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FINAL Wednesday, March 1, 2023 Amaknak FUDS RAB Meeting Minutes

Subject: Amaknak Formerly Used Defense Site Restoration Advisory Board Meeting

Date: Wednesday, March 01, 2023

Time 6:00-8:00 PM

Location: Unalaska City Council Chambers

Attendees: **RAB Members Present:**

Denise Rankin, Community Co-Chair
James (Jim) Paulin
Elise Contreras (virtual)
Alyssa K. McDonald (virtual)
Kale Bruner (virtual)
Rena B Flint, USACE Co-Chair

RAB Members Not Present:

Okalena Patricia Lekanoff Gregory
David M Gregory

In person Attendees:

Thomas Rofus
Vince Tutiakoff (along with Dotty, and family)
Brian Rankin
Robert Melrose
Jarred King
Bil Homka
Ellis
Mike MacMillan
Michael Tutiakoff
Barry Malpass
Pete Jeppesen
Zac Schasteen
Chielito Sablas
Curren

Virtual Attendees:

Kendall Campbell
Ben Leon-Guerrero
Carrie Nelson
Caryn Orvis
Donna Van Flein
Forrest Kranda
Jeremy Craner
Theo Greenly
Melissa Scully
Michal Pelka
Mickey Hartnett
Natalie Cale
Tim Plucinski
Sofia Stuart-Rasi



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1. Welcome and Introductions

- a. Kendall Campbell began the meeting at 6:00 pm by welcoming everyone on the call and in Unalaska at the council chambers and reviewing meeting procedures.
- b. Rena Flint kicked off roll call, verified a quorum, introducing meeting goals and objectives, and the agenda.
- c. This was followed by community-introductions of the additional attendees online and in the room.
- d. Rena briefly added Tim with the Fish and Wildlife service was on the line and explained Jeff Williams, refuge manager, presented last time. Rena brought paper copies of the bird report card that Jeff spoke to and can also make the digital copy available to the group. Rena also added that Jathan Garrett's slides on the Dutch Harbor dredging project in the meeting packet right after the meeting minutes from November's meeting. The packet was also uploaded to the USACE public website under documents available and environmental cleanup.

2. Business Meeting

- a. Revise/Adopt November 9, 2022 Minutes
 - i. Rena asked for a motion to Revise/Adopt November 9, 2022 Minutes
 - ii. Denise moved to adopt minutes from November 9, 2022. Alyssa seconded motion.

Decision: Adopt the minutes as written.

- b. Induct New Members: Ben Leon-Guerrero and Michael Tutiakoff
 - i. Rena welcomed Ben Leon-Guerrero and Michael Tutiakoff, each shared an introduction of themselves, and the official induction of the new RAB members to the RAB board.
- c. Biennial RAB Assessment
 - i. Rena asked if the RAB wanted to disband or continue RAB.
 - ii. Denise moved to continue RAB. Elise seconded motion.

Decision: Continue the RAB.

- d. Expansion RAB Assessment
 - i. Rena explained that USACE has to assess every two years community interest for RAB at required phase and CERCLA FUDS properties and ask the community if they are interested in the RAB. Rena asked if there was interest in expanding the RAB to include some ideas of nearby FUDS (Fort Glenn, Chernofski Harbor Supply and Storage Site, Fort Learnard, Ugadaga Bay Station, etc.) or keep it as is.
 - ii. Denise moved to expand to all FUDS on Unalaska Island, Amaknak Island, and Sedanka island FUDS. She commented that she would be interested in Fort Glenn but would not want to step on toes of local community there, Nikolski. Denise asked Vince Tutiakoff if the Baby Islands are Qawalangin traditional lands.
 - iii. Rena asked for clarification if Denise means all FUDS on Unalaska Island? Denise confirmed.
 - iv. Denise moved to expand to all FUDS on Unalaska Island, Amaknak Island, and Sedanka islands FUDS. Jim seconded the motion.
 - v. Rena requested comments from the rest of the RAB. Elise supports expanding. Kale also supports the expansion of the RAB as well.
 - vi. Rena requested that Mel summarize the FUDS projects that are on those islands.

Decision: Expand the RAB to include the FUDS sites on Unalaska Island, Amaknak Island and Sedanka Island.



