

**Cook Inlet Harbor Safety Committee
Meeting**

4th November 2015

Meeting Summary

Attendees

Committee Members:

Stephen Ribuffo, Port of Anchorage, Chairman
Captain Peter Garay, Southwest Alaska Pilots Association, Vice-Chair
Drew Anderson, Offshore Oil Production Operators - Primary
Bob Arts, Ship Agents - Primary
Captain Louis Audette, Tug and Barge Operators - Primary
Captain Patrick Callahan, Tanker Operators - Alternate
Captain Sven Christensen, Harbor Tug Operators - Alternate
David DeVilbiss, Salvage Organization - Primary
Todd Duke, Salvage Organization - Alternate
Luke Hasenbank, Ship Agents - Alternate
Bryan Hawkins, Port of Homer - Primary
Captain Jack Jensen, Marine Oil Terminal Operators - Primary
Captain Brad Kroon, Harbor Tug Operators - Primary
Rachel Lord, Environmental Organization - Primary
David Martin, Commercial Fishing Organization - Primary
Captain Paul Mehler, Marine Oil Terminal Operators - Alternate
Mike Munger, Cook Inlet RCAC - Primary
Captain John Taylor, LNG Carrier Operators - Primary
Mike Watson, Response Organization - Primary
Captain Jere White, Tanker Operators - Primary

Managing Board Members:

Captain Marc Bayer, Tesoro
Captain Ron Ward, Southwest Alaska Pilots Association

Ex-Officio:

Cmdr. Hector Cintron, U.S. Coast Guard - Primary
LT Eugene Chung, U.S. Coast Guard - Alternate
John Kotula, Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation - Primary

Others:

LCDR Will Albright, U.S. Coast Guard
Robert Archibald, Private Citizen
Chief James Baisden, Nikiski Fire Service Area, Kenai Peninsula Borough
Heather Bielenberg, Alamar
Marshall Blankenship, Response Operations & RTS ASRC Energy Services
Randy Borland, CISPRI
Daniel Buchsbaum, Alaska Incident Response

Jennifer Flounders, Crowley Maritime Corporation
Greg LeBeau, Witt O'Brien's
Jim Lee, Alaska Maritime
LCDR Matthew Mitchell, USCG, Chief Sector Anchorage Planning Department
Mark Nielsen, Tesoro
Wayne Ogle, Borough Assembly
Tim Robertson, Nuka Research and Planning Group
Tom Rueter, Alaska Maritime
Brantley Rushing, Tesoro
John Schneider, Tesoro
Ruchir Seth, Tesoro
Eric Smith, OSG Ship Management, Inc.
Captain Jim Van Wormer, Director of Operations, Cook Inlet Tug & Barge
Scott Walden, Director, Kenai Peninsula Borough Office of Emergency
Management
Kevin Williams, U.S. Coast Guard
Eddie Zingone, NOAA/NWS

The second meeting of the Cook Inlet Harbor Safety Committee (CIHSC), held at Cook Inlet Spill Prevention and Response, Inc. (CISPRI) on 4th November 2015, was called to order at 1:00 PM.

Approval of Agenda:

The Chairman asked to amend the agenda by adding an opportunity for the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), and the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) to provide a report to the CIHSC after the Corporate Board Report and before the Work Group Reports. There was no objection to the approval of the agenda as amended.

Approval of Meeting Summary from 22nd September:

The Meeting Summary from 22nd September 2015 was approved unanimously with no changes (moved by Captain Jere White, seconded by Captain Louis Audette).

Corporate Board Report:

Captain Ron Ward gave a verbal report from the Managing Board, which met the morning of 4th November. The Board modified the Bylaws to clarify that both voting members and ex-officio members of the CIHSC can be appointed as Chairs and Vice-Chairs of work groups. The Board is also drafting some changes to the Charter to align the Charter with the Bylaws and the requirements for a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation. He clarified that ex-officio, primary, and alternate members of the CIHSC can be members of any work group. Members of the public can also be appointed to the work group if their expertise is required, at the Work Group Chair's discretion.

The Board also determined that work group meeting summaries will be posted on the public portion of the website, but meeting materials and deliberative documents will be kept

private for work group members only. This allows the work groups to review and discuss documents that are sensitive and confidential. Any work group recommendation or work product must be reviewed and approved by the full CIHSC before public release. The Board requests that each work group prepare a brief written report to be distributed as part of the meeting materials before each CIHSC meeting. The Board also requests that Work Group Chairs send a list of their members to Nuka Research so that they can update the organizational roster. The Board is very appreciative of the efforts made by the work groups and feels that the work of the CIHSC is off to a good start.

USCG Report:

Cmdr. Hector Cintron gave a presentation on a proposed pipeline crossing for the AKLNG project. The pipeline crossing is in the early stages of planning and would not be built for several years, but might impact marine operations in Cook Inlet during the construction phase of the project. There will be a lot more information about the pipeline and interaction with the CIHSC during the permitting process for the pipeline.

There was a brief discussion about how the pipeline might affect the ability of vessels to deploy their anchors in the event of a loss of power. It was noted that pipelines are always considered before deploying an anchor and that the possibility of anchor fouling will be considered as part of the pipeline design.

