



Aleutian Islands Risk Assessment
Advisory Panel Meeting
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Guest Speakers:

Commander James McMahon, USCG, is the Staff Judge Advocate for the Seventeenth Coast Guard District. He served as a professor of international law at the U.S. Naval War College from June 2006 to June 2008. His other assignments in the legal program were as a staff attorney in the Office of Maritime and International Law and as the senior military justice counsel in the Office of Military Justice at Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, DC. Commander McMahon holds a B.S. from the U. S. Coast Guard Academy, a M.S. from the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, and a J.D. from the University of Cincinnati. Prior to attending law school, Commander McMahon served in four cutters including a tour as Commanding Officer, USCGC THUNDER BAY (WTGB 108), an icebreaking tug home ported in Rockland, Maine.

David Eley is a retired US Coast Guard commander with 28 years experience in marine transportation emergency management, environmental protection, law enforcement, maritime safety and health, and international affairs. His last tour in the Coast Guard was as Captain of the Port and Officer in Charge of Marine Inspection for Southeast Alaska. Immediately prior to coming to Alaska in 1996 he served as Head of the Oil Pollution Coordination Centre of the United Nations' International Maritime Organization (IMO) in London, UK. While with IMO he developed and directed the 2nd International Oil Spill Research and Development Forum, and the Secretary General's Special Consultation on Carriage of Nuclear Fuel at Sea.

Since retirement from the Coast Guard in September 1999, Mr. Eley has undertaken a number of consultative projects in pollution prevention, risk assessment, emergency management, and marine transportation management. His clients in Alaska include the U.S. National Park Service, the cruise ship industry, Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC), the US Coast Guard, citizens' environmental advocacy groups, and the Alaska Marine Highway System. Working for Nuka Research and Planning, he served as a principal researcher for the Aleutian Island Vessel Traffic Study in 2006.

Doug Davis is a shareholder of Keesal, Young & Logan in its Anchorage office. He has practiced in Alaska since 1975, primarily handling maritime casualty response and litigation. Mr. Davis has defended vessel owners in numerous ship casualties in Alaska involving collisions and groundings, oil pollution, fire, cargo and dock damage, and personal injury. Mr. Davis has extensive firsthand experience with vessel casualty management and oil spill response from the legal perspective, including defense of natural resource damage assessment claims. He has personally attended on scene at every major oil spill at the Valdez terminal since the opening of the Alaska trade, as well

as numerous casualties at various ports and remote locations throughout Alaska. Mr. Davis received his B.A. degree in 1972 from the University of Utah, and his J.D. degree in 1975 from Gonzaga University. He is a member of the Alaska and Washington Bar Associations. Mr. Davis is a proctor member of the Maritime Law Association of the United States and a member of that group's Marine Ecology Committee. He is a private pilot and a member of the Lawyer-Pilots Bar Association.

Lieutenant Rob Fields is in the Inspections/Investigation Branch, District Seventeen in Juneau, Alaska and is the primary Coast Guard Management Team member for this project.

Jean Cameron has served as the Executive Coordinator for the Pacific States/British Columbia Oil Spill Task Force since 1993. Jean's responsibilities include project management, annual and strategic planning, meeting planning and facilitation, stakeholder outreach, and overall administration.

Jean served as a member of the Navigation Safety Advisory Council to the US Coast Guard from 1999 to 2006. She also served as a member of the U.S. Coast Guard's Incident Specific Preparedness Review Team for the 2007 Cosco Busan spill response.

In recognition of her work on Oil Spill Task Force projects, Jean received the US Coast Guard's Meritorious Public Service Award in 2000, both a Certificate of Merit and a Public Service Commendation from the US Coast Guard in 2002, and a Public Service Commendation from the US Coast Guard in 2008.

Jean's Bachelor of Science degree in Resource Development and Environmental Management was received summa cum laude from the Department of Planning, Public Policy, and Management at the University of Oregon.

Martin (Marty) Farris is an Environmental Specialist with the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation and has worked for the department for 12-years. He supervises the Non-Crude group of the Marine Vessels Section. This group reviews contingency plan, conducts inspections and drills for all non-crude marine petroleum carriers in Alaska that are regulated under AS 46.030. Mr. Farris spent 17-years of service with the U.S. Coast Guard and retired as an engineer officer. During those 17 years he was as an investigating officer and marine inspector. As an investigating officer and inspector a great deal of time was spent in Western Alaska, including the Pribilof Islands, Nome, Barrow, Kotzebue and most of the Aleutian chain. During 40 years as an Alaskan resident, Marty has had the pleasure of residing in Metlakatla, Ketchikan, Kodiak, Mat Su area, and Valdez.

James N. Butler, III is an attorney with the firm of Baldwin & Butler, LLC. Mr. Butler received his B.B.A. from George Washington University and his J.D. from Puget Sound University Law School. Mr. Butler is admitted to the Washington and Alaska bars and U.S. District Court, District of Alaska.

Prior to attending law school, Mr. Butler served as a Plans Section Chief on an interagency incident management team for the Kenai Peninsula Borough. He continued his interest in incident management after law school working with a variety of private and public clients incorporating the incident command system into their respective emergency response programs. With respect to preparation, Mr. Butler frequently serves as lead instructor on command, command staff and legal issues for incident management teams with regional government disaster management teams, oil transportation teams and corporate incident management teams in Washington, Oregon and Alaska.

Mr. Butler is nationally qualified as a public information and liaison officer often working with the Alaska Interagency Type-1 Team on wildland fire assignments in the "lower-48." He regularly provides legal support in a variety of capacities for clients involved in marine casualties and industrial incidents throughout Alaska and the "lower 48." In addition, he works with Oil Spill Removal Organizations providing oil spill related regulatory compliance and response services throughout Western Alaska.

Jim has commercial fished in Alaskan waters for over 30 years. He still fishes for salmon with his family and extended crew on the family salmon set net site north of the Kenai River on Salamatof Beach every summer.

Jon Neel has worked for the WA Department of Ecology since the early 1980's when he was the regional supervisor managing a wide variety of environmental issues and regulatory programs at Ecology's Southwest Regional office. In 1988 he was hired to establish the agency's Enforcement and Spill Management Section. Nine months later the 231 thousand gallon Nestucca oil spill occurred - on December 23, 1988. While managing the aftermath of that spill, the Exxon Valdez grounded 4 months later. After the Prince William Sound spill he was an active participant in developing the legislation creating Washington State's integrated Spill Prevention, Preparedness and Response Program.

Jon obtained his undergraduate education from the University of Texas system and post-graduate education in environmental engineering from the University of Washington's Civil Engineering department. Jon Neel is currently the Legislative & Policy Team Lead for the Washington State, Department of Ecology's Spills Program.