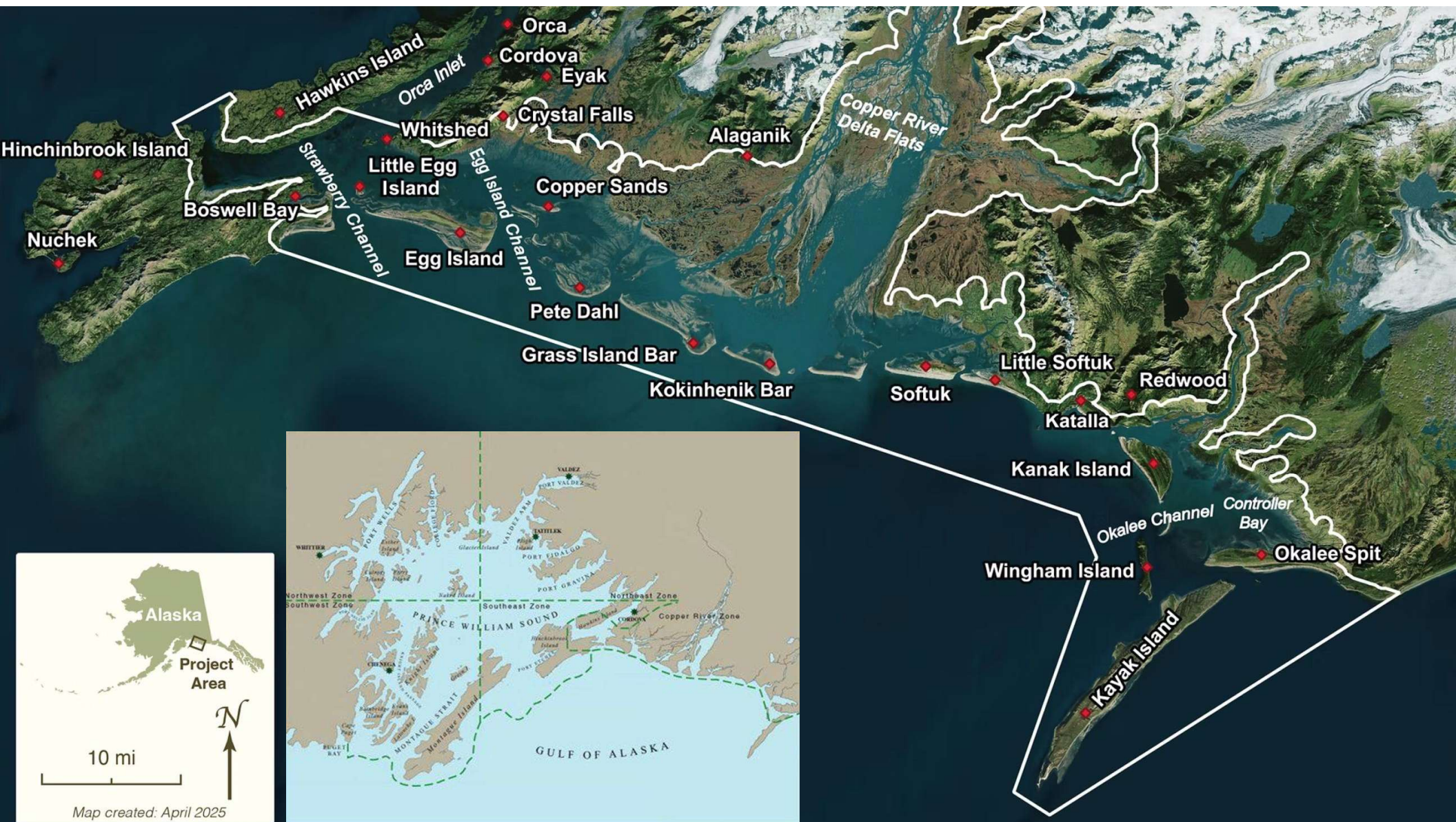
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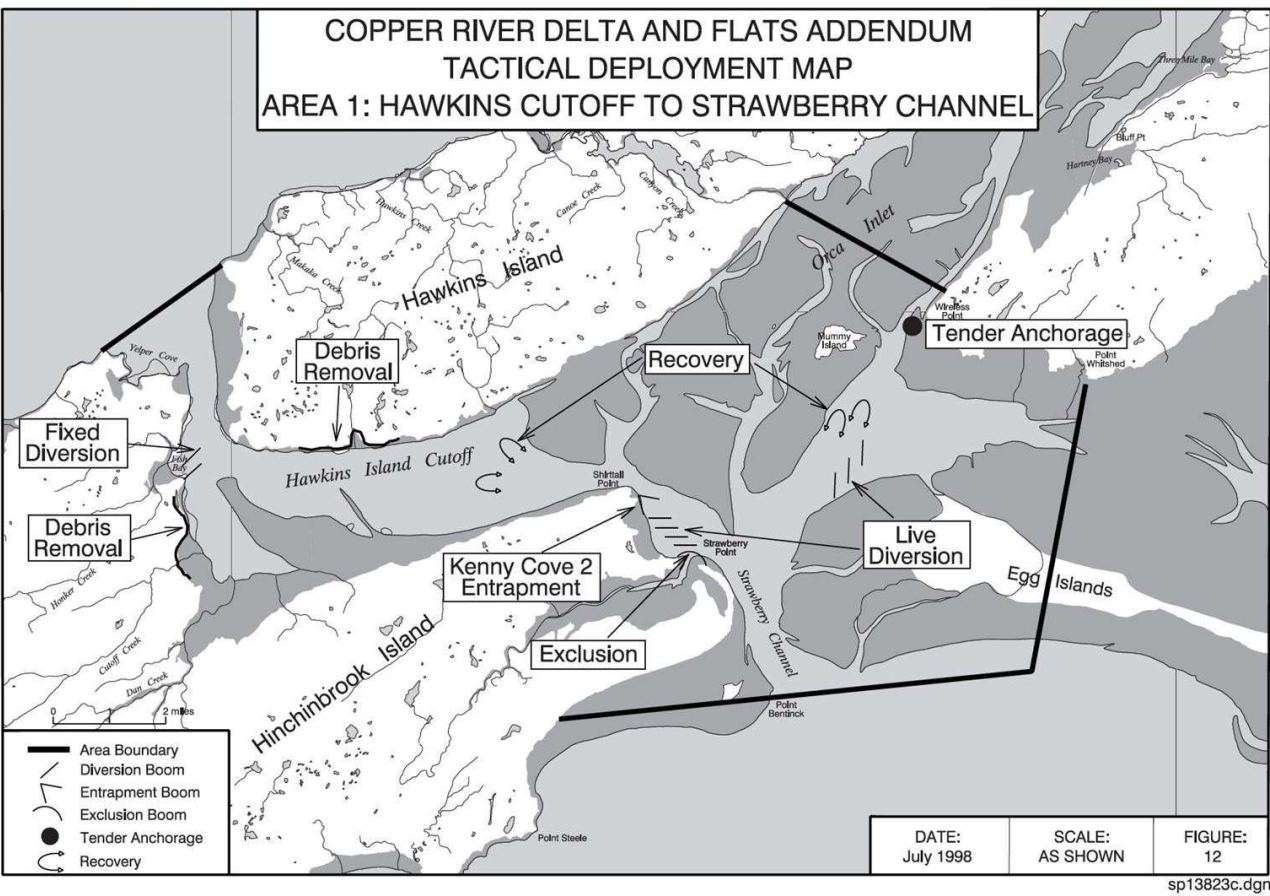
Project, Process, & Next Steps



