

Qawalangin (regional) Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS) Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) Meeting

Amaknak, Chernofski, Cape Wislow, Fort Learnard, and Ugadaga Bay FUDS
6:00-8:00 PM
Wednesday, November 06, 2024

IN PERSON

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AGENDA

5:50-6:00 PM Pre-meet and greet, and technology check/troubleshoot

1. 6:00 – 6:15 Welcome and Introductions

- Opening Remarks
- Roll Call/Quorum

<input type="checkbox"/>	James (Jim) T Paulin
<input type="checkbox"/>	Okalena Patricia Lekanoff Gregory
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Taylor Borgfeldt, USACE Co-Chair

2. 6:15 – 6:35 RAB Board Business

- Mission Statement and RAB Operating Procedures – Revised May 13, 2024
- Responsibilities of the RAB
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- 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 Chairs, plus the USACE Chair (5.i)
- Amendments of RAB Operating Procedures. Amendments to RAB operating procedures may be made with a 51% vote of a quorum of all RAB members. Proposed amendments will be voted on by all RAB members (9)
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- g. Call for nominations for RAB Membership
- h. Call for nominations for youth seat on the RAB
- i. RAB vs Public Meetings

3. 6:35 – 6:40 Old Business

- a. Vote 1: Motion to revise or adopt May 13, 2024 Meeting Minutes
- b. Vote 2: Motion to revise or adopt August 27, 2024 Meeting Minutes
- c. Vote 3: Motion to revise Operating Procedures to clarify that the youth seat has a 1-year term limit?

4. 6:40 – 6:45 August RAB Meeting Action Item Review

5. 6:45 – 6:50 FUDS Fiscal Year Update

6. 6:50 – 6:55 Break

7. 6:55 – 7:00 Chernofski FUDS Updates

8. 7:00 – 7:05 Cape Wislow FUDS Updates

9. 7:05 – 7:10 Ft Learnard FUDS and Ugadaga Bay FUDS Updates

10. 7:10 – 7:20 Amaknak FUDS

11. 7:20 – 7:30 Next Meeting Date and Topics

- a. Next RAB Meeting: Hybrid (In-person and Virtual), February or March (Tuesday or Wednesday)
 - i. Vote 4: Motion to set next meeting date
- b. Next Meeting Topics
 - i. Vote 5: Motion to select next meeting topics

12. 7:30 – 7:35 Action Item Review

13. 7:35 – 7:55 Open Discussion

- a. Brownfields assessment grant

14. 7:55 – 8:00 Closing Remarks, Adjourn



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QAWALANGIN (REGIONAL) FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITES (FUDS) RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD (RAB) MEETING

Amaknak, Chernofski, Cape Wislow, Fort
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AGENDA



Opening Remarks

Board Administration

- Roll call
- RAB Procedures
- RAB Members: resignation, terms, responsibilities, recruitment
- Regional RAB responsibilities, discussion of Public Meetings

Old Business

- Adopt or Revise May and August 2024 Minutes
- Revise Procedures
- Action Items from Aug 2024 RAB

Work Status Update

- Various Property and Project updates
- Fiscal Year and funding

New Business

Open Discussion

Closing Remarks



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WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS



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RAB Roll Call

- ☐ James T Paulin
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- ☐ David M Gregory
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- ☐ Ben Leon-Guerrero
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RAB PROCEDURES AND PURPOSE

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RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE RAB

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- a. **Provide advice** on environmental restoration issues to USACE and regulatory agencies.
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- d. **Review, evaluate, and provide comments** to the Alaska District, USACE, **on documents** related to environmental restoration activities.
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- f. **Recommend priorities** among Qawalangin (regional) FUDS projects.
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RAB MEMBER DISCUSSION

- **Operating Procedures – Members and Quorum**

- RAB will contain 5-10 Members
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- “Regular, on-time attendance is a requirement for continued RAB membership. The RAB will meet quarterly. **Members are expected to attend every meeting**. After a member has missed two meetings without appropriate explanation, and if someone else has expressed interest in serving on the RAB, the USACE and Community Tri-Chairs may terminate his or her membership, replacing member with a new member.”

- **Operating Procedures – Amendments**

- “Amendments to RAB operating procedures may be made with a **51% vote of a quorum of all RAB members**. Proposed amendments will be voted on by all RAB members.”



RAB MEMBER DISCUSSION



- **RAB Member Terms**

- “RAB members will serve a **3-year year term**. RAB members may submit an application to serve another term when their first term has been completed. Total service will have no total length limit.”

- **RAB Member Vacancies**

- Michael Tutiakoff stepped down from his RAB Member position
- Current number of members
- More RAB Members → better chance to meet quorum

- **Member Nominations**

- Self-nominations and community nominations welcome

- **Youth Seat**

- Flyer
- Engagement



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RAB MEETING

- Needs consistent RAB membership and participation
- Meetings require quorum (4 members, plus USACE co-chair)
- RAB members are expected to respond to emails, help coordinate meeting agendas
- Must have Community Co-Chair(s)
- Encourage community involvement, represent diverse local views

PUBLIC MEETING

- Frequency = Meetings held when updates are available
- Property / project specific
- Can include
 - Newsletters, emails, periodic news releases
- No requirement for membership / quorum
- Still allows time for discussion and questions from community
- Still allows input on proposed activities



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REVISE AND ADOPT MINUTES

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- Vote 1: Motion to revise or adopt May 13, 2024 Meeting Minutes
- Vote 2: Motion to revise or adopt August 27, 2024 Meeting Minutes





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RAB OPERATING PROCEDURES – REVISED MAY 13, 2024

4. → **RAB-Formation.** General Guidelines applicable to the formation of a RAB are as follows: ¶

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 - b. → The Qawalangin (regional) FUDS RAB is **tri-chaired** by a USACE representative, typically the USACE Project Manager and two community members. ¶
 - c. → The Qawalangin (regional) FUDS RAB may include a **local youth seat**. ¶
 - d. → RAB members will serve a **3-year** term. RAB members may submit an application to serve another term when their first term has been completed. Total service will have **no total length limit**. ¶
 - e. → RAB youth seat will serve a 1-year year term. The youth seat may apply to serve another term when their first term has been completed. Total service will have no total length limit. ¶

Vote 3: Motion to revise Operating Procedures to clarify that the youth seat has a 1-year term limit?



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AUGUST ACTION ITEM REVIEW PG. 1

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Action	Owner	Status
X-Docs access	USACE	In Progress. Donna VanFlein is testing the process. Taylor will update stakeholders.
Creosote poles	USACE	Closed. Discussed with HQ. Creosote poles piled up from WWII activities are eligible. Creosote poles used for building foundations are not eligible.
Invite SHPO to RABs	USACE	Closed. SHPO invited and will attend at their discretion.
Re-send May RAB slides to stakeholders	USACE	Closed. Included link to RAB Materials in October email.
Denise recommended looking into 'cleaning dirt and putting back after' confirmed clean	USACE	Closed. Noted as recommendation for review.
Jim Paulin requested for history of PCBs at Building 551	USACE	Open – Reviewing history.
Rufina requested Captain's Bay monitoring well info	USACE	Closed. Sending report to interested stakeholder.
Revise Operating Procedures to specify 1-year term, rather than 3 – year, for youth seat	USACE, RAB Members	In Progress. Scheduled for this meeting.



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AUGUST ACTION ITEM REVIEW PG. 2

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Action	Owner	Status
Prepare flyer to advertise RAB Youth Seat and distribute.	USACE	Closed. Taylor produced flyer, shared with Co-Chairs, City 'Blast Fax'
Address FUDS achievements and progress made to date in the community.	RAB Chairs	In progress. Sharing progress of Amaknak closures in today's meeting.
USACE to meet with Ounalashka Corporation on 28 August.	OC, USACE	Closed.
Send May RAB slides.	USACE	Closed. Sent link to meeting materials.
Add risk discussion to future RAB agenda.	RAB Chairs	Closed.
Set the next meeting date for early November.	RAB Chairs	Closed.
Provide discussion on USACE 106 Process	USACE	In progress. Set as option for next meeting agenda.
Provide Navy underwater survey report to RAB.	USACE	Open.
Address lack of field screening technology for weathered fuels in tundra.	USACE	Closed. Contractor's methods.
Invite community health organizations to speak.	RAB Chairs	Open.