ADEC Report:

John Kotula reported that there was an unexpected issue with geotechnical well boring that caused a delay with moving the Jack-up drill rig off the site at the scheduled time. The boring was being done just off Nikiski.

Navigation Work Group Report:

Captain Peter Garay and Captain John Taylor gave a verbal report on the teleconference of the Navigation Work Group. A more detailed summary of their meeting will be posted on the website. In general, the purpose of the meeting was to review topics (identified by work group members) for the work group to develop recommendations for the CIHSC to consider.

Topics discussed included:

- Boarding marine pilots at Nikiski (considered a high priority for the work group),
- Establishing a Precautionary Area at the Kachemak marine pilot boarding station (low priority),
- Review the under keel clearance (UKC) standards at Nikiski and the Port of Anchorage (high priority for a small portion of work group),
- Establishing designated anchorages in Kachemak Bay (low priority),
- Formalizing the Winter Ice Guidelines, possibly creating them as regulations (low priority),
- Recommending the installation of a RACON at the Nikiski Range and Sixty Foot Rocks, also establishing as an electronic aid to navigation in the AIS domain (high priority),
- Establishing a Fishing Vessel Work Group to address issues of safety for the fishing fleet (high priority),

- Recommending the re-sounding the Nikiski Range (medium priority), and
- Reviewing the Potential Places of Refuge (PPOR) documents (low priority).

After the report there was some discussion by the CIHSC about establishing the winter ice-guidelines in regulation. It was suggested that the guidelines should be part of the Harbor Safety Plan, but establishing them in regulation would be cumbersome, time consuming, and make it difficult to modify them when/if conditions change. The USCG Captain of the Port has the discretion to place requirements on individual vessels if they consider that the vessel is unsafe for the conditions.

Harbor Safety Plan Work Group Report:

LT Eugene Chung reported that the Harbor Safety Plan Work Group has not yet met, but work group members have been identified and he plans to convene a meeting of the group in the January or February. He distributed the 2014 winter-ice guidelines and asked for review and any suggestions for revision.

Salvage Work Group Report:

David DeVilbiss reported that the Salvage Work Group has not yet met, but they have been circulating emails to identify topics for the work group to consider. The topics included:

- Lightering,
- Emergency towing,
- Assessment,
- Sub-surface salvage,
- Wreck removal, and
- Places of refuge.

He would welcome additional suggestions from the CIHSC.

Marine Firefighting Work Group:

Captain John Taylor reported that the Marine Firefighting Work Group met at the Nikiski Fire Department on the 4th of November. There were 12 members present. They also were contemplating topics for the work group to consider. Topics included:

- Conducting a gap analysis,
- Training and certification,
- Revising the Marine Firefighting Plan in the Cook Inlet Subarea Plan,
- Establishing Memorandum of Understanding,
- Coordinating planning efforts for salvage and marine firefighting across multiple planning regimes, and
- Drills and exercises.

Old Business

a. Committee Vacancies

The CIHSC reviewed the vacant seats on the committee. Members asked the Chair to contact the Holland America Line and Matson, Inc. and ask them to consider nominating a member for the Cruise Ship Operator and Dry Cargo Operator seats respectively.

Captain John Taylor asked for the Board to consider changing the name of the LNG Carrier Operator seat to the LNG Terminal seat. It was suggested that he submit the request and rationale in writing to the Managing Board.

b. Budget and Funding

The Managing Board presented a Draft Annual Budget for 2016 totaling \$30,000 for the CIHSC consideration (attached). There was a suggestion that the budget was too high. The Committee discussed the magnitude of the budget and the need for professional services to facilitate the organization. A motion to recommend that the Committee approve the 2016 Budget as presented passed unanimously (motion: Captain Peter Garay, second: Bryan Hawkins).

It was decided to try to fund the budget through voluntary donations from members and others. Some members asked if it would be possible to receive an invoice or receipt to facilitate payment and bookkeeping by the funding companies. The Board agreed to work with any company that required documents to facilitate funding. Members should contact Tim Robertson if they need assistance.

New Business:

The Chairman suggested that members consider presenting a short informational briefing on their organization or a project being pursued by their organization at future meetings. This would facilitate a common understanding of the members and their interest in Cook Inlet maritime operations. Only one or two presentations would be given at each CIHSC meeting. Mike Munger volunteered to give a presentation on the Cook Inlet Regional Citizens Advisory Council's Ice Forecasting Network at the next meeting.

Comments/Questions From the CIHSC:

David Martin commented that there was concern within the salmon fishing community over rumors that a safety or security zone might be established around the proposed AKLNG facility at Nikiski and that this would preclude or displace salmon fishing activities that had been occurring there since before Statehood. Mr. Martin stressed that the fishing industry had been fishing alongside the existing LNG terminal at Nikiski since 1969 without an incident. Captain John Taylor promised to provide Mr. Martin with the appropriate contact within the AKLNG project to address those concerns.

Public Comments:

Several members of the public expressed their appreciation that the CIHSC had been formed and were beginning to address issues related to maritime safety in Cook Inlet.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 4:00 PM.