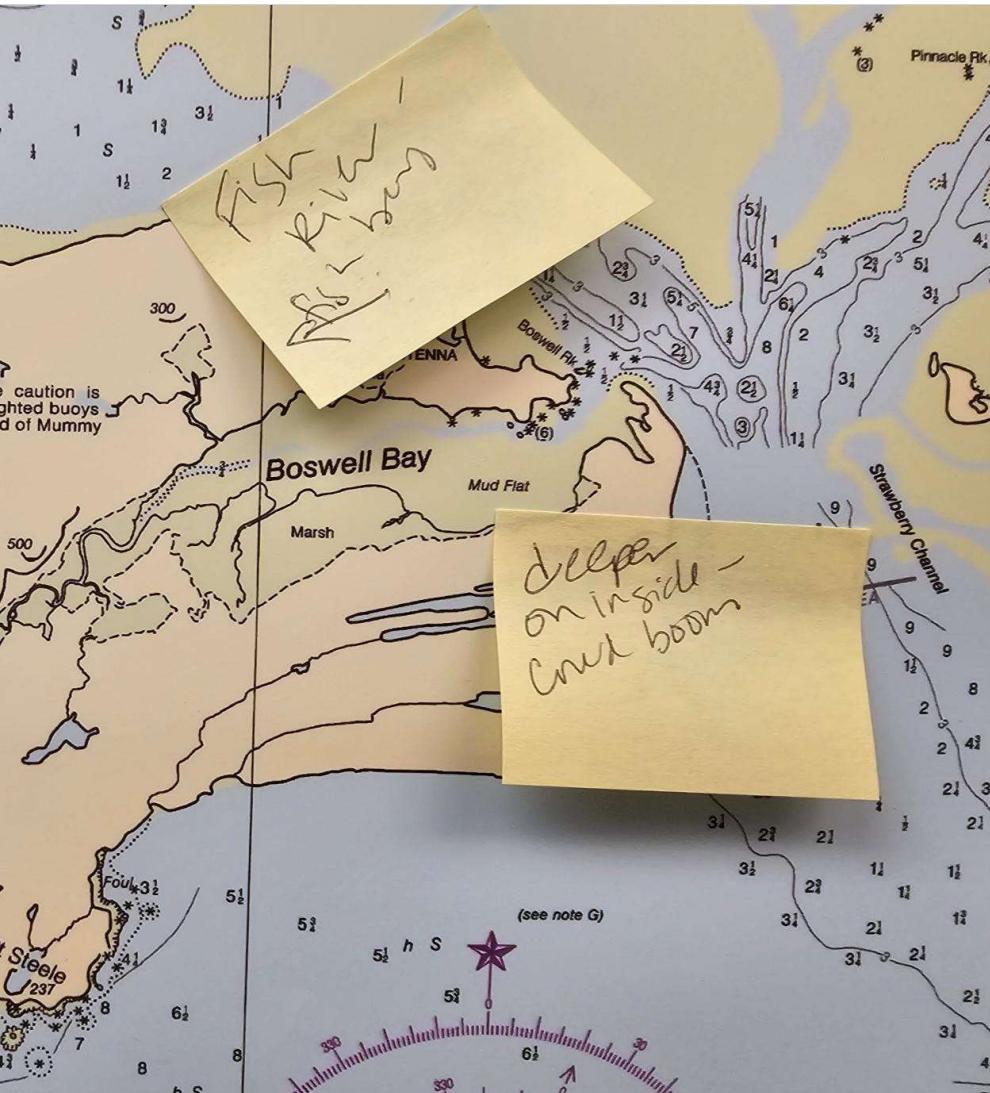
- Why GRS's in the Copper River Delta
- Workgroup Process
- Key themes from outreach and fieldwork
- GRS build out
- Next Steps



Project Scope and Context



- Update 1999 Copper River Delta & Flats Addendum to PWS Area Plan
- Match common GRS format in use today
- Fill in new planning gaps (unfinished GRS)
- Re-socializing GRS development process and concept



STRONG INTEREST - diverse crowd -

- Steering committee & workgroup established in early 2025
- 32 entities + local Cordovan's have participated
- 6 workgroup meetings to date (via Microsoft Teams)
- Anticipate 1 more workgroup meetings to close-out project
- Cordova field time and outreach meetings



LOCAL KNOWLEDGE - key to this project -

- Locals are advocates for this effort. 1/3 of organizations part of workgroup process are from Cordova
- Base knowledge is high with SERVVS training
- Recognize this is a dynamic place and unique environment
- Blend of local and spill response knowledge, agency & regulatory perspectives

Cordova Field Visit Themes



- Local knowledge is key to operating in and understanding this area.
- New technologies add safety and response potential
- Response possible but needs to be adapted to area
- Prevention is best



LOCAL EXPERIENCE - important & vital -

- Figuring out the Delta takes time
- Locals know there's birds, when they arrive, when they leave, how they behave.
- Locals are observing changes in the landscape and in wildlife habits and patterns
- Understanding of local currents and environment



LOCAL INFORMATION

- capturing details -

- Channel markers reset annually and removed seasonally
 - Main channel maintained by USCG, Stick/Home channel and Racetrack funded through local organizations and set by fisherman
- Tide delays differ by zone
- Local place names
- VHF channel 6 vs 16



RESPONSE EXPERIENCE

- trained and capable -

- Annual SERVS training & exercise program has created high level of literacy about oil spill response tactics and equipment, and incident management
- Locals suggested nearshore tactics & equipment they typically train with, too large, for this area



NEW TECHNOLOGIES

- safer navigation -

- The local fishing fleet makes risk calculations every time they leave the dock, but tools have changed
- Better weather observations & forecasts.
- Better cell phone coverage
- Avenza custom base maps produced annually are relied upon heavily
- Cultural changes



Photo: Robida

TOOLS HAVE CHANGED – **more capable** –

- Jets vs outboard drives
 - Bigger hulls and flatter decks
 - Better electronics & navigation
 - More horsepower
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- Oleophilic skimmers & new boom technology
 - UAV's & remote sensing
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- Local helicopter support