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Action Item: Mel will summarize the FUDS projects on Unalaska Island, Amaknak Island and Sedanka islands: Chernofski Harbor Supply and Storage Site, Cape Wislow AWS Station, Fort Learnard, Amaknak, and Ugadaga Bay Station

- vii. Ben asked if Fort Glenn FUDS (Nikolski) would have their own separate RAB. Rena confirmed that they be assessed separately or asked to join this RAB.
- viii. Denise again commented that Nikolski has their own tribal government and village corporation but she would continue to be interested in what is going on at the Fort Glenn FUDS.
- ix. Ben clarified that there are other surface estate owners and stakeholders in the Fort Glenn areas to be in looped in.
- e. Revise/ Adopt Mission
 - i. RAB Operating procedures, Item 1. Mission Statement of the Amaknak Formerly Used Defense Site (FUDS) Restoration Advisory Board (RAB). The Mission of the Amaknak FUDS RAB is to establish and maintain a forum with all Stakeholders for the exchange of information in an open and interactive dialogue concerning the environmental restoration activities at the Amaknak FUDS . The RAB will review technical documents and provide comments and advice to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Alaska District, on the proposed environmental restoration activities.
 - a) Rena states that with the expansion of the RAB the name of the RAB will need to be replaced and mission may need to be revised.
 - b) Denise commented that Qawalangin RAB or community of Unalaska RAB would be appropriate but she is open to other ideas.
 - c) Rena asked if that was a motion to revise to Qawalangin RAB.
 - d) Denise moved to revise to Qawalangin RAB. Michael seconded the motion.

Decision: Revise RAB Operating procedures, Item 1 from Amaknak RAB to Qawalangin RAB.

- f. Revise/ Adopt Operating Procedures/ Bylaws
 - i. This was a period of decision-making as it related to Revise/Adopt RAB Operating Procedures/Bylaws. The following decisions were reached during this portion of the meeting:
 - a) RAB Operating procedures, Item 2b. Hold informal monthly meetings, then transition to a less frequent/quarterly meetings that are open to the public and held at convenient times and locations, normally in the evening.
 - i) Rena request that the RAB review formalness and frequency of this section.
 - ii) Rena asked if there was a motion to keep as is, informal, and if there was a motion to revise the frequency to quarterly.
 - iii) Denise moved to keep formalness as is, informal and have them set for quarterly. Michael seconded the motion for both motions.

Decision: Revise RAB Operating procedures, Item 2b to hold informal and quarterly meetings.

- b) RAB Operating procedures, Item 4b. The Amaknak FUDS RAB is chaired by a USACE representative, typically the USACE Project Manager and one community member.
 - i) Rena stated that since Jay King resigned from RAB and as community Tri-chair, she and Denise are still chairs and currently co-chairs. She suggested to review number of community chairs -revise to Tri-chair or keep to as a co-chair.
 - ii) Denise moved to revise to Tri-chair if there is interest on the board (and revise to more than a



one-year term with informal assessment/ request to extend).

- iii) Rena summarized that was a motion to keep as a Tri-chair if there is interest from the RAB to step up to the vacant position.
- iv) Michael second the motion to revise to Tri-chair Michael also motions to have a jr./youth seat from the school.

Decision: Revise RAB Operating procedures, Item 4b to tri-chair.

- v) Rena asked for input from the RAB.
- vi) Ben is also in support of a Tri-chair local to the community. Elise supports a local community Tri-chair.
- vii) Rena summarized the decision to revise to Tri-chair and suggested waiting on the election of the vacant position until the next meeting. Ben agrees.
- viii) Rena reads RAB Operating procedures, Item 6 to the group.
- ix) Denise seconded adding a youth seat.
- x) Rena asked for clarification from Denise.
- xi) Denise clarified that she was in support of making a local RAB member a Tr-chair, hopefully Alyssa, and adding another youth seat.

Decision: Add a local youth seat.

