

# ARCTIC AND WESTERN ALASKA AREA COMMITTEE MEETING

0900-1100, December 7, 2021

**Location:**  
VIRTUAL

**Web Conference:**  
<https://www.zoomgov.com/>  
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## ***What is an Area Committee?***

The Clean Water Act, as amended by the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, and the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP) mandate that an Area Committee exist within each inland and Coast Guard Captain of the Port Zone. The Area Committee must: (1) Prepare for its area the Area

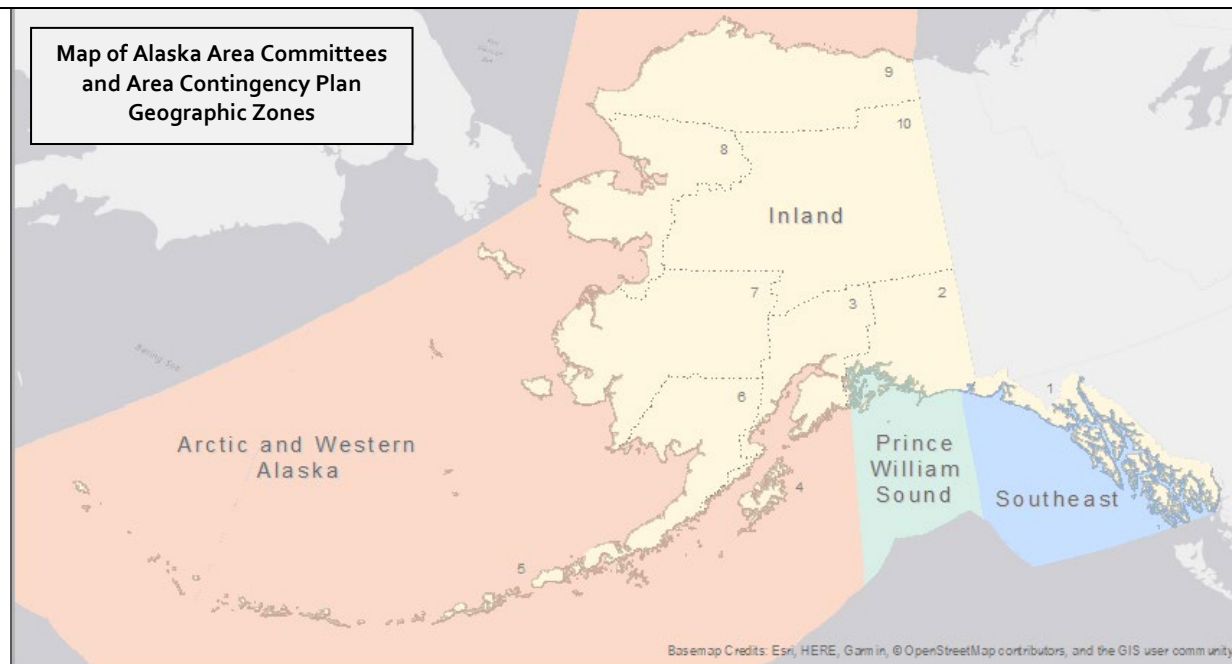
Contingency Plan; (2) Work with federal, tribal, state and local officials to enhance the contingency planning for those officials and to assure preplanning of joint response efforts, including appropriate procedures for mechanical recovery, dispersal, shoreline cleanup, protection of sensitive environmental areas, and protection, rescue and rehabilitation of fisheries and wildlife; and

(3) Work with federal, tribal, state, and local officials to expedite decisions for the use of dispersants and other mitigating substances and devices.

***Where can you obtain more information about Area Committees and Area Contingency Plans?***

<http://alaska.gov/go/7EKN>

Meeting presentations available for download at <https://dec.alaska.gov/spar/ppr/contingency-plans/response-plans/arctic-western-area/>



## **Area Committee Boundaries:**

**Three Coastal:** The Arctic and Western Alaska Area, Prince William Sound Area, and the Southeast Area mimic the Captain of the Port Zones and extend seaward 200 nautical miles to the Economic Exclusion Zone. These Areas also extend inland 1,000 yards.

**One Inland:** The Inland Area extends from the coastal areas; beginning 1,000 yards inland

## **Geographic Zones:**

Zones mimic the boundaries of the superseded 10 subareas: 1) Southeast Alaska, 2) Prince William Sound, 3) Cook Inlet, 4) Kodiak Island, 5) Aleutians, 6) Bristol Bay, 7) Western Alaska, 8) Northwest Arctic, 9) North Slope, and 10) Interior Alaska

## **Agenda**

0900-0910: Introductions  
                    Business Meeting  
0910-0915: Subcommittee Status Reports  
0915-0920: Steering Committee Report  
  
                    Pollution Response Topics  
0920-0950: Wildlife Guidelines  
0950-1000: Response Trends & Enforcement/  
                    Case Study  
1000-1010: Break  
1010-1020: Geographic Response Strategy GIS  
                    Transition Update

Pollution Response Topics (continued)  
1020-1040: Geographic Response Strategy Validation  
                    Exercise  
1040-1045: Marine Safety Task Force 2021  
1045-1050: Area Contingency Plan Updates  
1050-1100: Public Comment, Closing Remarks &  
                    Discussion of Next Meeting  
1100: Adjourn