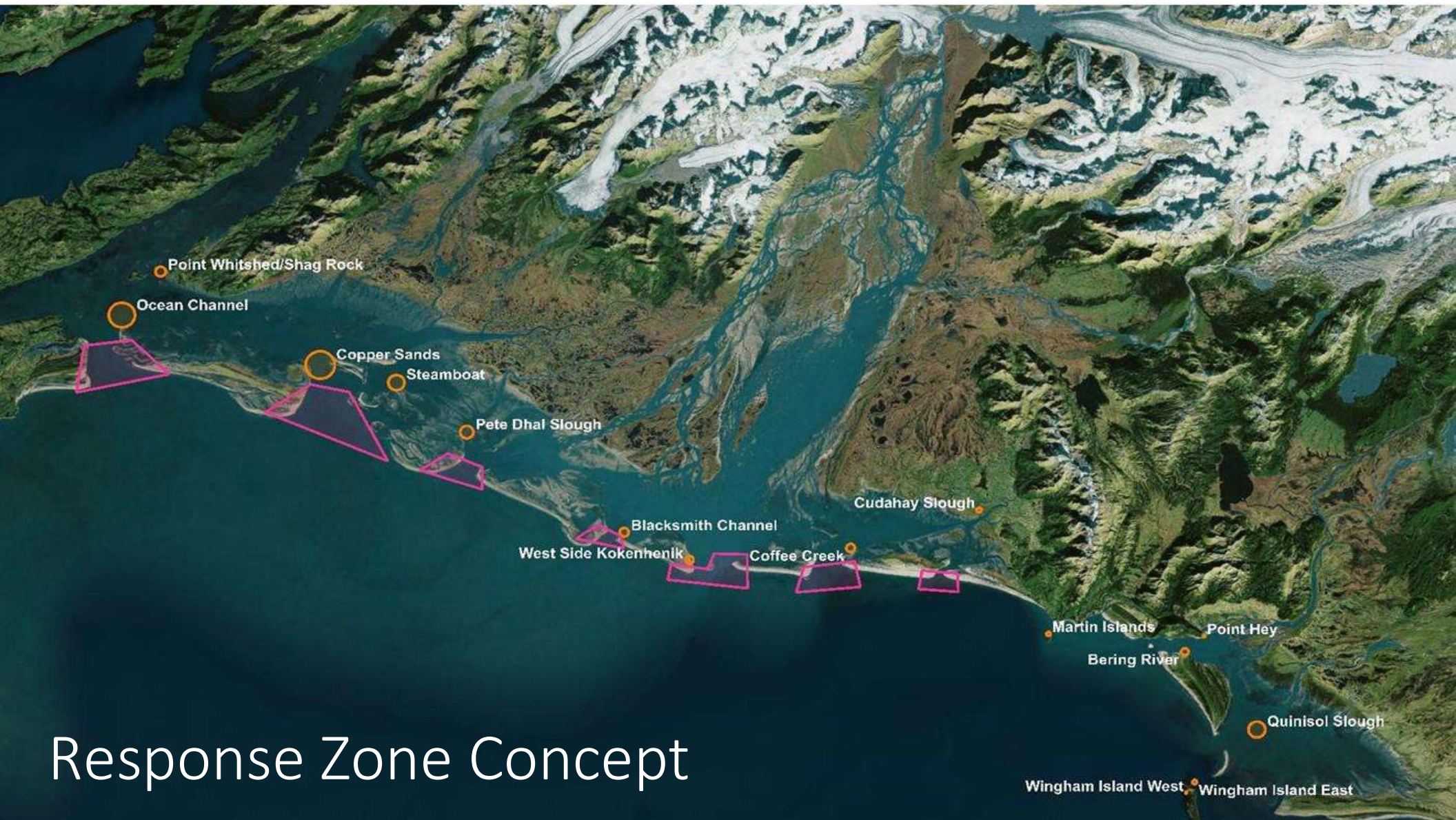
UNIQUE ENVIRONMENT - zone approach -

- Classic fixed booming tactics not appropriate in most places
- Radical changes with tide (mud flats vs a shallow choppy lake)
- Big area, and diverse, but tactics can be generalized into “zones” with corresponding tactics
- Menu of strategies that are zone-appropriate rather than site-specific prescribed tactics

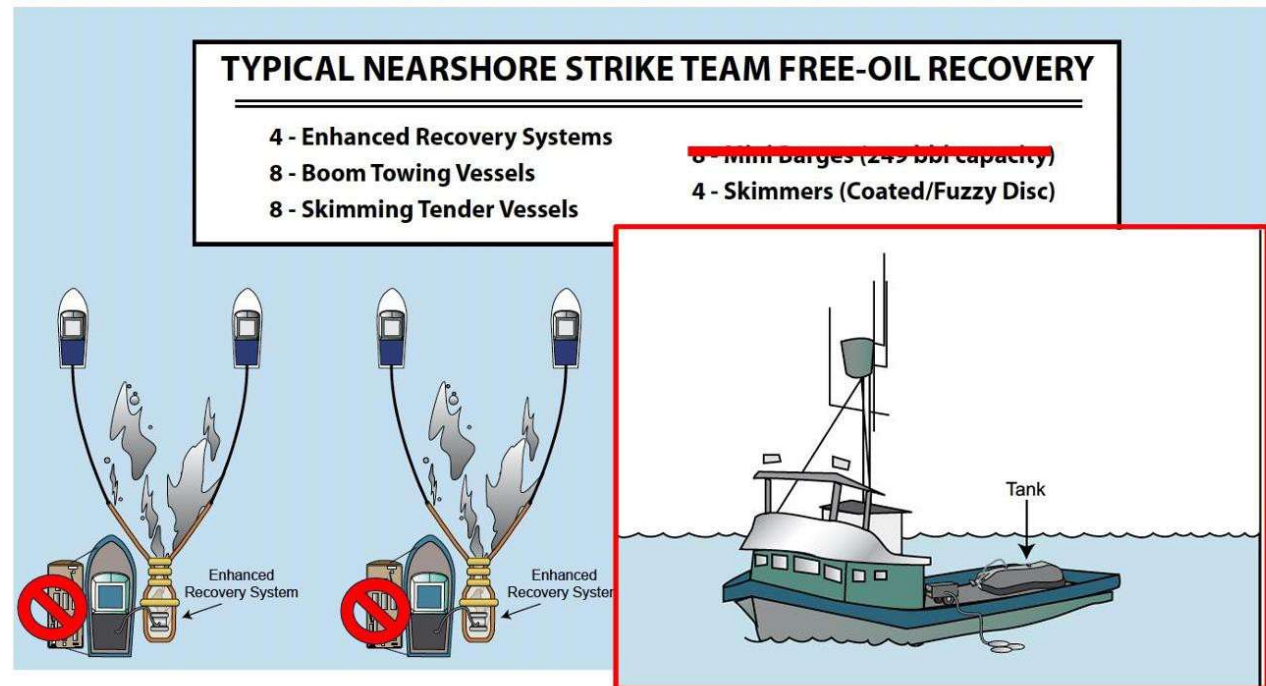
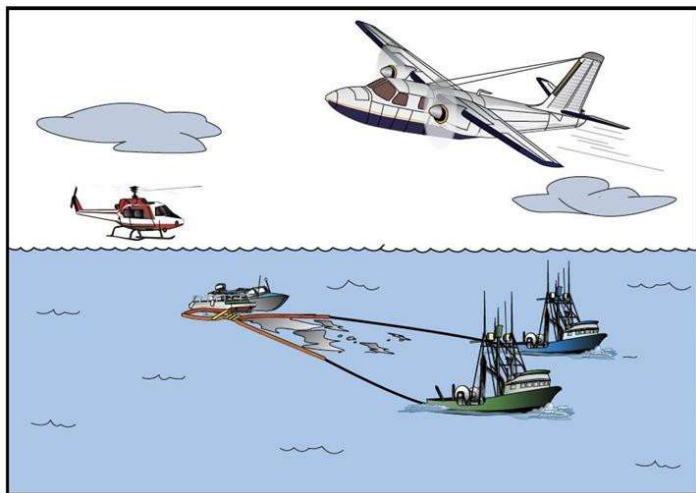


RESPONSE POSSIBLE - model fishing norms-

- Tender anchorages behind barrier islands can serve as response hubs
- Use channels to avoid higher energy water with transit. Simple avoid zones “bars”
- Deck-load response equipment
- If possible, pre-deploy task forces during high tide, work with the tides to target on-water recovery

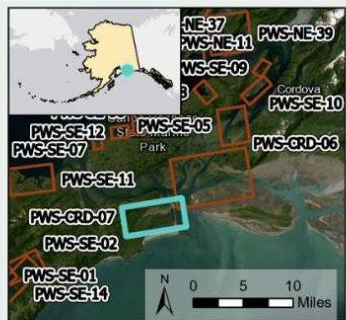


Adapting STAR Manual Tactics for Tender-based Nearshore Recovery

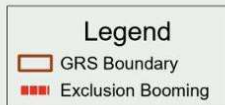


No mini-barges – tender vessels use deck-loaded storage tanks

Also have traditional GRS sites...

