

## **Aleutian Island Risk Assessment (AIRA) Status Report: September 2009**



### **Management Team Meetings/Teleconferences**

- During the month of September the Management/Facilitation and Risk Analysis Teams met three times via teleconference. In addition to the teleconferences, the Teams attended the Advisory Panel meeting in Unalaska on September 1-3<sup>rd</sup>. The teleconferences were conducted to provide status reports, discuss action items from the Advisory Panel meeting and to discuss project administration elements.

### **Advisory Panel Meetings**

- The Advisory Panel met for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time in Unalaska on September 1-3<sup>rd</sup>. The purpose of the September 1<sup>st</sup> meeting was to introduce the project to Unalaska public and educate the team on aspects of marine transportation and risks from the many subject matter experts living and working in the eastern Aleutian Islands. An evening public session was also conducted to meet the community of Unalaska in an informal setting that would encourage the exchange of perspectives and ideas on risks, vulnerabilities, and mitigation measures. The September 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting allowed the Risk Analysis Team to engage the Management Team and Advisory Panel to kick-off the first phase or Phase A of the project. On September 3<sup>rd</sup>, all team members participated as observers in the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Emergency Towing System (ETS) Exercise. Due to the schedule change of the ETS exercise a follow-up Advisory Panel meeting was scheduled for September 17<sup>th</sup>.
- On September 17<sup>th</sup> the Advisory Panel met via teleconference/webinar to discuss the project schedule and action items from the previous meetings in Unalaska. It was decided that a workshop would be organized for the Advisory Panel on laws and regulations governing marine vessel traffic in the Aleutians. The workshop is scheduled for November 12<sup>th</sup> in Anchorage.

### **Risk Analysis Team**

- The Management Team signed a contract with ERM/DMV on September 1<sup>st</sup> to implement Phase A of the risk assessment project.

### **Administrative Items**

- The National Fish & Wildlife Foundation negotiated a contract with the Marine Exchange of Alaska for vessel traffic data acquisition, which will be used by the Risk Analysis Team in developing the vessel traffic study.

### **Peer Review Panel**

- The National Fish & Wildlife Foundation is currently negotiating a contract with the National Academy of Science Transportation Research Board to provide assistance in establishing and facilitating a Peer Review Panel.

### **Contact List and Public Communication**

- The project contact list developed by Nuka Research was updated as needed during the month of September.

### **AIRA Website**

- Agendas and materials for the September Advisory Panel meeting were posted all websites.
- The public website is currently being redesigned with new pages and information. An announcement will be sent out to everyone on the project contact list in early October informing them of the changes.

### **Upcoming Milestones**

- A Regulatory Workshop for the Advisory Panel is scheduled for November 12<sup>th</sup> in Anchorage at the Dimond Hotel Conference Center. Details of this workshop are currently being developed.