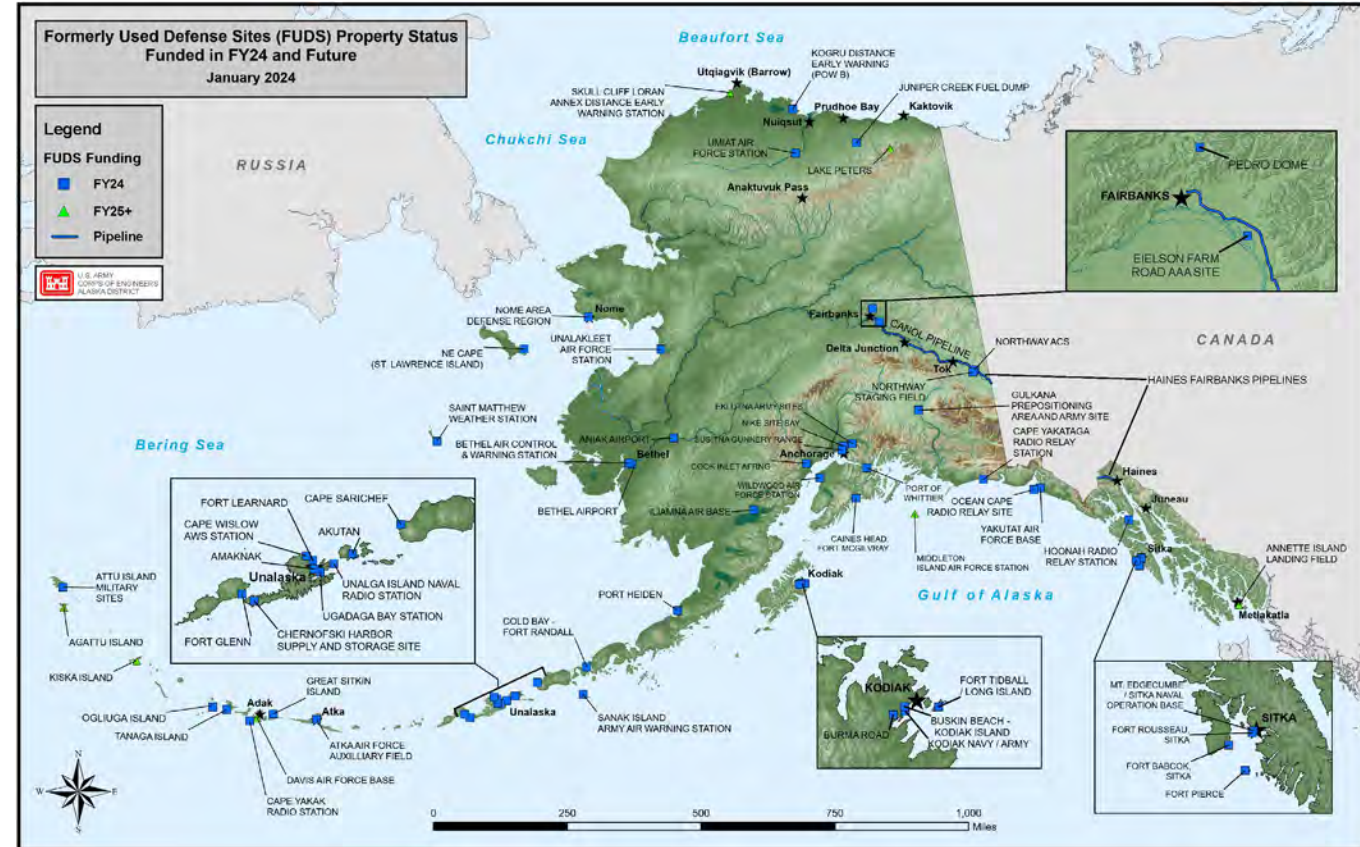
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FUDS FISCAL YEAR AND UPDATES

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- USACE FUDS operates on fiscal year calendar October 1 through September 30
- Alaska District received funds from Headquarters (HQ) in October for this fiscal year, FY25
- Funding
 - USACE Alaska District develops budgets > Dept of Army > Dept of Defense > Congress annual budget proposal
 - Appropriated funds funneled back to USACE Alaska District
- FY25 Alaska District Program
 - 644 FUDS properties statewide, fraction with contamination
 - 118 Phases (e.g. remedial design, removal action) funded at 55 unique properties
 - \$18.5 million approved for Alaska District's FUDS Program in FY25





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5-MINUTE BREAK





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CHERNOFSKI FUDS

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1. Field effort in 2022 to remove paint cans, batteries, and contaminated soil. Also assessed soil, groundwater and surface water. Final report to be distributed to **RAB members** by November 30, 2024.
2. In-house activities started for next removals and investigation at Projects 07 (Drums), 08 (East ASTs) and 09 (West ASTs)
 - NEPA environmental document reassessment
 - NHPA Section 106 reassessment, coordination with stakeholders for updated MOA
 - Petroleum decision documents describing soil removals at Projects 08 and 09
 - Contract documents
3. Anticipate contract award by December 2025, with field work starting in 2026.



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CAPE WISLOW FUDS



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- Started with FUDS in early October
- Background in NEPA and the Clean Water Act
- Have lived in Alaska since moving up to work with the Corps in 2017
- I live in the Anchorage area with my husband, daughter, and Alaskan Malamute but love exploring around Alaska!



Property Updates

- FDE is being routed for approval
- Site Visit completed June 2023
- Property Visit Report currently being worked on in-house
 - Anticipated for **RAB Member** review early to mid-2025
- Preliminary Assessment and Inventory Project Report will be generated in-house once Property Visit Report is completed





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FORT LEARNARD FUDS

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- Successfully completed three separate major field events this summer.
- Currently post-processing data and will be drafting an RI report for review.
- **Stay tuned:** Upcoming SPP and Public Meetings.

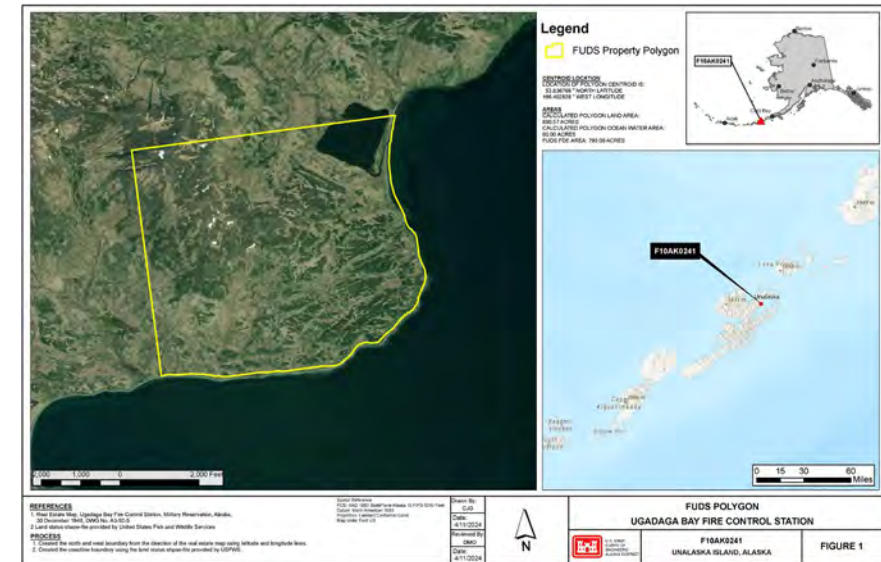


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UGADAGA BAY FUDS



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- HTRW Project is in RI / FS phase
- Currently developing scope for contract award anticipated inFY25
- Site visit slated for summer 2025, pending timing of contract award
 - Site Visit Work Plan
 - Site Visit Report
- Remedial investigation anticipated for summer 2026