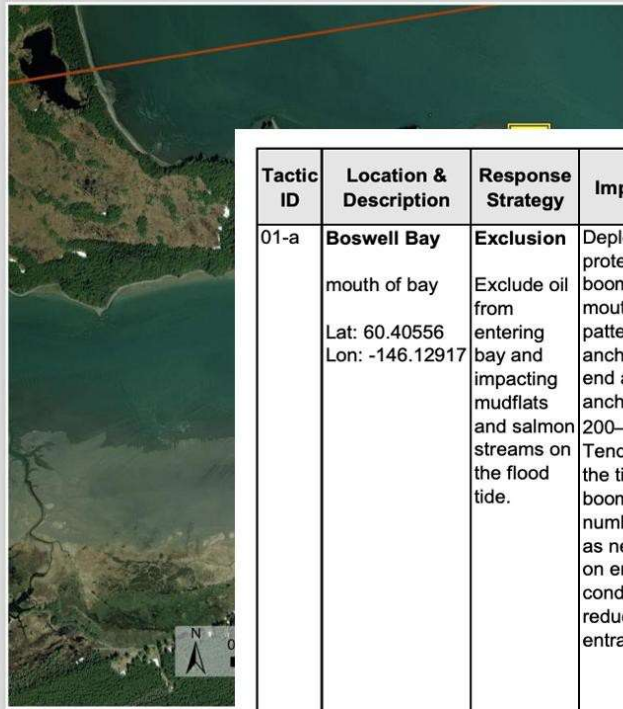


Oblique aerial view of Boswell Bay entrance, looking NW.



Geographic Response Strategies for Prince William Sound
Geographic Zone, Copper River Delta & Flats GRS Zone

Boswell Bay, PWS-CRD-01



Map not for navigational use.

Tactic ID	Location & Description	Response Strategy	Implementation	Response Resources	Staging Area	Site Access	Resources Protected (months)	Special Considerations
01-a	Boswell Bay mouth of bay Lat: 60.40556 Lon: -146.12917	Exclusion Exclude oil from entering bay and impacting mudflats and salmon streams on the flood tide.	Deploy 1,000 ft of protected-water boom across bay mouth in chevron pattern, with shore anchors on each end and remaining anchors set every 200—300 feet. Tend throughout the tide. Readjust boom angle and number of anchors as needed based on environmental conditions to reduce entrainment.	Deployment Equipment 1,000 ft. protected-water boom 5 ea. small? anchor systems 2 ea. shore anchor systems Vessels 2 ea. Class 4/5/6 Personnel/Shift 2 ea. vessel operators 4 ea. general techs Tending Vessels 1 ea. class 4/5/6(?) Personnel/Shift 1 ea. vessel operator 2 ea. general techs	Cordova Tender anchorage Sand bar/landing strip (low tide)	Via marine waters NOAA chart 16709 Private residences and camps along the southwest of Boswell Bay. <i>Are there roads or just ATV?</i> Permission may be needed for private land access.	Birds: seabird nesting Apr–May, waterfowl year-round (spring and fall peaks), migratory bird flyway stopover Marine mammals: sea otters (year-round?) Terrestrial & Aquatic mammals: blacktail deer (year-round?) Fish: (species?) salmon spawning May–Sep	Vessel master should have local knowledge. Navigational hazards: depth limitations at low tide, submerged and emergent rocks. Private buoys mark slough channel to shoreline areas with camps or residences. Bear guard may be required. Communications: Cell coverage, marine VHF (channel 6 for hailing)



NEXT STEPS

- nearing the finish line -

- Get draft GRS and tactic guide back to workgroup for comment
- A final workgroup meeting for project wrap-up
- Presentation to PWSRCAC Board of Directors in May
- Hand off materials to ADEC
- PWS Area Committee approval and eventual incorporation with other GRS's on ADEC's website



INCREMENTAL GAINS - a good process -

- Response challenging, but not impossible.
- Value in every gallon removed from the system
- Prevention still best
- Methodical workgroup process very important
- Local knowledge so vital to this project

**Questions
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Comments?**



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DEC SPAR/PPRP

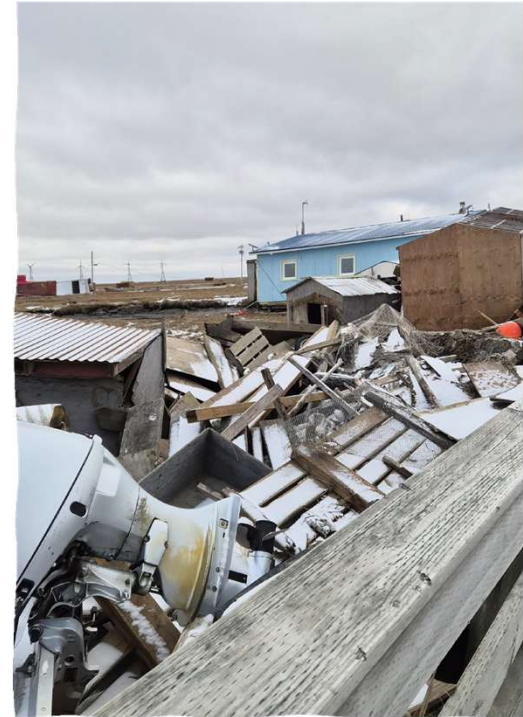
Typhoon Halong Taskings

- DEC PPRP initial response operations commenced on October 18th
 - DEC PPRP staff arrived in Bethel and in Nome on Oct 21st
 - Bethel, mission completed November 8th, Nome, mission completed October 29th
 - Over 100 staff hours conducting oil and hazmat surveys
 - Chefornek, Eek, Golovin, Kipnuk (2x), Kongiganak, Kotzebue, Kwigillingok (4x), Oscarville, Quinhagak, Napakiak (3x), Napaskiak, Nightmute, Nome, Nunam Iqua, Toksook Bay, Tuntutuliak, Unalakleet
 - DEC Term Contractor mobilized to Kwigillingok on October 31st
 - Over 2.5K lbs. of spill cleanup materials replenished and distributed
- Re-survey May 17th – 24th hardest hit communities; *Kipnuk, Kwigillingok, Nightmute, Chefornek, Tuntutuliak* (Napakiak substitute), and added Kongiganak
 - Key Activities / Scope of Work (Inspections & assessment)
 - Providing technical assistance for spill cleanup and indoor air screenings
 - General field soil screening at homes and in public areas
 - Oil sheening investigation and recovery analysis
 - Expected Outcomes / Deliverables
 - Developing an as-needed scope of work for additional oil spill cleanup recovery work
 - Identifying orphaned fuel containers for final disposal as needed



