

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

Meetings/Teleconferences

- On the evening of November 11th the Risk Analysis Team project manager provided a project updated to the Advisory Panel/Management Team during a closed executive session.
- A Regulatory workshop was held on November 12th for the Advisory Panel, Management Team and interested public. A key goal of this project is to identify and evaluate risk reduction measures for safer marine transportation operating throughout the Aleutian Islands and Bering Sea. The goal of this workshop was to inform the Advisory Panel, Project Team and Public about the legal/regulatory framework that would govern any proposed risk reduction measure. This workshop included briefings on international, federal, and state rules governing marine vessels transiting the region.
- In addition to attending the Advisory Panel meeting/workshop, the Management/Facilitation and Risk Analysis Teams met twice via teleconference to discuss the projects status and progress.

Advisory Panel Membership

- Frank Kelty of the Aleutians West Coastal Resource Service Area has been appointed to fill the alternate NGO Local member position.

Risk Analysis Team

- A revised Phase A project schedule was submitted to the Management Team and approved.
- The Risk Analysis Team provided an interim draft report of the marine traffic study for preliminary review by the Advisory Panel and Management Team.

Peer Review Panel

- The National Fish & Wildlife Foundation has finalized 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 November.

AIRA Website

- The Project home page highlight story and project news were updated on November 25th, with the feature story covering the 2010 Student Design Competition.
- Speaker presentations from the November Advisory Panel meeting/workshop have been posted all websites.

Upcoming Milestones

- The Risk Analysis Team will provide a draft Hazard Identification document to the Management Team and Advisory Panel for review and input.
- On January 18, 2010 the Risk Analysis Team will provide a draft of the Traffic and Spill Likelihood/Size Analysis report to the Management Team, Advisory Panel and Peer Review Panel for review and comment.