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AMAKNAK FUDS



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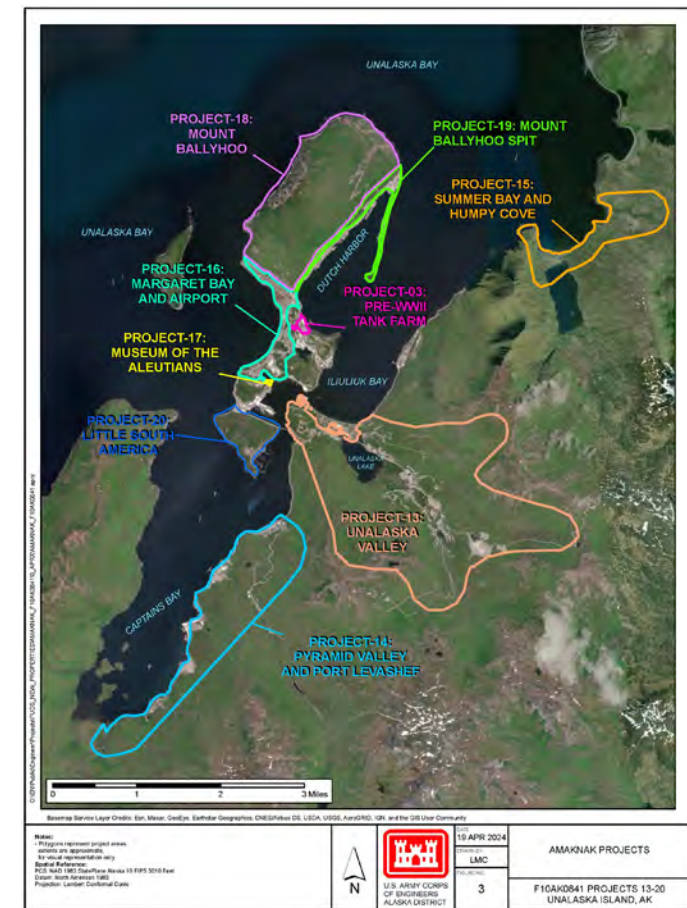
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- **Unalaska Valley**

- Removal action completed 2021. Report pending.
 - **RAB Review:** Draft Removal Action report winter FY25
- **Summer Bay-Humpy Cove / Little South America**
 - Contractor conducted site visit this week
 - **RAB Review:** Draft Work Plan in spring FY25

- In-house activities started for next removals and investigation at Projects 14 (Pyr Val-Pt Lev), 16 (Marg Bay), 17 (MOTA), 18 (Mt Ballyhoo), 19 (Ballyhoo Spit)
 - NEPA environmental document reassessment
 - NHPA Section 106 reassessment, coordination with stakeholders for updated MOA
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AMAKNAK FUDS – PROGRESS UPDATE

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Final Restoration Summary Report

- Finalized December 2023
- Affects Proj -13 Unalaska Valley, -14 Pyramid Valley-Port Levashef, -15 Summer Bay-Humpy Cove, -16 Margaret Bay-Airport, -18 Mount Ballyhoo, -20 Little South America
- USACE recommended 53 sites for closure
- Based on administrative record demonstrating that these 53 sites no longer contain contamination at levels posing an imminent and substantial endangerment to human health or the environment
- As of January 2024,
 - 39 of the 53 sites closed in ADEC Contaminated Sites database or are not eligible active sites
 - 14 of the 53 sites remain open, pending further coordination or awaiting ADEC closure decisions
 - Some of these 14 have closed since January



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NEXT MEETING DATE

Proposed Next Meeting Dates (Vote):

- Full list of options (T/W):
 - **Feb** 4th, 5th, 12th, **18th**, 19th
 - Mar 4th, 5th, 12th, 18th, 19th

Keep in mind:

- Feb 17 is President's Day holiday
- 2nd and 4th Tues City Council
- 4th Wed OC monthly meeting
- 4th Thurs Q Tribe monthly meeting

Next Meeting Topics (Vote):

1. Chernofski 2022 Field Work Summary
2. Unalaska Island FUDS archaeology update
3. Risk discussion / presentation
4. Other – please suggest for vote



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ACTION ITEM REVIEW

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OPEN DISCUSSION





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Find RAB Meeting Materials and Minutes here:

<http://www.poa.usace.army.mil/Library/Reports-and-Studies/>

- Find 'Documents Available for Public Review'
- Expand 'Environmental Cleanup'
- Find 'Amaknak/Qawalangin FUDS RAB' for **Agenda and Meeting Materials and Meeting Minutes**



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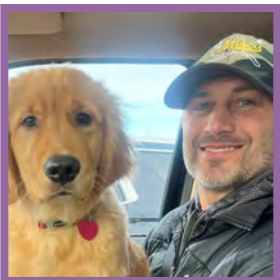


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SUPPLEMENTAL SLIDES



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Abbreviated overview of USACE efforts at FUDS Properties on Unalaska Island

FUDS Property	FUDS No.	Field Work (Probably Not Complete)
Amaknak	F10AK0841	1984, 1985, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1996, 1997, 1998, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2023
Cape Prominence	F10AK0806	1993, 2017, 2019, 2020
Cape Wislow	F10AK0019	1984, 1985, 1986, 2023
Chernofski Harbor	F10AK0013	1985, 1986, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022
Driftwood Bay	F10AK0016	1985, 1986, 1987, 1991, 1992, 1996
Fort Learnard	F10AK0017	1986, 1993, 1998, 2006, 2007, 2023, 2024
Ugadaga Bay	F10AK0241	1986, 1990, 1993



Abbreviated overview of USACE determinations of 'No Further Action' for FUDS Properties on Unalaska Island

FUDS Property	FUDS No.	No Further Action	Field Work
Captains Bay SS Northwestern	F10AK0397	1989	--
Cathedral Point	F10AK0339	1993	1993
Constantine Point	F10AK0295	1989	1986, 1987
Driftwood Bay	F10AK0016	1997	1985, 1986, 1987, 1991, 1992, 1996
Erskine Point	F10AK0296	1989	1986, 1990
Hog Island	F10AK0609	1990	1984
Unalaska ACS	F10AK0611/12	1993	--



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CHERNOFSKI PROJECT AREAS WITH 2022 ACTION

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REMOVAL ACTIONS AND INVESTIGATIONS REPORT CHERNOFSKI HARBOR SUPPLY AND STORAGE FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITE F10AK0013 CHERNOFSKI HARBOR, UNALASKA, ALASKA PROJECT LOCATIONS

Legend

- Project 03 - Investigation Sites - Soil Borings/UVOST
- Project 03 Investigation Sites - ISM
- Project 05 - Removal Action/Investigation Location
- Project 05 - Removal Action/Investigation Sites (Battery or Former Battery)
- Project 06 - Landfill Investigation
- Project 07 - Drum Investigation Sites
- Project 08 - ASTs-East
- Project 09 - ASTs-West
- Project 09 - USTs-West
- Access Road
- United States Survey 807

Abbreviations

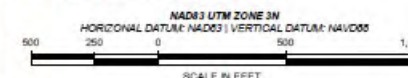
- AST aboveground storage tank
- ISM incremental sampling method
- UST underground storage tank
- UVOST Ultra-Violet Optical Screening Tool

Notes

1. Depicted locations of U.S. Survey number 807 tracts are approximate and do not constitute any official property boundary location.

References

1. Imagery and data source: USACE, 2020. *Final Removal Action Report, Site Investigation and Limited Containerized Hazardous Toxic and Radioactive Waste (CON/HTRW) Removal Action Chernofski Harbor Supply and Storage Formerly Used Defense Site (FUDS) F10AK0013, Projects 02, 05, 07, 08, and 09* Unalaska Island, Alaska.
2. Map produced using ESRI ArcMap v.10.7.



