Potential Community Concerns

RSC members will bring their own knowledge of their communities or areas of concern to the process. The next pages give some *potential* examples based on PWSRCAC's experience in the region and past exercise play.

These pages may be of interest to people planning for RSC participation to help them identify information they may want to bring to an RSC, or helpful to those preparing for the Liaison Officer role in Prince William Sound.

Issues of Local Interest and Concern RIGHT NOW and the IMMEDIATE FUTURE

While many impacts may be long-lasting and should be considered throughout the response and restoration process, the Unified Command will be most concerned with items of an immediate nature.

- What marine/coastal subsistence activities usually occur near your community this time of year, such as gathering, hunting, or fishing? What specific species are being harvested?

- What recreational or commercial activities are underway? Who will communicate with these local operators about the response?

- Will this event affect tourism or visitors coming into the area?

- What sensitive species are there regionally and where do they spend their time?

- Are there sensitive areas of land (beaches, salmon streams, fresh water intakes, local infrastructure, etc.) that need to be protected?

- Are there any local aquaculture operations (fish hatchery, oyster or other shellfish operations, kelp farming, etc.) that need to be considered?

- How might use of local infrastructure for the response affect activities or businesses?

- Will the response affect or disrupt transportation in and out of a community (e.g., waterway closures or restrictions due to safety or security zones, similar concerns with air traffic disruptions due to response operations, highway and road system impacts, etc.)?

Resources

Resources refer to both to what an RSC member or community may have to offer, as well as resource needs. Both will vary widely depending on who the RSC member is representing, but below are some possible examples.

A community may have:

- People familiar with the area, seasonal changes, and local flora/fauna
- Skilled workers that might be needed to help with the response or specialized services such as welders, hydraulic repair, divers, veterinarians, or bus drivers
- Communications equipment or systems (access to cell-on-wheels portable cellular sites, radio systems and radios, etc.)
- Use of city message boards, social media pages, email, etc. to broadcast messages or other incident announcements to local residents
- Heavy equipment and personnel to operate
- Machine shops and repair facilities (for equipment, vessels, etc.)
- Vessel mooring or berthing
- Food supplies (for responders or people whose access to food has been disrupted)
- Accommodations
- Vehicles/vessels and operators
- Local pilot and air taxi information
- Nonprofits or potential volunteer opportunities
- Large empty outside spaces or empty warehouse type space for staging areas
- Lighting for nighttime outdoor staging
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) supplies
- Empty office space or suitable inside space that would allow for a remote field office, an embedded community liaison, etc. to be set up
- Expertise, insight, or connections for identifying local vessels not already involved with the SERVS contracted vessel program that could be activated as part of Tier III response vessel
- Ability to help locate specialty fuels like aviation gas or jet fuel
- Locally licensed UAV pilots/operators

- Other resources such as traffic cones and barrels to help manage traffic or cordon off a staging area, etc.; lights; forklifts

(Resources or services will be procured through the response organization, not by the RSC.)

A community may wish to request:

- Boom or other response gear to protect locally sensitive areas and/or to work with the Unified Command to have operations address these needs

- Information on where to direct people who want to help with the response (volunteer opportunities, getting hired to respond)

- Air quality monitoring

- Specific transportation needs if normal services are disrupted or unavailable due to the response

Cleanup assistance a community may have to offer:

- Spill response personnel and equipment that is not already part of the response

- Waste management services for uncontaminated (non-oiled) trash

- Containers and staging for oily waste

- People with local knowledge of waterways, currents/tides, natural collection points

- Ability to alert and liaise with local resident(s) to allow access onto private property

- Ability to manage snow removal at a staging area or harbor area being used in the response

(Be sure any local residents providing services or equipment are instructed as to what they need to do to ensure compensation).

Cleanup assistance an RSC member may request:

- Protection of a specific beach, salmon stream, or local infrastructure

- Support with final demobilization/restoration of locally used staging area, wash down areas, etc.

- Help with routing specific types of waste to the appropriate end point