Initial Response Challenges

- **Complex Terrains:** Debris piles complicated movement and the effectiveness of oil spill and hazmat release surveillance
- **Environmental Factors:** The changing nature of Bering Sea weather demanded flexibility and precision from DEC/PPR field teams
- **Human Factors:** Camp illness, disaster zone assessments outside the staff realm, unfamiliarity with Alaska rural coastal communities' modus vivendi, staff overwhelmed and stressed, rural air travel coordination
- **Technology factors:** Ad hoc development of the Survey 123 Tool, Drone and drone operators' availability, comm connectivity, ArcGIS learning curve, Pre/post satellite imagery comparison
- **Kitchen Sink Syndrome:** Overwhelmed site visit prioritization, fear of missing out, communication challenges, and cleanup material supply shipments



DEC Term Contractor

- **Kwigillingok** Emergency Recovery Support – Disaster Response
 - Construct a staging area for winter storage of oil and household hazardous waste.
 - Recover and secure displaced oil and hazardous substance containers,
 - Stabilizing or emptying tanks at risk of tipping or leaking
 - Dispose of empty drums and containers
- On-Site November 1st mission completed November 11th
- **Airlift challenges** for contractor equipment/materials movement
- **Two workdays lost** due to weather and transportation factors
 - Limited contractors' reconnaissance of the debris field for oil containers and oil spill assessments
- Backhaul recovered waste oil during the 2026 barge season





Initial Assessment Lessons Learned

- Prioritize tasks: SPAR's role was ambiguous and changed throughout the initial damage assessment activities. Future natural disasters will focus oil-spill and hazmat response efforts on coastal communities that take a direct hit.
- Set clear assessment expectations: Clarify response and assessment work scope for field staff that complements community access, oil spill/hazmat cleanup priorities.
- Communication pathways: Regularly update and clarify with field teams the communication protocols with other DEC divisions, the DEC Commissioner's Office, SEOC, and the United States Coast Guard
- Safety: Need for Self-Aid Buddy Care training and equipping PPRP staff with emergency Trauma Kits (IFAK) to be well-prepared in advance of emergencies during field work
- Equipment: Strengthen DEC's drone and imagery acquisition capabilities with equipment that has Starlight Night-Vision/ Wide/ Thermal/ Laser 4 Cameras, and comm culture shift to Starlink for in-field satellite internet service
- Training: Survey123, ArcGIS Online, HHOT inspections, and petroleum vapor intrusion





May 2026 Re-survey Field Team

Senior Environmental Specialist

- 20+ years of spill response experience
- Managed 2,000 oil spill/hazmat cases
- Conducted multiple flood surveys on the Yukon River
- Most notably, the spring 2013 Galena and Eagle flooding



Junior Environmental Specialist

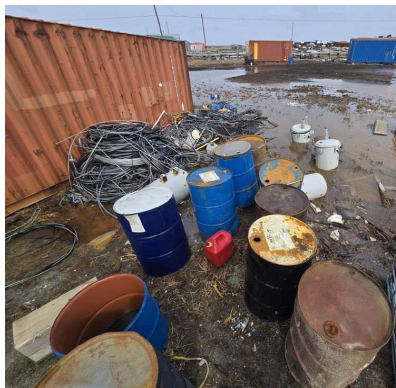
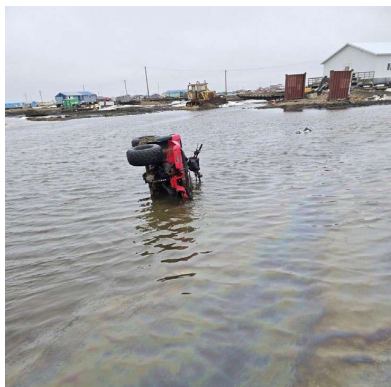
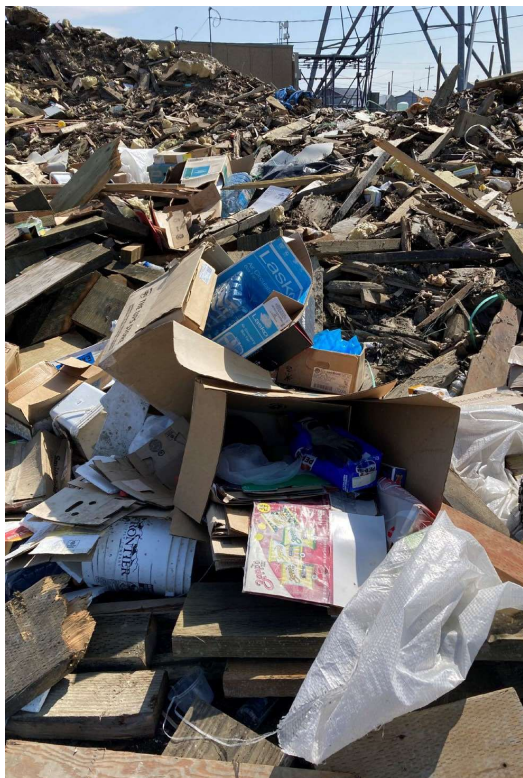
- In training with 1 year of experience
- 25 oil spill and hazmat release cases
- DEC October 25 Halong response team



Kipnuk May 2026 Assessment

- DEC had not received any follow-on spill reports over the winter during the initial recovery operations
- DEC did provide cleanup material for use by locals
 - Materials have not been used
- DEC spill investigations and discovery were extremely difficult
 - Debris piles are still inaccessible
 - Sheening is sporadic throughout with undetermined sources
 - Inquired about conducting stove oil odor intrusions
- No “new” oil spill evidence discovered
- DOT contractors restored some home heating systems and did some fuel recovery





Kwigillingok May 2026 Assessment

- DEC had not received any follow-on spill reports during winter recovery operations
- Kwig is reportedly sinking and is a ghost town
- DEC provided cleanup material for use by locals
 - Materials have not been used
- Received reports from the community regarding heavy stove oil smells, community-wide
 - The PPR team did not detect overpowering “stove oil” odors in normal wind conditions
 - Detected strong stove oil odors at two isolated locations
 - Stove oil vapor intrusion testing
 - Debris piles are still inaccessible
 - Sheening sporadic and not recoverable
 - Spring flooding is hindering recovery
 - Reported diesel fuel and human waste mixed in soil
 - No “new” oil spill evidence discovered
- Reports of diesel odors and sheen at the fuel header sending team back out to investigate