PROJECT NO.: F10AK0013	DATE: 27/2024	FIGURE: 2.0-1
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Revised May 13, 2024
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Restoration Advisory Board

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- 3. RAB membership should consist of members from the USACE, other Federal, state, or local agencies and the local community. RAB membership should reflect the diversity of the community.**

Community members may be drawn from, but are not limited to, the local community (including residents; various local government agencies; businesses; school districts; local environmental groups (including activist groups); civic/public interest organizations; religious groups; local regulatory agencies; Homeowners Associations; the medical community; the economically disadvantaged; African-American, Native American, Hispanic, and other minority groups; other state and Federal agencies; trustees; and local and tribal governments). Community members will provide information, seek independent technical advice when appropriate and feasible, communicate public concerns to the RAB, and provide information and reports to the public.

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- e. Community Chairs will be elected by the RAB community members. The procedures for conducting this election are specified in paragraph 6 below. The Community Chairs 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 Chairs will be mandatory every **1 year**. **The Qawalangin (regional) RAB will informally assess the re-election or replacement of the Community Chairs each year.**

Community Chairs: **Elise Contreras and Ellis Berry**

- f. Neither the USACE Chair nor other government or regulatory representatives shall participate in the nomination or election of the Community Chairs.

5. RAB Meetings. RAB members will comply with the following meetings procedures:

- a. Each community member will have one vote on the RAB's operating procedures during RAB meetings. Minutes of each RAB meeting will be recorded for inclusion in the Administrative Record.
- b. Each RAB member will act individually in discussions, in providing comments on documents, and in providing advice to USACE. The RAB is not an advisory committee, as that term is used in the Federal Advisory Committee Act. All advice will be offered by RAB members as individuals and is not to be construed as "consensus" advice.
- c. Regular, on-time attendance is a requirement for continued RAB membership. The RAB will meet quarterly. Members are expected to attend every meeting. **After a member has missed two meetings without appropriate explanation, and if someone else has expressed interest in serving on the RAB, the USACE and Community Tri-Chairs may terminate his or her membership, replacing member with a new member.**
- d. Member participation will follow a process similar to that presented in Robert's Rule of Order. An agenda will be followed at RAB meetings, with full and open discussions encouraged. A time for public comments or questions from the public on matters not included in the agenda will be held either at the beginning or near the end of the meeting. An effort should be made to complete the agenda, including public comments and questions, between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. A Tri-Chair will ask the members for a motion to adjourn and approval of such motion in order to end each meeting.
- e. The RAB will encourage public participation. Tri-Chairs, or other designated representatives, will respond to questions raised by the public. If sufficient information is not available to provide an accurate response at the meeting, the issue will be recorded in the meeting transcript. A written response to all issues raised will be provided. The response provided will be an agenda item for

discussion at the next regularly scheduled meeting. All public comments will be considered by the RAB and recorded in the meeting transcript.

- f. RAB community members must have prior approval of the RAB before speaking for the RAB during press interviews or other public relations activities.
 - g. When a RAB member is unable to participate in RAB meetings, the member should submit a written resignation to a RAB tri-chairperson. Resigning members may nominate new members to replace themselves. New members should continue to reflect the diversity of the community.
 - h. Disputes within the RAB will be resolved by means of a three-step process. First, the RAB Tri-Chairs will attempt to resolve the issue. When these efforts are not successful, an independent facilitator may be brought in to resolve the issue. Disputes which cannot be resolved by the Tri-Chairs or a facilitator may be formally presented to the USACE Alaska District Commander for resolution.
 - i. 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 Chairs, plus the USACE Chair.**
- 6. Election of Community Chairs.** The Community Chairs will be elected by a majority vote of the community RAB members by a show of hands, or written ballot. Nominations by member or self-nomination are avenues for election to the Community Chair positions. The USACE Chair will count the hands or written ballots and announce the results of the nomination and election at the RAB meeting. The Chair elect will assume the position at the next scheduled RAB meeting.

7. RAB Member Responsibilities.

- a. Responsibilities of the USACE Chair are as follows:
 - (1) Coordinate with the Community Chairs to prepare and distribute an agenda prior to each RAB meeting.
 - (2) Communicate with all RAB members regarding environmental restoration activities at the Qawalangin (regional) FUDS Projects.
 - (3) Publicly announce RAB meetings at least 15 days prior.
 - (4) Ensure that USACE participates in an open and constructive manner.
 - (5) Ensure that RAB members are educated and trained regarding their responsibilities as a member of the RAB.
 - (6) Ensure that the RAB is provided access to documents for its review and comment. Ensure that an adequate review period is allowed for the RAB members. Ensure that documents distributed to the RAB are also made available to the public.
 - (7) Maintain a mailing list of interested and affected parties in the environmental restoration activities at the Qawalangin (regional) FUDS projects.
 - (8) Ensure that adequate administrative and technical support is provided to the RAB.
 - (9) Ensure that community issues and concerns related to environmental restoration activities are addressed when raised.

- (10) Ensure that the RAB is fully informed during all phases of the environmental restoration process and that it has opportunities to participate in advising decision makers before final decisions are made.
- (11) Provide all relevant guidance documents to the RAB to enhance the operation of the RAB.
- (12) Report back to the USACE district and refer issues not related to environmental restoration to appropriate officials for action.

b. Responsibilities of the Community Chairs are as follows:

- (1) Coordinate with the USACE Chair and RAB members to prepare an agenda prior to each meeting.
- (2) Coordinate, as required, with the USACE Chair to ensure that RAB questions and concerns are answered in an appropriate and timely manner.
- (3) Encourage open and constructive community participation at RAB meetings.
- (4) Ensure that RAB members are trained regarding their responsibilities as RAB members.
- (5) Communicate with RAB members regarding environmental restoration activities.
- (6) Ensure that community issues and concerns related to environmental restoration are adequately addressed and that relevant information is communicated back to the community.
- (7) Assist in the dissemination of information to the general public.
- (8) Serve without compensation.

c. Responsibilities of RAB community members are as follows:

- (1) Attend RAB meetings as required by the RAB operating procedures.
- (2) Provide advice on environmental restoration activities to decision makers.
- (3) Communicate community interests and concerns to the RAB.
- (4) Serve as a conduit for the flow of information among the community, the USACE district, and other involved Federal, state, and local agencies regarding the environmental restoration issues at the Qawalangin (regional) FUDS projects.
- (5) Review, evaluate, and provide comments on documents related to environmental restoration activities.
- (6) Serve without compensation.

d. Responsibilities of state regulatory agency member(s) are as follows:

- (1) Attend RAB meetings as required by RAB operating procedures.
- (2) Serve as an information, referral, and resource bank for the community, the USACE district, and other involved Federal, state, and local agencies regarding environmental restoration activities at the Qawalangin (regional) FUDS projects.

- (3) Review and provide comments on documents and other materials related to environmental restoration activities.
- (4) Ensure that state environmental standards and regulations are identified and addressed by USACE.
- (5) Facilitate flexible and innovative resolutions of environmental issues and concerns.
- (6) Assist in the training of RAB members.

8. Participation.

- a. The public, including friends, significant others, and associates of the RAB Community members are encouraged to attend meetings as members of the general audience and are encouraged to participate in that capacity.
- b. Meeting agendas will include an opportunity for public comment from the audience subject to reasonable limitation determined by the Tri-Chairs. Additional written public comment is strongly encouraged.
- c. General comments, or comments unrelated to the discussion at hand will be withheld until an appropriate time. Meeting agenda will include a specific opportunity to hear potentially wide-ranging general comments.

9. Amendments of RAB Operating Procedures. Amendments to RAB operating procedures may be made with a 51% vote of a quorum of all RAB members. Proposed amendments will be voted on by all RAB members.



