

**Alaska Clean Harbors Advisory Committee In-Person Meeting
October 14, 2015, Hotel Captain Cook Anchorage**

Meeting Summary - FINAL

Present: Joe McCullough (ADNR), Brett Farrell (Marine Exchange), Terry Johnson (AK Sea Grant Marine Advisory Program), Heather Leba (Cook Inletkeeper), Chandra McGee (ADEC Div. of Water), Bryan Hawkins (AAHPA/Port of Homer)

Absent: Erika Amman (NOAA), Steve Russell (ADEC Spill Response), Josh Sherwood (Green Star), Alan Sorum (member at large)

Meeting began at 3PM

1. Review April meeting summary. No questions/comments. Heather reviewed the two new sewage management videos – one encouraging use and the other instructional on how to use pumpouts. There was agreement that these would be useful, especially the instructional one. Videos are available on the ACH and Cook Inletkeeper webpages at this point.
2. Harbor participation. Rachel gave an overview of where individual facilities are in the ACH process.
 - a. Sitka – Need someone to go present their award this fall/winter, December 8th? Brett or Joe offered to go to Sitka to present the ACH award to the Borough Assembly. Terry suggested sending the Press Release out to UFA and the Charter Association (send ACH newsletter to them as well!).
 - b. Bethel. Pete is really active with the ADV work. Clean Harbors efforts have been paused while they have various
 - c. Nome. Rachel is going to cross them off the list of participating harbors for now. There's still some interest, but no action at this point.
 - d. Dillingham. Terry asked about how we hold facilities of such different sizes/scopes to the same standards. The group discussed and Rachel felt like the BMPs under ACH are all scaleable to different size harbor facilities – including small and seasonal ones like in Dillingham. Jean is still very interested and is planning to move forward this winter.
 - e. Cordova – no updates.
 - f. Kodiak – Derrik has an application mostly finished with some questions for Rachel during the AAHPA conference. She anticipates receiving an application for Kodiak sometime this winter.
 - g. Valdez – no update.
 - h. Whittier – they signed an ACH pledge this summer (exciting!), BUT they are now also looking for a new harbormaster.

Chandra asked about Dutch Harbor, especially related to the TMDL there. Rachel clarified that the TMDL as far as she was aware was related to port activities, which ACH

wouldn't address anyway. That being said, Peggy has expressed interest in ACH and we're hopeful to move forward with them at some point soon.

3. Seward Recertification, Review & Vote. Rachel will ask Matt about question #2 – what additional BMPs have they implemented? She had already asked him about #3 (regulatory inspections) and he clarified that they had a potable water inspection by the FDA, which was a first as far as he knew. Committee members discussed the large quantities of recyclables, including 2,000 gallons of antifreeze and 5,000 gallons of oily bilge water. There were some questions about the washdown pad costs and what system they're using. Committee members unanimously approved the Seward Harbor's ACH recertification.
4. Updates to the BMP Checklist/Structure
 - a. UAS Course. Rachel gave an update that the UAS course is finished, and that she traveled to Juneau in September to encourage the Pacific Coast Congress of Harbormasters to include it in their Career Training for Ports and Marinas online program through UAS. PCC was supportive, and Rachel is excited that the course is now up and running.
 - b. Checklist change recommendations from Rachel – Rachel did not get these to the group prior to the meeting, and will aim for recommendations out to the Committee at our next meeting.
5. 2015 Update
 - a. ADV Task Force. Rachel gave the Committee an update on Task Force activities, including Steamboat Slough, Vessel of Concern reporting, the ADNRR database in development, and other activities. There continues to be questions about shipbreaking and disposal options.
 - b. Spill response signs. Rachel showed off the spill response signs, and let everyone know that we have 250 of these for distribution around the state. She brought 50 to the conference for folks to take away and will continue to distribute them in 2016.
 - c. Other signs (Dog poop & Sewage). Rachel and Heather showed the Committee the new designs for simple and straightforward dog poop and sewage signs. There was no feedback except that both looked fine. ACH will print signs as requested for participating facilities.
 - d. Infrastructure disposal. Rachel gave an overview of the float disposal situation that occurred in Kachemak Bay/Homer this summer, when old (derelict) floats were removed by contractors from the Homer Harbor during facility upgrades and given away to interested community members. A number of the floats ended up around the Bay after a heavy wind, with old, exposed Styrofoam floatation. ADF&G wasn't happy about it, and Rachel feels like responsible disposal of old infrastructure once it's passed its usable life is akin to stopping the ADV problem. Within the UAS course she added a section on infrastructure disposal for harbors, and will suggest a new BMP in the upcoming checklist update suggestions.

6. 2016 Update

- a. Great Alaska Sportsman Show, Anchorage. This will be held March 31-April 3 and we'll have another clean boating/clean harbors table. It's a very successful event.
 - b. Clean Boating Workshops. Rachel reviewed the workshop outline that Heather has started putting together. The idea is to bring the material to groups already meeting (i.e. the Whittier Boat Owners Association, others?) and hold at least three workshops in the early-spring in Anchorage, Seward and Homer. Joe asked for more information and was interested in possibly including some material in the Safe Boating courses.
 - c. CVA in the fall? Rachel gave the Committee an update on the stalled ADEC funding for Clean Vessel Act/Sewage Management activities due to a legislative hold-up in releasing funds to ADF&G.
 - d. Misc. Items. Rachel reviewed a number of miscellaneous items on the agenda, including: Best Practice Goal Sheets (i.e. what would the 'ideal' used oil area look like?), Website upgrade, Paid media ads, pending budget revision, and the end of CIAP funding in August 2016. Rachel let the group know that she'll be transitioning away from Cook Inletkeeper come September 2016, and that the Alaska Clean Harbors program needs to find a new home that is more suitable (it's a statewide program currently being housed at a regional organization). AAHPA? Marine Exchange? These are conversations to be continued as we move into this next phase during 2016.
7. Meeting Schedule, 2016 teleconference Advisory Committee meetings with dates to be announced likely in February and again in June.
8. Final Comments. Chandra: DEC isn't going have a booth at the Sportsman Show this spring. They've had a booth the last few years and have given out the fuel vent collectors which have been really popular. Not enough funding/staffing to make it happen this year. Joe: Interested in knowing more about the clean boating workshops. Rachel will connect with Joe to figure out what would be the most useful. Terry: ACH is doing good work and should continue. SeaGrant Marine Advisory Program staff are shrinking, although there's a new position opening for a Coastal Community Adaptation and Resilience Specialist (it's a 2-year grant funding position).

Meeting adjourned at 5PM.

Great Alaska Sportsman Show

Please let me know which 2-hour block you could help out!

Thursday, March 27th (4PM – 9PM)

7-9PM _____

Friday, March 28th (Noon – 8PM)

3-5PM _____

5-7PM _____

Saturday, March 29th (10AM – 8PM)

11AM – 1PM _____

1PM – 3PM _____

3PM – 5PM _____

5PM – 7PM _____

Sunday, March 30th (10AM – 5PM)

11AM – 1PM _____

1PM – 3PM _____