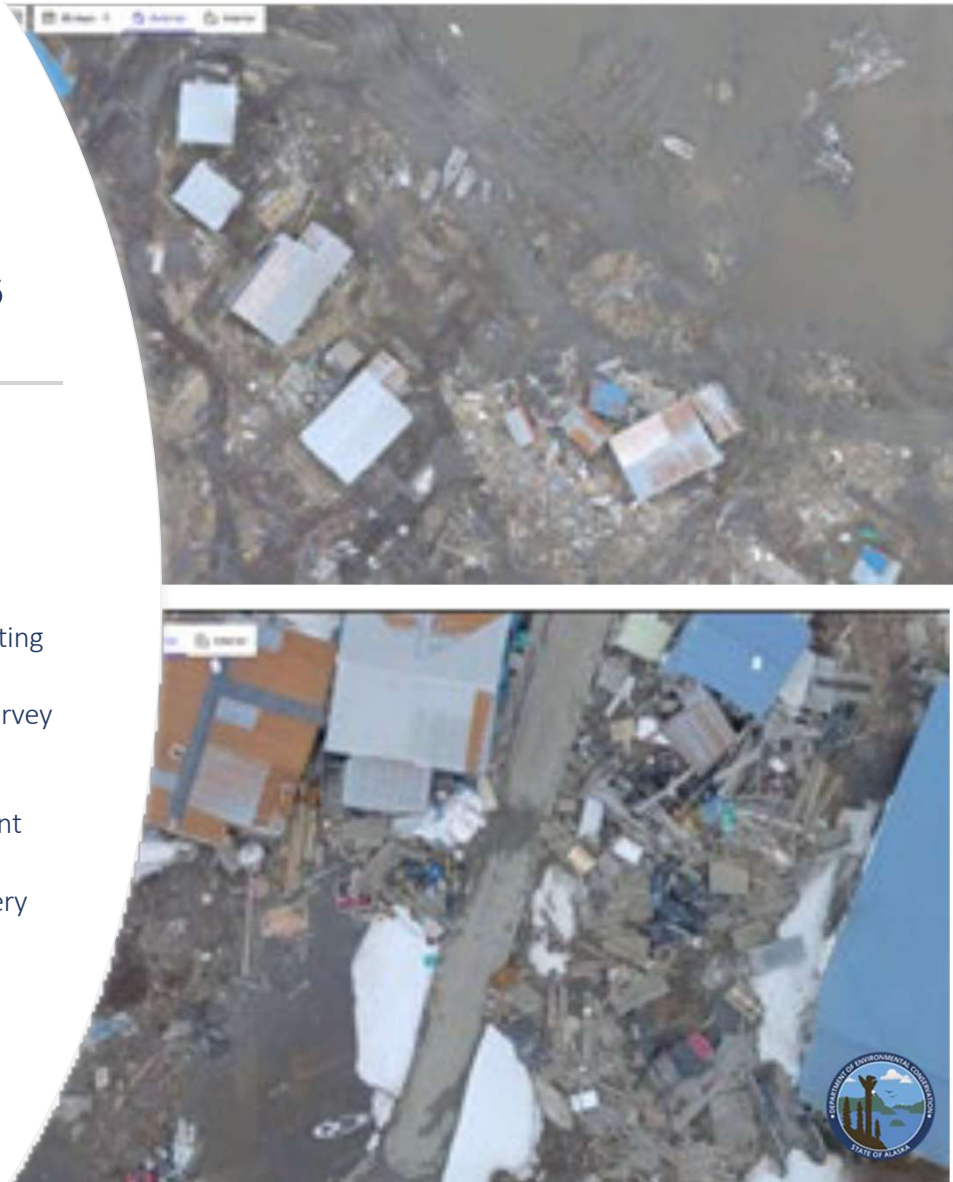
Nightmute May 2026 Assessment

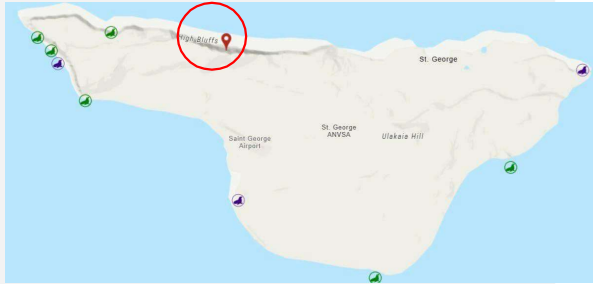
- DEC has received a few follow-on spill reports for “sheening” during the spring thaw
 - Some materials have been used
- DEC spill investigations and discovery were extremely difficult
- Sheening universally throughout the community
 - Oil release source unknown
 - Water sampled for hydrocarbons using spill pads, no recoverable oil picked up
- No “new” oil spill evidence discovered
- Big ask...need help with general storm debris cleanup



Post-Halong Recovery Needs

- Debris removal and rebuilding the hardest hit communities, Kipnuk, Kwigillingnok, and Nightmute
 - Additional site visits for the recovery planning and operations
 - Preserving displaced homes and resetting them back on foundations
 - Additional community-wide oil spill survey work
 - Recovery and removal of displaced oil tanks as part of the debris management operations
 - Additional contract work for oil recovery and backhaul of contracted recovered waste oil





F/V Arctic Sea Grounding

- The F/V Arctic Sea took on water and grounded near St. George Island, Alaska in the Bering Sea the morning of January 5, 2026.
- Nine crew members on board hoisted to safety
- **52,000 gallons of oils** and **~11,000 pounds** Tanner crab catch onboard at time of grounding
- Initial sheening observed January 7th roughly 6-8 miles long and 200 yards offshore
- Resources at risk include Sea Lion and Seal rookeries, and many Sea Birds





F/V Arctic Sea Boarding

- January 17th, 2025, Resolve Marine salvors boarded for initial damage assessment
 - Bow mostly submerged and decks nearly awash
 - Rat traps deployed on vessel
 - Fuel tanks checked out
 - Fuel tanks holds between 3500 to 5000 gallons
 - Two starboard stern tanks contained fuel/water mix
 - Stern tank was mainly pure diesel fuel
 - Midship tank appeared to be emulsified diesel
 - Lightering equipment readied





F/V Arctic Sea Salvage Suspended

- January 18th salvage ops paused
 - Unsafe conditions
 - Rough sea state, 30-knot winds/45 knot gusts
- January 19th Resolve salvage team/MV Makushin Bay returned to Dutch Harbor
 - Standing-by in Dutch Harbor until appropriate weather window becomes available for pollutant removal ops
 - Developing vessel removal plans for spring operations



F/V Arctic Sea Deep Water Salvage Imminent



- Global and Polaris completed the initial survey
 - Beach survey on shoreline near wreckage
 - No active sheening from the vessel
 - No wildlife observed in or around the vessel
 - Boarded vessel
 - Found a crack in the haul
 - #2 starboard tank still has appx 5,000 gallons
 - All other fuel tank access caps broken off, and tanks filled with seawater
 - Removal plans pending and removal date open
 - Refloat and remove
 - Cut apart in-place
 - Mechanical lifting



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Incident Management Division

