

Cook Inlet Harbor Safety Committee Meeting
Meeting Summary
28th October 2016
2:00PM
BP Energy Center

Attendees

Committee Members: voting

Bryan Baker, Small Passenger Vessel Operators - Primary
Luke Hasenbank, Ship Agents – Alternate
Bryan Hawkins, Port of Homer – Primary
Captain Brad Kroon, Harbor Tug Operators – Primary
Rachel Lord, Environmental Organization – Primary
Captain Paul Mehler, Marine Oil Terminal Operators - Alternate
Stephen Ribuffo, Chair, Port of Anchorage – Primary
Jerry Rombach, CI Regional Citizen’s Advisory Council – Alternate
Mike Watson, Response Organization – Primary
Captain Jere White, Tanker Operators – Primary

Committee Members: non-voting

Captain Patrick Callahan, Tanker Operators – Alternate
Matt Melton, Response Organization – Alternate
Captain Sharm Setterquist, Tug and Barge Operators – Alternate

Ex-Officio: non-voting

Chief James Baisden, Nikiski Fire Dept. – Primary
Col. Scott Carpenter, Dept. of Defense JBER - Primary
CDR Hector Cintron, USCG Sector Anchorage – Primary
Young Ha, Alaska Dept. Environmental Conservation – Alternate
Geoff Merrel, Alaska Dept. Environmental Conservation – Primary
LTJG David Parker, USCG Sector Anchorage – Alternate

Managing Board of Directors

Senator Peter Micciche, President
Ron Ward, Vice-President
Mark Bayer, Treasurer
Steve “Vinnie” Catalano, Secretary

Others

CAPT Paul Albertson, USCG COTP Western Alaska
Chuck Hyppa, OSG
Greg LeBeau, Wilt O’Brien’s
Bob Pawlowski, CAPT (RET)

Christopher Peterson, Crowley
Tim Robertson, Nuka Research
Tom Rueter, Alaska Maritime
John Schneider, Tesoro
Kevin Schroder, Crowley
Eric Smith, OSG
Jim VanWormer, Foss/Cook Inlet Tug/Barge
Derek Walsh, Crowley

The fourth meeting of the Cook Inlet Harbor Safety Committee (CIHSC) was held as at the BP Energy Center in Anchorage, Alaska on 28th of October 2016.

Call to Order

Chairman Stephen Ribuffo called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM. Some changes were made to presenters on the agenda to accommodate absences.

Approval of Past Meeting Summary

The Committee approved the summary from the 13th May 2016 meeting without objection.

Managing Board Report

Senator Peter Micciche, President of the Board of Directors provided a summary of the 29th September Managing Board meeting. The following appointments have been made to vacant seats:

- A new ex-officio seat was added for the Nikiski Fire Department and Chief James Baisden was confirmed as the primary representative
- Captain Mark DeVries was appointed as the primary representative of the LNG Carrier Operators seat for the remainder of Captain Taylor's term
- Sharon Walsh was confirmed as the alternative representative for the Port of Anchorage
- Geoff Merrell was confirmed as the primary representative for ADEC
- Chief Basiden was appointed as the Chair of the Marine Firefighting Work Group
- Todd Duke was appointed as the Co-chair of the Marine Firefighting Work Group
- The Board confirmed almost all of the nominations for Work Group memberships

The IRS has not conveyed 501(c)(3) status on the non-profit yet, but this is expected by the end of the year.

Total contributions to date \$33,000. Total expenditures through August \$14,500. There are sufficient funds to cover all budgeted expenses for the remainder of 2016. The Board expects to review and pass the 2017 budget at their December meeting. 2017 requests for contributions will be based on this budget and are expected to be less than 2016, if all members contribute.

The Board reviewed the Committee Charter and made some minor clarifying changes. A redline version of the Charter is in the meeting packet.

Cook Inlet Harbor Safety Committee has completed its first year. A lot of the work to date has been formative. But we now have the organization and relationships in place to carry out our mission to enhance marine safety and environmental stewardship in Cook Inlet through collaboration of the maritime community. When we adopt a Harbor Safety Plan today, we will have reached a major milestone. The Board appreciates the good work that has been accomplished by the Work Groups and Committees.