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Subject: Qawalangin (regional) Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS) Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) Meeting

Amaknak, Chernofski Harbor Supply and Storage Site, Cape Wislow AWS Station, Fort Learnard, and Ugadaga Bay Station

Date: Monday, May 13, 2024

Time 6:00-8:00 PM

Location: Unalaska Public Library
64 Eleanor St, Unalaska, AK

Attendees: **RAB Members Present:**

James (Jim) T Paulin
Elise Contreras (virtual)
Kale Bruner (by phone)
David Gregory
Okalena Patricia Lekanoff Gregory
Ellis Berry
Taylor Borgfeldt, USACE Co-Chair

RAB Members Not Present:

Michael Tutiakoff
Ben Leon-Guerrero

In person Attendees:

Donna Van Flein (OCE)
Natalie Cale (OC/OCE)
Thomas Rufous (City)
Bil Homka (City)
Andy Lusk (KUCB)
Sofia Stuart-Rasi (KUCB)
Summer Smith (OC)
Jason Westenskow (OCE)
Sasha Rankin (OC)
Laresa Syverson (OC)
Denise Rankin (OC)
Felipe Lekanoff (OCE)
Rena B Flint (USACE)
Jose (Poncho) Lopez (OCE)
Tiffany Angus (OCE)
Vincent Tutiakoff Sr. (OC/City/Tribe)
Brian Rankin Chris Price (Tribe)
Tanaya Horne (Tribe)

In person Attendees (continued):

Anna Robinson (APC)
Kimme Lloyd (APC)
Cameron Dean (City)
Lori Verbrugge (USACE)
Art Christianson
Chelsea Bramble (OC)
Virginia Hatfeld (MOTA)
Max Lightner
Ronni Wilcock (TBEC)
Jamilyn Sympowski (TBEC)
Sydney Johnson (TBEC)

Virtual Attendees:

Forrest Kranda (USACE)
Melissa Scully (USACE)
Jeremy Craner (USACE)
Melinda Brunner (USACE)
Sarah Bernhardt (ADEC)
Kathleen Iler-Galau (ADEC)
Marc Hansmeier (Ahtna)
Karen Pletnikoff (APIA)
Miriam McGilvray
Logan Simpson
Emily Gibson (UniSea)
David Holmes
Mike M
Natasha Albee



1. Welcome and Introductions
 - a. Denise Rankin kicked off the meeting with opening remarks and request for parties interested in serving on the board to reach out for an application.
 - i. Roll call was conducted. Present were Jim Paulin, Elise Contreras, Okalena Patricia Lekanoff Gregory, Kale Bruner, David Gregory, Ellis Berry, and Taylor Borgfeldt. There is quorum.
 - b. Meeting Goals and Objectives
 - i. Denise reviewed the agenda.
2. Local Updates/Community Introductions/Public Comment
 - a. Thomas Roufos (City of Unalaska) asked David Holmes (Santec) to give an update on Phase I for Strawberry Hill and Pyramid Valley Brownfields Projects. David explained what a Phase 1 entails for an environmental site assessment (ESA). Physical inspection of site, conduct interviews, review information that is available from previous investigation and look at any pictures that are available and historic documents. Primary goal to consolidate information from dozens of previous studies and reports completed over the last 40 years into a single document for future activities. Strawberry Hill Phase 1 ESA was completed in March on about a 95-acre area. 11 recognized environmental conditions (RECs) or evidence that there could be a concern associated with some future use. Primarily associated with historical World War II military activities and facilities and or fueling operations both on the site and the North adjoining site. Recommendation for Strawberry Hill was to conduct additional assessments, particularly where there is near term redevelopment potential. Western Pyramid Valley Phase 1 ESA was conducted on about a 90-acre area spanning all or portions of two parcels owned by Ounalashka Corporation near the west end of the valley which are considered the most prime for residential development. Three RECs were identified, two associated with former petroleum underground storage tanks associated with former World War II buildings 5264 and 5181 and a general one associated with the potential release of asbestos and lead based paint into the soil during the demolition of numerous other World War II buildings at the site. Recommendation for Pyramid Valley was to further assess these areas. They did not cover anything surprising or new. The goal was just to put all reports into a single document.
 - b. Art asked if the asbestos dump sites were included in Strawberry Hill. David answered, yes. The participant also asked if the debris along the river behind Crawley and Pyramid was looked at. Thomas answered that that area was not included and described the area that was included in the study.
3. Taylor Borgfeldt introduced herself and the next segment of the meeting. In an effort to bring everyone in and refresh memories we will be going an overview of all of the properties that are in the Qawalangin Region and to streamline this communication USACE is working on maps and ways to better engage the community. She explained that there were poster boards hanging up in the back of the room and in binders showing the color-coded properties. Taylor briefly introduced each property and the USACE project manager.
4. Chernofski FUDS Project Update
 - a. Melinda Brunner introduced herself to everyone as new FUDS Project Manager for Chernofski.
 - b. Melinda did a recap of what will be coming in the forthcoming two (2) years.
 - c. In the next year, Decision Documents for Petroleum Projects 7, 8 and 9 (tanks on the east and west side of Mutton Cove as well as former location of 55-gallon drums) will include remedies considered and decisions for addressing any contamination.
 - d. Field work including additional investigation is anticipated to begin in 2026.



- e. Art asked about additional investigations in 2026 and what they would determine. Melinda responds that additional investigation will be at Project 7 to get an idea of extent of contamination before removal or in situ remediation whatever is determined appropriate.
- f. Ellis Berry asked what the turnaround time would be if additional contamination was found, and how soon remedial activities could continue after the additional investigation. Melinda responded that it depends on nature of that contamination and what kind of contamination was found. It would take a while to making sure appropriate plans are in place. Melinda said that she could get back to Ellis with examples of what has happened at other similar sites on the Aleutians.

Action: Melinda will reach out to Ellis about turnaround time at other similar sites on the Aleutians if investigations find additional contamination.

- g. Denise asked Melinda to show us where the tanks and drums were on the map. Melinda identified the projects 7, 8, and 9 on the map.

5. Cape Wislow FUDS Project Update

- a. Forrest Kranda introduced himself as the USACE project manager for Cape Wislow FUDS.
- b. This project is at the beginning of the CERCLA (Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act) process. Site visit was done last year, and field sampling report is almost ready to submit to DEC. Landowners and stakeholders will receive it as well. Also working on an archaeological survey report to document the historic use of the site, what is left out there, and also evaluating it for the National Register of Historical Places. Began preliminary assessment this month.
- c. Sarah Bernhardt with DEC asked who the DEC project manager was of the site. Sarah let Forrest know that the project manager (DEC) was probably her.

Action: Forrest will reach out to Sarah Bernhardt to figure out who the DEC site manager is..

6. Fort Learnard FUDS Project Update

- a. Jeremy Craner introduced himself as the USACE Alaska District project manager for the Fort Learnard FUDS MMRP, a military munitions response project.
- b. Fort Learnard is a CERCLA project dealing with munitions magazines E2 and EJ. Jeremy said they are trying to figure out the nature and extent of the munitions that are out at Fort Learnard. Fieldwork started in May. The Remedial Investigation is planned for summer 2024. 176 acres total. Goal to characterize the nature and extent of munitions and explosives of concerns (MEC) and assess potential explosives and munitions constituents (MC). Jeremy said they just held a systematic project planning meeting number 4 on April 9, 2024, that was well attended. They are looking at doing a public meeting in later in June after the main work plan is finalized. Working on finalizing the main workplan, the UFP-QAPP. Almost final and has been approved by ADEC. May 1st-6th the roadway was improved to make getting back and forth from the beach to the site safely. EA Engineering, Science, and Technology, Inc. (EA), the prime contractor, is gearing up for foot transect surveys, for the 15th-20th of May. They will be back in July to use drone transect work with more geophysical equipment. Systematic project planning meeting number 5 will be planned for after that. There are a lot of moving pieces, and it is a big team effort.
- c. Jim asked if this is the first time they have used drones on this project. Jeremy said USACE uses drones all the time on their projects throughout the United States. It is fairly new technology that is constantly evolving. LiDAR will be used to supplement the foot transects.
- d. Dave Gregory asked if there were any plans to complete water surveys? Jeremy said it is not in the plans for this project. They have been directed by Headquarters to focus on the lands projects right



now. The Navy has already started some of the water work and we don't want to duplicate efforts. David worries about the waters with fishing and crabbing. Flounders have been caught with huge sores all over them. His concern is how things in the water in that spot may be impacting the water life. Jeremy said if anything (munitions) is ever found on the beach or in the water to please report it to the police.