DR-4893/4904-AK

Post-Thaw Community Assessments

09-13th May 2026

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IAP Overview

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY U.S. COAST GUARD INCIDENT BRIEFING (ICS 202-CG)			
1. Incident Name: Post Thaw Storm Response		2. Incident Location: Lower Kuskokwim Region	
3. Operational Period (Date/Time): From: 09MAY2026 To: 12MAY2026			
4. Community Lifelines:			
☒ Safety and Security		☐ Transportation	
☒ Energy		☒ Communications	
☐ Health and Medical		☐ Water Systems	
☐ Hazardous Materials		☐ Food, Hydration, Shelter	
5. Incident Priorities:			
PEOPLE- ENVIRONMENT-PROPERTY-ECONOMY			
Safety of the responders and the public.			
Minimization of adverse impacts to the environment.			
Minimization of adverse impacts to the Marine Transportation System related industry.			
Maintain accurate information management and situational awareness with local entities and involved agencies.			
6. Incident Objectives:			
O/M	1. Ensure the safety and accountability of Coast Guard personnel deployed for the spring follow-up assessment to the fall storms.		
O	2. Identify, assess, and prioritize pollution discharges or substantial threats of discharges or releases to the navigable waterways within the Coastal Zone.		
O	3. Implement measures to contain, recover, and dispose of discharged oil and/or released hazmat on or potentially impacting the waterway.		
O/M	4. Conduct federal consultations and responses in accordance with Endangered Species Act Section 7 and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.		
O	5. Identify and assess any impacts to the Marine Transportation System.		
M	6. Manage cost documentation and FPN oversight IAW NPFC guidance.		
M	7. Conduct outreach and communications to local and state/ federal agencies involved in the continuation of the response.		
7. Operational Period Command Emphasis: (Safety, Direction)			
Safety and accountability of personnel are the top priority of this operational period.			
Conduct thorough assessments and responses IAW with the National Contingency Plan to close out Coast Guard response actions.			
8. Site Safety Plan Required: Yes ☒ No ☐			
9. Site Safety Plan located at: attached			
10. Prepared by:			
Name:	Position Title:	Signature:	Date/Time:
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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY U.S. COAST GUARD ASSIGNMENT LIST ATTACHMENT (ICS 204-CG)					
1. Incident Name: Post Thaw Storm Response		2. Operational Period (Date/Time): From: 08MAY26/0800 To: 09MAY28/2000		3. Assigned Location: Branch N/A	
4. Operations or Intelligence/Inspections Personnel:					
Position	Name	Contact Information			
Section Chief	MST1 Lemos				
Branch Director					
Division/Group Supervisor	LTJG Ellner	(907) 538-4103 (MSTF 11) SAT 3			
5. Resources Assigned:					
Resource Identifier	Leader	# of Persons	Contact Information	Reporting Info / Notes	204A
MST1 Rudy	LTJG Ellner	1	(907) 891-3803 (MSTF 10)	ANC- AA Flight AS45 at 1830	☐
MST2 Hill	LTJG Ellner	1	(907) 538-9748 (MSTF 07)	ANC-AA Flight AS45 at 1830	☐
MST3 Mommson	LTJG Ellner	1	(907) 764-6211 (MSTF 09) SAT 1	ANC-AA Flight AS45 at 1830	☐
sUAS 081	MST2 Hill	1			☐
6. Work Assignments:					
-Safety & Risk Management: Maintain a minimum two-person response team during all field evolutions. Document daily GAR scores and provide any high-risk assessments to the DIVS/OSC prior to operations.					
-Verification & Assessment: Conduct targeted field assessments to verify unconfirmed reports of thawing/spreading oil. If found, document the product characteristics, trajectory, environmental/health threats, and any secondary thaw hazards (e.g., runoff, terrain/ice instability). Call National Response Center if any pollution found. Monitor for and document any impacts to the Marine Transportation System and notify OSC.					
-Contractor Actions & Resource Allocation: If pollution is confirmed, define the specific mitigation actions required by contractors. Provide recommendations for resource allocation to contain and recover the oil to the OSC.					
-Documentation & Evidence: Document all findings and contractor recommendations in a daily ICS-214. Submit the ICS-214 along with GPS coordinates, high-quality images, and videos to the OSC.					
-Visual Assessment & Documentation: Utilize Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (sUAS), handheld cameras, and other appropriate visual data collection methods to conduct comprehensive assessments of the impacted areas. Ensure all imagery, video evidence, and identified hazards are geo-referenced. Submit all visual data, flight logs (if applicable), and a daily ICS-214 detailing findings to the OSC for operational review.					
7. Special Instructions:					
-Contact local village representatives the day prior to arrival in the village to coordinator meet up and discuss concerns.					
-Public Affairs: Any media request directed to field operators should be referred to District Public Affairs. Responders are to refrain from any personal social media posts. Please send imagery to the duty PA with location and date and description.					
-Safety: Notify DIVOPS/OFF upon discovery of unanticipated hazards. Maintain work/rest ratios. Supervisors monitor for signs of fatigue or stress; reassign tasks as needed. Report any workplace mishaps, IC/OSC need to be notified immediately for incidents that require more than basic first aid. Pay special attention to conditions in the village for downed powerlines, village dogs, sewage, etc.					
-DIVS/DIVS Team: Each team must bring ICS-214, Pollution Response/Arctic Deployment kit, satellite phone (as available), winter wx gear, sUAS (as available), NREs & water. Report and document any discovery of human remains, cultural resources and any wildlife in the affected areas to OSC.					
-Teams will notify SCC for each leg of the trip, departure from ANC, arrival to Bethel, daily departures and returns from Bethel to the villages, and return to ANC.					
8. Communications:					
Name / Function	Contact Information - radio (frequency, system, channel) / cell or phone number				
PA2 HighLow/Duty Public Affairs	(907) 227-9248; District email: USCGALASKA@USCG.MIL				
National Response Center	1(800) 424-8802				
Sector Command Center	(907) 428-4100				
Emergency Communications:					
Medical g11	Evacuation g11 or Local Authorities		Other		
9. Prepared By:		Date / Time	10. Reviewed by (PSC):		Date / Time
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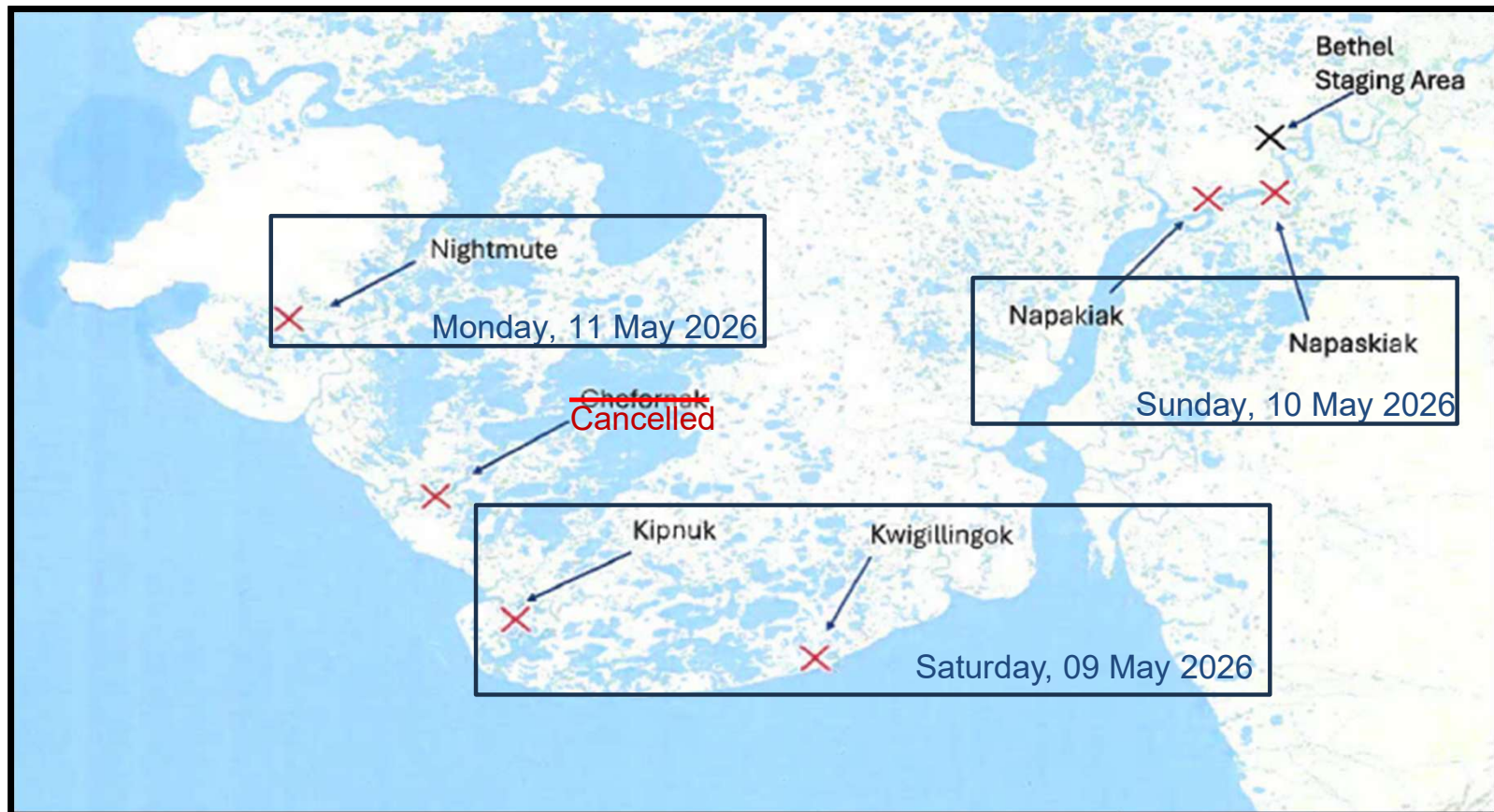
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Post-Thaw Assessments: Geographic Overview



