



## Cook Inlet Regional Citizens Advisory Council Board of Directors Annual and Regular Meeting Update from the Board of Directors

### Port William Shuyak Strait Fuel Spill

Weather, heavy seas and the remote location initially delayed the response to the Port William Shuyak Strait Bunker C fuel spill which happened in late February. *Captain Sean MacKenzie, Commander Sector Anchorage and Captain of the Port* and *Jade Gamble* with the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) provided a detailed report of the site's history, recent incident and clean-up efforts.

Port William is located at the Southern end of Shuyak Island, approximately 50 miles NNW of the city of Kodiak, which is within CIRCAC's area of concern. On February 28, high winds caused a dock and building on the dock containing a storage bladder to collapse into the water. The storage bladder contained 3,000 gallons of Bunker C, also known as No.6 fuel oil; a persistent, heavy, dark colored oil used as marine fuel and, in this case, to fire boilers at the now non-operational cannery that once operated at this site. When the dock and structure collapsed, the entire contents of the oil spilled into the waters of Shuyak Strait.

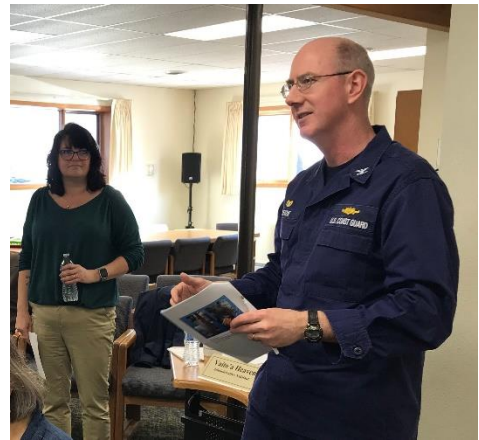
ADEC's involvement dates back to 2013, prior to the spill event. This site has deteriorated as time has passed and ownership has changed hands over the years.

Efforts have been separated into two phases; beach area cleanup and structure removal. The heavy oil impacted two main sections of beach—a sand and gravel beach on one side of the dock with a high concentration of oiled debris, and a rocky beach on the other side of the dock. Responders have successfully removed the oiled debris and remediated the sand and gravel beach area and are evaluating response options to identify the best tactic to address the impacts to the rocky beach. Wildlife responders are using hazing tactics to scare wildlife from the affected areas. To date, almost 1,300 bags of oily waste have been collected along with hundreds of cubic feet of oiled debris.

The presentation is available on CIRCAC's [website](#).

### Harvest Alaska Cross Inlet Pipeline Update

Steady progress is being made on Cross Inlet pipeline construction. Harvest/Hilcorp estimates an August 1<sup>st</sup> completion, and for oil to start moving by late September of this year after all sections of the pipelines are hydro-tested. Harvest/Hilcorp will begin decommissioning the Drift River Oil Terminal in summer 2019. CIRCAC will continue monitoring the project to ensure the lines being put in are structurally sound and will be operationally safe.



*Jade Gamble and Captain Sean MacKenzie brief the Council on the Shuyak spill.*

### **Pipeline Infrastructure Risk Assessment update**

CIRCAC has completed **Phase 1** of the Cook Inlet Pipeline Infrastructure Risk Assessment, which has identified 83 pipelines that are within the project's scope. The in-scope pipelines total 316 miles in length and include:

- Flow lines - pipelines that move a mixture of oil, natural gas, and produced water from the well to a processing facility
- Oil transmission pipelines - pipelines that move clean crude oil from a processing facility to another facility (dock or terminal)
- Wet gas lines - pipelines that move natural gas from a well to a processing facility
- Fuel gas lines - pipelines that move clean natural gas to a production facility to burn as fuel
- Cargo loading lines - pipelines that move crude oil to the loading arms at KPL and Drift River docks.

Under Phase 1, we gathered all publicly available geospatial and physical data on every pipeline built in Cook Inlet, including Federal and State contingency plans, and previously published reports. We have created a pipeline database which combined the data from multiple sources while retaining the primary data sources. Finally, we summarized State and Federal regulatory requirements applicable to these pipelines.

**Phase 2** is now under way and we are engaging operators for their input and to validate the information that we've gathered so far. We have met with Hilcorp Alaska LLC and provided our inventory of pipelines for their confirmation. Hilcorp has agreed to review our data and to hopefully provide additional information. We are arranging meetings with other operators. Phase 2 is scheduled to be complete by the end of May, dependent on how soon we hear back from the operators with our requests.

**Phase 3** will begin once additional funding is secured. In this final phase, an expert panel will review the data collected, interview the operators, hold public meetings, and develop recommendations for sustaining the life of Cook Inlet's pipeline infrastructure.

Mr. Munger has been working on funding options from the Federal Government, the state, and industry and is confident that funding will be forthcoming to complete the project. To date, he is pleased with the cooperative effort of industry and State and Federal agencies during the project.

## **Honoring our Volunteers**

At each Annual Meeting, CIRCAC honors its volunteers for their years of service and votes for the



"Captain Glen Glenzer" Volunteer of the Year in honor of one of its most outstanding volunteers. This year, that honor goes to CIRCAC Vice President of the Board, Robert Peterkin, II, (pictured with Board President John Williams, left) for his consistently dedicated service and outstanding contributions representing the Tourism Interest Group. CIRCAC also honored Grace Merkes, representing the Kenai Peninsula Borough, for 20 years of service on the Board of Directors and

Robert Reges, Public Member of the PROPS (Prevention, Response, Operations and Safety) Committee, for 5 years of service.

CIRCAC's next meeting will be September 7, in Kodiak.