- e. Denise would like to look at if water sampling can be done. Lori may be able to discuss impacts later. Dave said that they dumped a lot of stuff out there.

7. Amaknak FUDS and Ugadaga Bay FUDS Project Update

- a. Taylor Borgfeldt introduced herself as the USACE project manager for Ugadaga Bay and Amaknak FUDS.
- b. Brief update on Ugadaga Bay, early in the CERCLA process. Working on writing up a scope of work and pulling together all the data that already exists.
- c. Amaknak Project 3 Pre-WWII Tank Farm, the second periodic review has been finalized. The third periodic review is in the pre-draft phase right now. Hope to have the Draft to stakeholders at end of May, hoping for the 27th of May. Please reach out to Taylor if you would like to be a stakeholder on this project.
- d. Amaknak Project 9, historical analysis is in progress. Going through photos and looking at areas that have munition risk. Recently got a report from the Army Geospatial Center (AGC).
- e. Amaknak Project 13 Unalaska Valley, field work was completed last summer. The plan is to continue later this summer with removing and closing the groundwater sampling wells that were put in last summer. The Removal Report is in progress.
- f. Amaknak Project 15 and 20, Summer Bay/Humpy Cove and Little South America. Work Plan was finalized, and a site visit was completed in April. Field work is planned to be conducted June through October. It is a long field season which involves soil excavation, installing temporary monitoring wells, soil, and groundwater sampling, and monitoring well decommissioning.
- g. Taylor showed which Amaknak projects are currently being worked on through an active contract and the projects that still need to be addressed, although all these projects have had work done in the past. Taylor said they would like to see some input from the community on which project they feel should be a priority and asked that everyone take the survey that should pop up online. All the remaining projects for Amaknak are petroleum.
- h. Ellis was concerned that digging could disturb the contamination and release it into the ground water at the Humpy Cove cleanup. Taylor said that would be a perfect segway into the Risk Conversation. Taylor will take down Ellis' question and get back to him with a more thorough response.

Action: Taylor will reach out to Ellis about excavating soil and his concern about it interacting with groundwater at Humpy Cove.

- i. Karen asked if the Amaknak project survey would remain open until the end of the meeting. Donna said she would make sure to put it back up during the break.

8. Risk Conversation

- a. Lori introduced herself as Risk Assessor for USACE. She has always worked as a contaminants biologist, looking at chemicals in the environment, how they work in the environment, and if they get into people and animals.
- b. She is here because there were questions in the last meeting about contaminants affecting



subsistence and berries. Lori stated that each site is different, so risk has to be discussed with the specifics of that site. Rather than go site by site, she will discuss exposure pathways generally.

- c. Lori said anyone with questions or concerns could come talk to her more tomorrow at the Open House from 12-2pm.
- d. For chemicals to have any impact on us they have to get into our body. Four main ways for chemicals to get in your body. Two most common ways are you inhale it or ingest it by eating or drinking it. Some chemicals can soak into your skin and get into your blood, it's not very common that this happens. You can inject it as well, for example you could step on a nail, and it could be rusty so then that rust is now in your foot.
- e. Lori said that it matters how much get into you. The dose makes the poison. The bigger the dose the more effect you may see.
- f. Some chemicals, like PCBs, can come in the air from far away. As it gets colder, they come out in the rain, then get in the ocean, which then magnifies up the food chain. PCBs can reach high levels in the fat of top predators.
- g. Chemicals like to be with other chemicals like them. When you make water for your pasta and then you add oil to the water, the oil sets on top, the oil doesn't like to be in water. This is illustrative of chemical partitioning – different contaminants like to be in different mediums (or substances). If you add a fat-loving chemical like PCBs into the water, it will partition into the oil and avoid the water.
- h. A lot of chemicals are not taken up by plants. Some chemicals are water loving and may get taken up by roots. Some metals may also be taken up by roots. Fuel is not readily taken up by plants.
- i. If the surface soil is contaminated and it gets picks up in the wind, it could blow onto the berries, but if the chemical is deep down in the soil, it is not available for transport by the wind.
- j. Ask yourself, what chemical is there and where is it? If it is in soil, is it on surface soil, or is it down 8 feet deep? If it's ground water, where is that ground water? Is it deep ground water? Is there a well or is it just ground water that no one is using? Does the groundwater ever come to the surface for groundwater surface water interacting?
- k. Ellis asked if mushrooms uptake of DRO? Lori said if the contamination is right on the surface, it may get on the mushrooms surface. Some mushrooms may take up some metals. For organic chemicals, like petroleum, mushrooms are more likely to break those chemicals down than to uptake them into the mushroom.

Break from 19:05-19:19.

9. Revise/Adopt Minutes

- a. Denise asked for a motion to Revise/Adopt the minutes from November 8, 2023, and February 21, 2024.
- b. Ellis Berry motioned to adopt the November 8, 2023, and February 21, 2024, minutes. David Gregory seconded the motion. Motion passed by consensus.

Decision: Adopt November 8, 2023, and February 21, 2024, minutes as written.

10. Review of RAB Mar 1, 2023, Qawalangin (regional) FUDS RAB Operating Procedures and responsibilities.

- a. Taylor reviewed 2. Responsibilities of the RAB. Vote 1 was to keep 2.b in the Operating Procedures as *Quarterly* meetings or revise.
 - i. Taylor asked for a motion to vote to revise.



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- ii. David brought up that the procedures say “informal”. Rena clarified that the word informal was used because sometimes they did not have a quorum. Denise explained that the RAB originally worded it like that because sometimes they didn't have a quorum, so it was more of an informal meeting.
- iii. Taylor asked if the RAB members wanted to vote for quarterly meetings.
- iv. Ellis Berry voted for quarterly and suggested that maybe a public email could be sent out to let people know about the progress could replace increased meetings.
- v. Jim voted for quarterly as well.
- vi. Elise Contreras voted for quarterly meetings and liked the idea of having a monthly newsletter sent out via email to keep everyone updated.
- vii. Kale voted for quarterly meetings as well.
- viii. Dave Gregory voted for quarterly as well.

Decision: Keep RAB Meetings quarterly as specified in RAB Operating Procedures.

- b. Vote 2 was to revise 2.b in the Operating Procedures to specify the day of the week hold the meetings on.
 - i. Taylor proposed to keep it as open ended.
 - ii. Based on each meeting, the board can vote based on holidays and activities that are happening at the time.
 - iii. There was not a vote to revise 2.b to specify the day of the week hold the meetings on.

Decision: Do not specify the day of the week hold the meetings on in RAB Operating Procedures.

- c. Taylor reviewed 7.a responsibilities of the USACE Chair, 7.b responsibilities of the Community Chairs, and (4.b) responsibilities of the RAB tri-chair. Vote 3 was to revise number of community chairs.
 - i. Rena clarified that there were multiple people that wanted to be a chair so that is why they revised to tri-chair. Denise specified that it is nice for when people are out of town.
 - ii. There was not a vote to revise the number of community chairs.

Decision: Do not revise the number of community chairs in RAB Operating Procedures.