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Kwigillingok: Upon arrival, USCG team assessment revealed multiple areas of visible sheening in standing water pools throughout the village. Much of the sheen appeared consistent with residual petroleum products thawing from snow and ice remaining from the October storm event. It was noted that a significant amount of snow and ice mixed with petroleum product remains on the ground. Several areas throughout the village had noticeable fuel and sewage odors, most notably near the medical clinic where diesel barrels were located. Water adjacent to the main village debris pile near the village store also exhibited significant sheening. Private contractors were present on scene; however, efforts were primarily focused on housing cleanup and rebuilding operations. No active environmental remediation actions were observed at the time of assessment. Migratory birds were observed in the area. No significant environmental concerns or deficiencies requiring immediate action.



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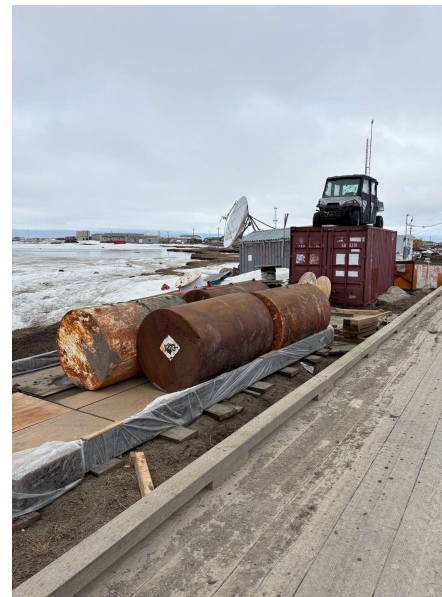
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09 MAY 2026 – KIPNUK

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The USCG transitioned from Kwigillingok to Kipnuk. Assessment revealed that ongoing cleanup operations conducted by DOT personnel and private contractors, which have reportedly been underway since October. Like Kwigillingok, residual sheening was observed in thawed surface water from melting snow and ice. Contractors were actively conducting remediation efforts, including the placement of sorbent pads and the burning of collected residual fuel. Cleanup and remediation operations remain ongoing. Overall, there appeared to be a more substantial operational presence in Kipnuk for oil spill response and debris remediation compared to Kwigillingok. No significant environmental concerns or deficiencies requiring immediate action.



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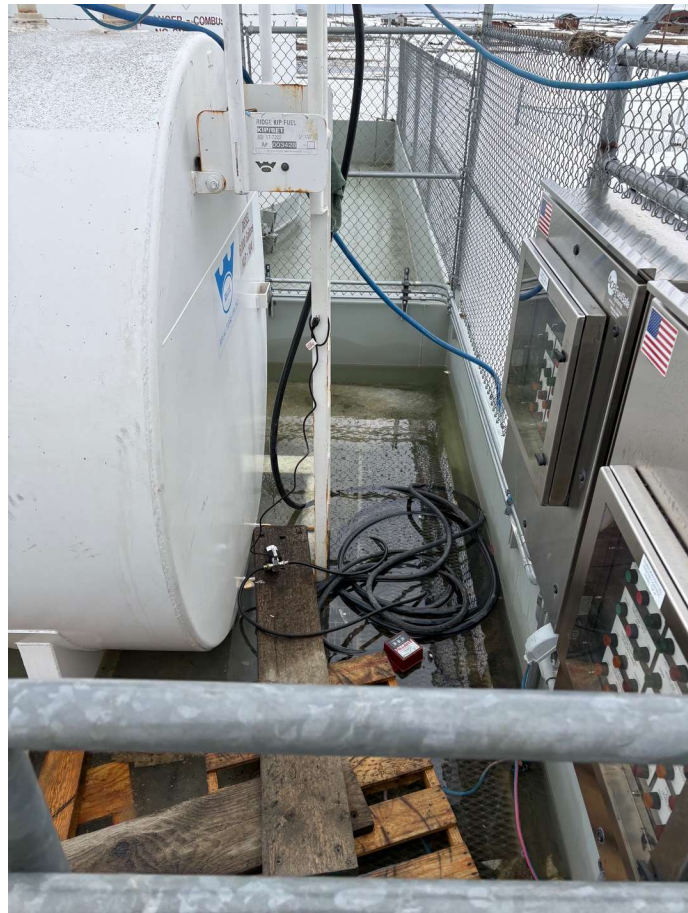
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10 MAY 2026 – Napakiak

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The USCG team departed Bethel and conducted environmental assessments in Napakiak related to potential residual impacts from the October storm event. The survey identified no notable pollution concerns or evidence of significant post-storm oil spills requiring response actions. No immediate action.



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10 MAY 2026 – Napakiak

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10 MAY 2026 – Napaskiak

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The USCG team departed Bethel and conducted environmental assessments in Napaskiak. Like Napakiak, no significant pollution concerns or post-storm spill impacts were identified during the assessment.



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11 MAY 2026 – Nightmute

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USCG team conducted assessments throughout the village and observed that all previously secured petroleum products remain properly contained, with no evidence of active leaking or discharge. The team inspected both the old and new fuel farm locations and noted no significant environmental concerns or deficiencies requiring immediate action. The team also launched an sUAS to conduct aerial reconnaissance and obtain video imagery of the village and surrounding assessment areas for documentation purposes.



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11 MAY 2026 – Nightmute

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PUBLIC COMMENT



Alaska Regional Response Team



NEXT MEETING

- September 10, 2026



REVIEW OF PARKING LOT ISSUES & CLOSING REMARKS



Alaska Regional Response Team

