

Aleutian Island Risk Assessment (AIRA) Status Report: August 2009



Management Team Meetings/Teleconferences

- During the month of August the Management Team and AIRA Facilitation Team (Nuka Research) met three times via teleconference. In addition to the teleconferences, the Teams met in Anchorage on August 6-7 to conduct interviews with four of the five entities that submitted bids to the Phase A- request for proposal. The meetings were conducted to provide status reports, prepare for the September Advisory Panel meeting in Unalaska and discuss project administration elements.

Administrative Items

- The Confidentiality Agreement was distributed via email to the Advisory Panel members for review and signature. Only one confidentiality agreement remains outstanding.
- The Management Team appointed four new Advisory Panel alternate members. The only stakeholder categories where members are needed are: Mariner in Local Trade-Tramper (alternate); Rescue Tug (primary and alternate); Marine Pilot (alternate).
- All Advisory Panel member draft biographies were sent to each member for review and approval prior to posting on the mirror website for Management Team review and approval.

Phase A Request for Proposal (RFP)

- The Management Team conducted interviews with four of the five entities that submitted proposals in response to the Phase A-request for proposal.
- The NFWF Project manager began contract negotiations with the top Risk Analysis Team candidate during the month of August.

Advisory Panel Communication

- The AIRA Facilitation team has been providing periodic project updates to the Advisory Panel and has been notifying members of updates to the AP website for the September meeting.

Peer Review Panel

- Dialogue with the National Academy of Science Transportation Research Board Director was initiated to determine cost and options for establishing the Peer Review Panel. A teleconference will be scheduled in September with NAS staff to discuss options proposed, the process and cost.

Contact List and Public Communication

- The project contact list developed by Nuka Research was updated as needed during the month of August.
- An email notice was sent to everyone on the contact list announcing the September Advisory Panel meeting and supporting materials.
- Advisory Panel meeting notices were placed in the Dutch Harbor Fisherman, and KUCB public television.

AIRA Website

- The Management Team and Advisory Panel websites, as well as the Public project website was updated as needed during the month of August. The webpage that contains short biographies for each Advisory Panel member went “live” on the public site.
- Agendas and materials for the September Advisory Panel meeting were posted all websites.

Upcoming Milestones

- Management Team, Advisory Panel and Risk Analysis Team meeting is scheduled for September 1-3 in Dutch Harbor, AK