- c) RAB Operating procedures, Item 4c. RAB members will serve a 2- to 3-year year term. RAB members may submit an application to serve another term when their first term has been completed. Total service will not exceed (a 6-year limit total (possibility no total length limit; as a board, they will take the decision offline to determine if an actual length is needed)).
 - i) Jim motioned to keep as is.
 - ii) Denise motioned to leave informal with no term limits.
 - iii) Rena summarized that the current term limit was 2–3-year term.
 - iv) Denise motioned to revise to 3 years. Jim seconded that motion.

Decision: Revise RAB Operating procedures, Item 4c to 3-year term.

- v) Rena summarized that the next vote would be the not exceed term length.
- vi) Alyssa moved to have no total length limit. Denise seconded that motion.

Decision: Revise RAB Operating procedures, Item 4c to no total length limit.

- d) RAB Operating procedures, Item 4d. A Community Co-Chair will be elected by the RAB community members. The procedures for conducting this election are specified in paragraph 6 below. The Community Co-Chair will serve a minimum of 1 year, with replacement by a simple majority of RAB community members at any regular RAB meeting. Re-election or replacement of the Community Co-Chair will be mandatory every 1 year .
 - i) Rena asked for a motion to revise Co-Chair minimum or keep as is.
 - ii) Michael motioned to keep as is at one year.
 - iii) Denise motioned to keep as is and informal.



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Decision: RAB Operating procedures, Item 4d to remain unchanged.

- iv) Rena summarized that the next vote would be to revise Co-Chair maximum or keep as is.
- v) Denise motions to revise to informally assess each year. Elise seconds.

Decision: Revise RAB Operating procedures, Item 4d to informally assess the re-election or replacement of the Community Co-Chair each year

- vi) Alyssa said she would be happy to serve as a Tri-chair.
- vii) Rena asked the RAB if they wanted to vote on that now. ii) Denise agrees.
- viii) The vote is as follows:
 - a. Michael – Yay
 - b. Denise – Yay
 - c. Ben – Yay
 - d. Jim – Yay
 - e. Elise – Yay

Decision: Alyssa has been inducted as the RAB [local] Community Tri-chair.

- e) RAB Operating procedures, Item 5i. A quorum of RAB members must be present in order to hold a RAB meeting. A quorum is defined as 4 community RAB members, including the Community Co-Chair, plus the USACE Co-Chair
- i) Rena confirmed 10 RAB members and asked what the RAB wanted a quorum to be to hold a meeting and vote.
- ii) Denise commented that the majority would be 6 people.
- iii) Rena summarized that would be six including the USACE co-chair and the community co-chair, so that would be the same as the current procedure item and clarified that the next vote would be to define a quorum.
- iv) Denise motioned to keep as is. Michael seconded.
- f) RAB Operating procedures, Item 7a3. Publicly announce RAB meetings at least 15 days prior to and will appear in the issue directly preceding the meeting dates.
 - i) Rena asked for a motion to clarify the sentence.
 - ii) Denise motioned to strike the second half of that sentence. Ben seconded.

Decision: Revise RAB Operating procedures, Item 7a3 to publicly announce RAB meetings at least 15 days prior.

Denise moved to have a 5-minute break at 1902.

The meeting resumed at 1909.

3. Local Updates/ Public Comment

- a. Rena requested that new attendees in the room to introduce themselves if willing to do so.
 - i. Zac Schasteen
 - ii. Barry Malpass
 - iii. Curren
- b. Thomas, the city was awarded a brownfields assessment grant, hired Stantec, primary focus areas are



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Pyramid Valley, Strawberry Hill, Unalaska Valley sites, cabanas, building materials in older housing.

- c. Rena mentioned that Brownfield assessment committee is looking for a community RAB member to join and this would be revisited at the end of the meeting in New Business.
 - d. Bil Homka, USACE Civil Works presented locally on the Dutch Harbor dredging plan last night.
4. Fort Glenn and Fort Learnard FUDS
- a. Fort Glenn FUDS
 - i. Jeremy Craner provided an overview of the Fort Glenn FUDS, discussed Land Use Controls and 5-year reviews, and a brief overview of MRSPP scores.
 - ii. Denise asked if the excavations would be backfilled with the same material.
 - iii. Jeremy said they would sift through after screening and it got backfilled, then got permission to use some other material to backfill.
 - iv. Denise also asked if the areas were reseeded and using noninvasive seeds.
 - v. Jeremy said they did not re seed this site.
 - vi. Ben asked if there was GIS data available for the stakeholders for this project.
 - vii. Jeremy said he could provide some GIS data to Ben and other interested parties.