- d. Taylor called for nominations to fill the two open community chair positions.
 - i. Ellis Berry volunteered to fill one of the positions of community chair.
 - ii. Karen nominated Elise Contreras due to her expertise and focus on FUDS. Elise asked if the chair needs to live in Unalaska. Melissa specified that the Operating Procedures do not prohibit a remote chair.
 - iii. Denise Rankin asked for a motion to make Ellis Berry and Elise Contreras Tri-Chair members.
 - iv. David Gregory made a motion to welcome Ellis Berry and Elise Contreras to the Tri Chair. Jim seconded motion. Motion passed by consensus.

Decision: Ellis Berry and Elise Contreras are community RAB Chairs.

- e. Taylor reviewed 7.c of the Operating Procedures discussing Responsibilities of RAB community members.
- f. Taylor reviewed 5.c of the Operating Procedures discussing replacing absent members. Vote 4 was



to replace absent members.

- i. David Gregory mentioned that it's not like we have people knocking down the door to be a member. Taylor clarified that it may be an issue reaching quorum if RAB members are not showing up.
- ii. Denise asked if it said how many members we have on the RAB. Mel cited 4.a of the RAB Operating Procedures which stated, "A RAB will consist of 5-10 members." Currently there are 8 RAB members including the USACE Co-Chair.
- iii. A quorum is defined as 4 community members plus the USACE chair.
- iv. If there is not a quorum, informational meetings can still be held.
- v. David made a motion to change the wording from 'will terminate' to 'may terminate' in 5.c of the Operating Procedures. Jim seconded the motion. Motion passed by consensus.

Decision: Replace "will terminate" to "may terminate" in 5.c of the Operating Procedures. Absent members were not replaced.

- g. Taylor reviewed 4.c of the Operating Procedures discussing the local youth seat and Taylor asked for nominations.
 - i. David Gregory suggested advertisement to help find someone.
 - ii. Discussion on age range of youth seat for a high school.
 - iii. Rena suggested advertising for the seat.
 - iv. Denise said that the RAB might want to take into consideration that a youth might not want to be on the board for three (3) years, so they might want to revise that to one (1) year. Further discussion recommended the student government would be a good group to contact.
 - v. David suggested students needing to add to their resumes would be interested. Student government was a suggestion.

Action: Co-chairs to discuss advertisement of seat.

Action: Co-chairs to discuss revising the youth seat term from one (1) year instead of three (3) years.

11. Next RAB Meeting. Hybrid, August (Monday, Wednesday)
 - a. Next RAB Meeting. Hybrid, August on a Monday or Wednesday
 - b. Taylor spoke about wanting to coordinate with the Camp Q Dates, which is July 29-August 3, 2024.
 - c. Thomas recommended July 29th or July 31st.
 - d. Taylor decided that July 29th would be too busy with the Camp Q kickoff day. July 31st was also decided that would be too busy as well.
 - e. Mel suggested that the meeting previously was held the same day USACE did their presentation at the Camp
 - f. Laresa asked if anyone know what time Camp Q ended every day. Patti Gregory advised that the kids are back at the school by 4:30 every day.
 - g. Ellis Berry said the later date would be better for him because he may be out.
 - h. Ellis Berry made a motion to have the next meeting on August 5th. David Gregory seconded the motion. Motion passed consensus.

Decision: Next RAB Meeting being held August 5, 2024.



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12. Next Steps/Action Item Review

- a. Donna reviewed the Action Items.

13. Other Announcements/Unplanned Items/Open Discussion

- a. Taylor states that USACE will have an open house at the library on May 14, 2024, at 12:00 pm
- b. Sarah Bernhardt confirmed she is the ADEC PM for Fort Learnard and introduced her colleague, Kathleen Iler-Galau.

The meeting was adjourned at 20:08

Decision Summary

Decision	Motion made by	Motion seconded by
Adopt, November 8, 2023, and February 21, 2024, minutes as written.	Ellis Berry	David Gregory
Keep RAB Meetings quarterly as specified in the Operating Procedures.	Ellis Berry	Jim Paulin
Do not specify the day of the week hold the meetings on in RAB Operating Procedures.	None	None
Do not revise the number of community chairs in RAB Operating Procedures.	None	None
Ellis Berry and Elise Contreras are community RAB Chairs.	David Gregory	Jim Paulin
Replace "will terminate" to "may terminate" in 5.c of the Operating Procedures. Absent members were not replaced.	David Gregory	Jim Paulin
Next RAB Meeting being held August 5, 2024.	Ellis Berry	David Gregory

Action Item Tracker

Action	Owner	Status
Melinda will reach out to Ellis about turnaround time at other similar sites on the Aleutians if investigations find additional contamination.	Melinda Brunner	Open
Forrest will reach out to Sarah Bernhardt to figure out who the DEC site manager is.	Forrest Kranda	Closed
Taylor will reach out to Ellis about excavating soil and his concern about it interacting with groundwater at Humpy Cove.	Taylor Borgfeldt	Open
Co-chairs to discuss advertisement of seat.	All RAB chairs	Open
Co-chairs to discuss revising the youth seat term from one (1) year instead of three (3) years.	All RAB chairs	Open
Melinda to send Art the Chernofski map with contaminated sites	Melinda Brunner	Closed
Dave to send Karen (APIA) the presentation and any reports on Strawberry Hill	David Holmes (Santec)	Open



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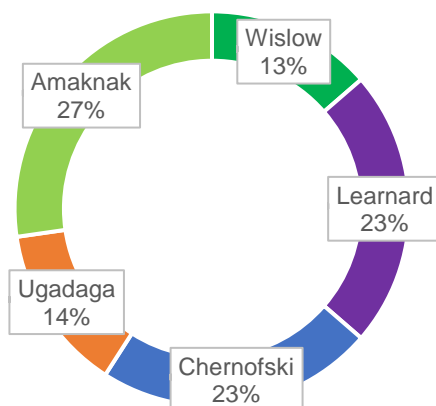
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Attachment 1
Poll Summary

Poll 1: Amaknak FUDS Project Priority Ranking

Project Number	Amaknak FUDS Project	In person Community Ranking	Virtual Community Ranking
19	Ballyhoo Spit	2nd	1st
16	Margaret Bay/Airport	1st	2nd
14	Pyramid Valley/Port Levashef	3rd	3rd
18	Mt Ballyhoo	4th	3rd
17	Museum of the Aleutians	5th	5th

Poll 2: Which FUDS Property would you like to hear more about?



Poll 3: What topics are you interested in for the next RAB Meeting?

	In-person	Virtual	Total Votes
Project briefings	4	4	8
Walk-throughs of project reports out for comment or recently finalized	1	3	4
In-depth 3Rs training or guest speaker for 3Rs	6	2	8
In-depth technical presentation on a particular property/project	3	2	5
In-depth archaeology presentation on a particular property/project	2	3	5
Overview of the FUDS environmental process	5	1	6



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Forrest Kranda (USACE) May 13, 6:04 PM

Sound is good

Jeremy Craner, USACE Alaska District May 13, 6:04 PM

Yes

Sarah Bernhardt, ADEC May 13, 6:09 PM

As a guest we can toggle between the two different screens being shared.

Sarah Bernhardt, ADEC May 13, 6:09 PM

It's under "View Options"

Then Shared Screens

Donna Van Flein May 13, 6:10 PM

Thank you

Karen Pletnikoff May 13, 6:13 PM

Can David Holmes email APIA this presentation and any reports on Strawberry Hill? Thanks! Karen Pletnikoff
karenp@apiai.org

Melissa Scully, USACE May 13, 6:37 PM

Lidar, stands for **Light Detection and Ranging**

Jeremy Craner, USACE Alaska District May 13, 6:45 PM

The Navy has started offshore Si's in the Dutch Harbor area. I mistakenly said Coast Guard :)

Jeremy Craner, USACE Alaska District May 13, 6:47 PM

And thanks Mel!

Melissa Scully, USACE May 13, 6:57 PM

In 2000, soil and groundwater were sampled at specific Humpy Cove locations, including the site of the Power Plant UST. The highest remaining concentration of diesel range organics (ORO) in soil, 11,000 mg/kg, was collected from the center of the northwest wall of the Power Plant UST excavation at a depth of 14 feet below ground surface, just above the groundwater level. No contaminants were detected in the site's groundwater that exceeded screening criteria. The objective of the 2023 fieldwork is to remove residual ORO soil contamination to the extent practicable, including soil below the groundwater level all while ensuring protection of nearby wetlands and groundwater.

