



# Copper River Watershed Project

*Voices for a Wild Salmon Economy*

## **TRANS-ALASKA PIPELINE CITIZENS OVERSIGHT STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOP MAY 5, 2010, KLUTI-KAAH MEMORIAL HALL, COPPER CENTER**

### **Purpose**

The Copper River Watershed Project has organized this workshop to facilitate exchange of information among stakeholders along the TAPS corridor, continue a dialogue on citizen concerns, and help develop a strategy for engaging citizens in monitoring safe pipeline operations.

### **Workshop Schedule**

8:00 a.m.	Coffee and continental breakfast	
8:30 – 9:00 a.m.	Welcome and Introductions	
9:00 – 9:30 a.m.	Purpose and outline of workshop, summary of past work	Kristin Carpenter, CRWP
9:30 – 11:45 a.m. (10:30 a.m. break)	Alyeska and agency presentations	Alyeska, BLM, SPCO, PHMSA, PSIO
11:45 – 12:30 p.m.	Questions for presenters	
12:30 – 1:30 p.m.	Lunch provided	
1:30 – 2:30	TAPS statutory and regulatory parameters 101 (incl. Q & A)	Peter VanTuyn
2:30 – 3:30	TAPS areas of concern (Q & A)	Richard Fineberg
3:30 – 3:45	Break	
3:45 – 4:45	Synthesis and next steps	CRWP

### **Participants (to date; this meeting is open to the public and all are welcome)**

Ahtna, Inc.	JPO/State Pipeline Coordinator's Office, Mike Thompson
Alyeska Pipeline Service Company	Cordova District Fishermen United
JPO/BLM, J. Brossia, M. Wrabetz, B. Friedman	Copper Basin residents
Copper Country Alliance	Gulkana Village Council
DOT/Pipeline & Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Bill Flanders	Tazlina Village Council
Matt Obermiller, Tiekel River	Peter VanTuyn, Attorney
Yukon River Drainage Fisheries Association	Richard Fineberg, Fineberg Research Associates

Alyeska:

- Please describe the company's interface with TAPS owners: how are spending decisions made and approved?
- What opportunities does Alyeska see for engaging citizens in monitoring?
- Would Alyeska consider supporting Copper Basin citizen involvement in spill response preparation similar to commercial fishing fleet trained responders?
- Can you identify citizen monitoring tools or resources that are currently available?

BLM/JPO:

- Please give an overview of JPO: what agencies are partners, and how do they coordinate?
- Review principal agency responsibilities with regards to TAPS
- number of staff who conducted field inspections (or spent time in the field in other capacities) in 2009?
- What measures are being taken to ensure TAPS oversight and inter-agency communication are not affected by the move of BLM/JPO's Anchorage office to mid-town?
- Can you identify citizen monitoring tools or resources that are currently available?

SPCO/JPO:

- Review principal agency responsibilities with regards to the TAPS
- What measures are being taken to ensure TAPS oversight and inter-agency communication are not affected by the move of BLM/JPO's Anchorage office to mid-town?
- How many DEC staff work on TAPS oversight? Can you provide a breakdown of time spent on spill prevention vs. spill response?

PHMSA:

- Review principal agency responsibilities with regards to the TAPS, and how PHMSA interacts with JPO?
- can you brief stakeholders on the status of TAPS corrosion?
- Can you provide a summary of current TAPS in-line inspection equipment (PIGs) and procedures?
- Can you identify citizen monitoring tools or resources that are currently available?

Petroleum Systems Integrity Office (PSIO), AK DNR:

- Please describe PSIO's principal activities with regard to TAPS and PSIO's interface with JPO agencies
- can you provide the agency's GAP analysis of government oversight of oil and gas facilities?
- Can you identify citizen monitoring tools or resources that are currently available?