Action Item: Jeremy said he could provide some GIS data to Ben and other interested parties.

- b. Fort Learnard FUDS
 - i. Carrie Nelson with the Range Support Center (Military Munitions Design Center) based out of the Sacramento district presented an overview of Fort Learnard MMRP, SPP planning, CERCLA cleanup process, and schedule of project.
 - ii. Contract for a RI was awarded August 2022.
 - iii. Denise mentioned that there were some native allotments in that area. She asked they would be informed when the work was being done. Denise also asked if there would be an evaluation of the water portion. Area is used for sea urchin harvesting- request coordinate summer work with subsistence users
 - iv. Carrie said that someone would be looking at the water portion and there would be coordination with land users. There are exclusion zones, cultural resources work plan, and a natural resource plan.
 - v. Jeremy also added that he was in contact with the native allotment holders and have rights of entry in place. They will get the chance to review and comment on planning documents.
 - vi. Denise also commented that there have been multiple plane crashes in the mountain and asked what the plan would be if human remains were found.
 - vii. Forrest said there are standardized plans for human remains including Archaeological physical interaction during monitoring for MMRP work, and he is interested and would follow up with Denise about recent plane crashes and potential remains.
 - viii. Brian Rankin commented that the most recent accident, the remains were removed.
 - ix. Jeremy commented that is something to keep an eye on and look into as work is done.
 - x. Forrest commented that in terms of how archeological monitors will be on site during the munition's operations, that will need to explore that a little more.

Action Item: Forrest will follow up with Denise about recent plane crashes in the area.

5. Amaknak FUDS



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a. Draft Work Plans

i. Pre-WWII Tank Farm LTM

- a) Rena commented that a Draft Workplan has been prepared and the comment period has closed, but if there were any questions or comments the period has been extended until Friday 3 March. A general scope of work is groundwater sampling of 11 existing wells and inspection of building 551 crawlspace covers. Field work anticipated for 15-20 May.

ii. Unalaska Valley

- a) Rena stated that OCE has prepared Draft WP and comments are Due by 24 March. A brief scope of work is two small removal actions, 4 sampling with soil borings completed to monitoring wells with groundwater sampling, and one desktop Environmental Covenant. Field work to kickoff approx. May 13.

b. Upcoming Contract Awards.

i. Rena stated that there will be three contracts awarded this year.

- a) RAB Community Relations/Support
- b) Summer Bay-Humpy Cove
- c) Little South America

c. Upcoming MMRP Amaknak FUDS

- i. Rena explained that USACE and Range Support Center (Military Munitions Design Center) based out of the Sacramento district (SPK MMRP) team will be in Unalaska for a Range Complex No. 1 MMRP RI/FS Sites Visit April 20-21 to look at site locations mostly on OC land, topography, vegetation, potential challenges, etc. After the site visit, SPK team will start drafting Remedial Investigation Scope of work. Looking to start the Systematic Planning Process this year and award to contractor in 2024.
- ii. Ben asked if these future contracts will be MATOC or sole source. How are the contracts being issued.
- iii. Carrie said the decision has not been made on which, but it will likely go out on MATOC. It will go to a firm that has experience in Alaska and remote sites.
- iv. Rena added that they can consult with stakeholders and landowners and won't make decision in a vacuum.

d. Future Work Planning: Environmental Assessment/Cultural Resources Coordination

- i. Rena stated that same as the Unalaska Valley project, Environmental Assessment and State Historic Preservation Office Coordination will be started this year on all of the projects that we look to award the next two years (Pyramid Valley- Port Levashef, Museum of the Aleutians, Margaret Bay-Airport, Mount Ballyhoo, Ballyhoo Spit
- ii. Rena also stated that there may be some overlap with the city's Brownfield Grant. The overlap will be resolved before the FUDS work starts.