Work Group Reports

Harbor Safety Plan Work Group (HSP WG)

Lieutenant Parker presented the revised DRAFT Harbor Safety Plan, which has undergone two review cycles through the HSP WG.

Action Item: Adoption of Harbor Safety Plan, OCT2016
Motion Melton, Watson to adopt the Harbor Safety Plan.
Yea Votes: unanimous.

Commander Cintron presented an amendment for consideration that sets out the procedures for an annual review and updates to the HSP.

Action Item: Amendment of Harbor Safety Plan to add procedures for an annual review.

Motion Lord, Mehler to amend the Harbor Safety Plan by adding the following language after the last paragraph under the Procedures section on page 6:

The Chair of the Harbor Safety Plan (HSP) Work Group is responsible for leading an annual review of the HSP. The annual review must be completed in time for consideration at the first CIHSC meeting every calendar year. Solicitation for recommended changes to the HSP must be done immediately after the last CIHSC meeting every calendar year and allow no less than 30 days to receive recommendations. However, other Work Groups or Committee members can submit recommended changes to the HSP to the HSP Work Group at any time. If the HSP Work Group determines that the Plan should be amended, the HSP Work Group will publish a record of changes with proposed language. The record of changes will be available for review on the website at least 30 days before a scheduled Committee meeting for review by other Work Groups and the public. The Committee will consider comments on the proposed revisions of the plan before voting on any motion to amend the plan.

Yea Votes: unanimous

The Committee discussed the need to begin the review process immediately for the 2017 cycle. The HSP WG will lead this review.

Navigation Work Group

Captain Ward, speaking on behalf of Captain Garay, presented a Recommended Best Practice for Under Keel Clearance (UKC) that would replace the recommended best practice adopted at the 13th May 2016 meeting. The Committee discussed the proposed language. Some concern was expressed about the meaning of “in transit”.

Action Item: Recommended Best Practice for Under Keel Clearance

Motion Callahan, Hawkins to accept the Recommended Best Practice for Under Keel Clearance as proposed by the Navigation WG as follows:

RECOMMENDED BEST PRACTICE

10 feet under-keel clearance for all of Cook Inlet, for all deep draft vessels, when in transit.

4 Yeas, 5 Nays: Motion failed. Language referred back to the Navigation Work Group to include a definition for “in transit” in the glossary of terms

Salvage Work Group

Neither the Chair nor Co-chair of the Salvage Work Group was present. Chairman Ribuffo requested the Salvage Work Group be deferred to the next meeting. There was no objection.

Marine Firefighting Work Group

Chief James Baisden introduced himself as the new Chair of this work group. He is working with Captain Taylor to get up to speed and looking forward to working with the group. Training in marine firefighting for land-based is a priority for this group. Senator Micciche thanked Chief Baisden for his service.

Winter Ice Meeting

Captain Paul Mehler provided an informational briefing on the recently held Winter Ice Meeting. Final changes to the Winter-ice Guidelines are still in progress and will be distributed to the Committee when available. *Comment Period has closed and final document is routed for signature by COTP. Expect release by 30November. LTJg Parker will provide.*

National Harbor Safety Conference

Jerry Rombach attended the Conference and supplied the Committee with an informational briefing on his report in the packet and a laydown copy of the Conference Program. The next conference will be held in Houston in 2018. Members of the Committee commented that the CI HSC should consider participating in this national organization.

Commander Cintron informed the Committee that the USCG had successfully negotiated an extension of the lease with the owner of the land where the Nikiski DGPS station is located this means that the station will continue to operate for the next ten years. The support of the Committee, SWAPA, and Cook Inlet RCAC were instrumental in this decision.

Review Action Items and Set Next Meeting

- HSP WG will begin annual review process for the HSP by publishing a notice that the plan is available for review.
- Navigation WG will review UKC best practice based on input from the Committee.

Chairman Ribuffo suggested waiting to set the next meeting until there are a significant number of discussion and action items merit a meeting, as many Committee Members have to travel to attend. Committee members agreed with this suggestion.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00.