Karen Pletnikoff May 13, 7:19 PM

APIA wanted to vote: Margaret Bay/Airport as priority.

Sarah Bernhardt, ADEC May 13, 8:05 PM

This is Sarah Bernhardt, with ADEC. I am the Project manager for Fort Learnard, Ugadaga, and temporarily Cape Wislow. Additionally, I'd like to introduce Kathleen Iler-Galau, our new ADEC project manager for Amaknak FUDS sites and Chernofski Harbor FUDS sites.

May 13, 8:11 PM - meeting ended: 2h 53m



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Subject: Qawalangin (regional) Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS) Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) Meeting
Amaknak, Chernofski Harbor Supply and Storage Site, Cape Wislow AWS Station, Fort Learnard, and Ugadaga Bay Station

Date: Tuesday, August 27, 2024

Time 6:00-8:00 PM

Location: Unalaska Public Library
64 Eleanor St, Unalaska, AK

Attendees: **RAB Members Present:**
James (Jim) T Paulin
Kale Bruner (by phone)
Ellis Berry, Community Co-Chair
Taylor Borgfeldt, USACE Co-Chair

RAB Members Not Present:
Elise Contreras, Community Co-Chair
Okalena Patricia Lekanoff Gregory
David M Gregory
Michael Tutiakoff
Ben Leon-Guerrero

In person Attendees:
Andy Lusk (KUCB)
Laresa Syverson (OC)
Jose (Poncho) Lopez (OCE)
Felipe Lekanoff (OCE)
Denise Rankin (OC)
Sean O'Donnell (USACE)
Josh Barsis (USACE)
Lisa Geist (USACE)
Cameron McLeod (USACE)
Alex R (OC/Museum)
Rufina Shaishnikoff (Qawalangin)
Piama Oleyer (Qawalangin)

Virtual Attendees:
Tiffany Angus (OCE)
Donna VanFlein (OCE)
Natalie Cale (OC)
Brent Lusic (Stantec)
Caryn Orvis (Ahtna)
Jeremy Craner (USACE)
Wendy Hanson (USACE)
Kathleen Iler-Galau (ADEC)
Lizzy Buckingham (ADEC)
Mike Macmillan (USACE)
Melinda Brunner (USACE)
Carrie Nelson (USACE)
Sarah Bernhardt (ADEC)
Chelsea Bramble

1. Welcome and Introductions
 - a. Taylor kicked off the meeting with opening remarks and a review of the Agenda.
 - b. Roll call was conducted. Present were Jim Paulin, Kale Bruner, Ellis Berry (Community Co-Chair), and Taylor Borgfeldt (USACE Co-Chair). There is not a quorum.
2. Local Updates/Community Introductions
 - a. Went around the room and the virtual room to introduce participants.
 - b. Denise Rankin, president for the Ounalashka Corporation wanted to make a public comment that Latrine 1 and Humpy Cove would not be clean this year even though it was announced at the last RAB that it would be.



- c. Taylor announced that there is an upcoming information repository refresh. The plan was to make CD/DVD copies but there are not CD readers in the library. Probably going to stick to hard copies. Please let USACE know if there is any feedback on ways people would want to view the reports. The X Docs portal has digital copies.
- d. Sara asked what X Docs was. It is a public version of the FUDS admin record. It is not the Alaska District website.

Action Item: Taylor will send follow up instructions for X Docs access after this meeting.

- 3. Revise/Adopt May 13, 2024 Minutes
 - a. It was incorrectly stated that there was a quorum. A quorum of RAB members must be present to hold a RAB meeting. A quorum is defined as 4 community RAB members, including the Community Chairs, plus the USACE Chair.
 - b. Taylor asked if there were any revisions to the last meeting minutes. There were no revisions or objections. The RAB did vote to adopt the May 13, 2024 Minutes, but there was not a quorum, so this will be revisited at the next RAB meeting.
- 4. RAB Operating Procedures – Revised May 13, 2024
 - a. Taylor reviewed the revisions to the RAB Operating Procedures that were adopted on May 13, 2024.
 - b. Taylor requested feedback on revising the Operating procedures language for the youth seat and the term length.
 - c. Ellis reached out to the school superintendent about the youth seat. The next step is to reach out to the school with flyers and posters.

Action Item: Taylor will prepare the Operating Procedures language for voting in the next meeting for the youth seat and the term length.

Action Item: The RAB will prepare a poster to advertise the youth seat at the school.

- 5. Action Item Review
 - a. Taylor reviewed the Action Items from the May 13, 2024 meeting.
 - b. The only remaining action item is for David Holmes (Stantec) to send Strawberry Hill reports to Karen (APIA). David was not on the call to confirm action status.
- 6. Poll Results Review
 - a. Taylor went over the results of the three polls from the last meeting.
 - b. Poll 1: Results showed Ballyhoo Spit and Margaret Bay/Airport as the areas the community would like to see work done at next. Ellis added there were studies on muscles in the Ballyhoo Spit area.
 - c. Poll 2: Results showed Amaknak as the FUDS Property the community wanted to hear the most about with Chernofski and Fort Learnard tied for second.
 - d. Jim added that he enjoyed the Fort Learnard meeting recently. Jeremy added that they had an onsite meeting in the Unalaska Library a few weeks ago. The Phase three fieldwork will begin in September.
 - e. Poll 3: Results showed the most interest for in-depth 3Rs trainings and an overview of the FUDS environmental process for future topics.
 - i. Denise asked what the next steps are after the polls. They would really like to have cleanup actions and not contently be doing polls. Taylor answered that we take the feedback, and it helps us to determine which projects to tackle next looking at all the risk components. Josh



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added that they look at risk at a particular site and consider community input. A lot of it comes down to prioritization based on funding and staff.

ii. Denise said the process should be streamlined.

7. There was further discussion about the CERCLA process, the FUDS program, EPA grant funding, and Pre-World War II Tank Farm.
8. The recording with further discussion from this meeting can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7oXK48tMVmc>
9. Action Item Review
 - a. Action items were reviewed.
10. Closing Remarks

The meeting was adjourned at 20:52.

Decision Summary

Decision	Motion made by	Motion seconded by
The meeting did not achieve quorum, so no decisions were recorded.		

Action Item Tracker

Action	Owner	Status
Taylor will send follow up instructions to stakeholders for X docs access after this meeting.	USACE (Taylor)	Closed
Taylor will prepare the Operating Procedures language for voting in the next meeting for the youth seat and the term length.	USACE (Taylor)	Closed
The RAB will prepare a poster to advertise the youth seat at the school.	RAB chairs	Closed
Look into who determines "act of war".	USACE (Taylor)	Open
Provide photos of the product encountered during recent work at building 551 to USACE.	OCE (Tiffany)	Open
Investigate monitoring wells installed by Jacobs on Captains Bay Road.	USACE (Taylor)	Closed
Address FUDS achievements and progress made to date in the community.	RAB chairs	Open
Taylor to meet with Ounalashka Corporation on 28 August 2024.	USACE (Taylor)	Closed
Investigate creosote-poles and follow up.	USACE (Josh)	Closed
Provide discussion on USACE 106 process.	USACE	Open
Provide Navy underwater survey report to RAB.	USACE (Taylor)	Open
Invite SHPO to the RAB meetings for awareness.	USACE (Taylor)	Closed
Address lack of field screening technology for weathered fuels in tundra.	USACE (Taylor)	Closed
Invite community health organizations to speak.	RAB chairs	Open
Send Laresa slides from May RAB meeting.	USACE (Taylor)	Closed
Add Risk discussion to a future RAB agenda.	RAB chairs	Closed
Set the next meeting date for early November.	RAB chairs	Closed