6. Review Next Meeting Dates, Identify Next Steps

a. Next RAB Meeting: Hybrid (In-person and Virtual), May (Wednesday)

- i. Rena presented some potential dates, May 3, 10, 17, keeping in mind tentative May 13 Amaknak FUDS Unalaska Valley fieldwork kickoff; 4th week of every month City Council, OC Board, and Q Tribe Council meetings (May 23-25); May 29 Memorial Day
- ii. Michael motioned for May 17th. Denise seconded. Jim agrees.



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Decision: Next RAB Meeting will be Hybrid (In-person and Virtual), Wednesday, 17 May 2023

b. Next Steps/ Action Item Review

i. Mel reviewed outstanding action items.

- a) Jeremy said he could provide some GIS data to Ben and other interested parties.
- b) Forrest will follow up with Denise about recent plane crashes in the area.
- v) Brian sent an email to the stakeholder list with details of the last incident.

<https://aviation-safety.net/database/record.php?id=20010123-0>

7. Other Announcements/ Unplanned Items/ Open Discussion

a. Recap of Old Business/New Business

- i. Rena commented that there was discussion about the Quorum vote at the break and wanted to revisit that.
- ii. Operating Procedure Item 5i. A quorum of RAB members must be present in order to hold a RAB meeting. A quorum is defined as 4 community RAB members, including the Community Co-Chair, plus the USACE Co-Chair.
 - a) Rena suggested to strike the word Quorum and revise the number of members to something more achievable.
 - b) Denise motioned to revise Quorum to 4 members to vote. Elise seconds.

Decision: A quorum is defined as 4 community RAB members, including the Community Co-Chair, plus the USACE Co-Chair.

- iii. Operating Procedure Item 5c. Regular, on-time attendance is a requirement for continued RAB membership. The RAB will meet monthly, then transition to quarterly . Members are expected to attend every meeting. After a member has missed two meetings without appropriate explanation, the USACE and Community Co-Chairs will send a notice to the member requesting a written explanation of these absences within 14 days and will indicate that after three missed meetings, the RAB will assume that the member is no longer interested and will terminate his or her membership.
 - a) Rena requests to revise Operating Procedure Item 5c.
 - b) Denise requested advise of the RAB to revise. Motioned to revise if a member has missed three in a row unexcused then you are removed from the board.
 - c) **Michael motioned to revise to if you miss two and someone has expressed interest then you are replaced. Denise seconds.**
- iv. Rena again reiterated that the Brownfield assessment committee is looking for a RAB member to join, and requests that the RAB be thinking and ready to discuss next meeting.
- v. Denise motions to adjourn at 2005. Ben seconds.
- vi. **Denise asks if a NALEMP update can be added to next meeting.**



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Chat Record

from KUCB to everyone: 6:16 PM

Hey folks, this is Theo Greenly, reporter with KUCB is the local radio station for Unalaska. Sorry, no microphone on this computer. Ironical for a radio station, but in any case, Hello! Our newsroom has been covering the Amaknak FUDS cleanup.

from Alyssa McDonald to everyone: 6:49 PM

Yes! I am happy to serve as a tri chair member. Sorry all,, I am on a flight, listening, but not able to participate

from Alyssa McDonald to everyone: 6:49 PM

Love the idea of a youth co-chair!!

from Alyssa McDonald to everyone: 6:50 PM

Keep it as it, my vote

from Alyssa McDonald to everyone: 6:51 PM

I vote no limit

from Alyssa McDonald to everyone: 6:53 PM

No minimum

from Alyssa McDonald to everyone: 6:53 PM

No minimum

from Kendall Campbell to everyone: 7:02 PM

Back in 7:07

from Kendall Campbell to everyone: 7:02 PM

Or at 7:07

from Unalaska Council Chambers to everyone: 7:09 PM

Just a reminder to all participants, due to limited internet in Unalaska, we are asking everyone to turn off webcams. Thank you.

from Kendall Campbell to everyone: 8:05 PM

Great Meeting

from Kendall Campbell to everyone: 8:05 PM

Thank you everyone for joining!

from Jeremy Craner to everyone: 8:05 PM

Nice job Rena and everyone else!

from Kendall Campbell to everyone: 8:06 PM

Have a wonderful evening.

from Michal Pelka to everyone: 8:06 PM

Thank You Rena

from Unalaska Council Chambers to everyone: 8:06 PM

Thank You have a good night everyone