Goals:
To discuss community involvement in spill response, natural resource damage assessment (NRDA) and restoration/recovery
- To integrate local community knowledge into Environmental Response Management Application (Arctic ERMA®)
- To enhance relationships between local communities & government agencies regarding planning and preparation for potential oil spill response, NRDA and restoration/recovery

AGENDA - DAY 1
9:00 AM Opening Prayer
9:05 AM Welcome - North Slope Borough
9:05 AM Welcome, Overview and Goals of Meeting
Nancy E. Kinner, UNH Director, Coastal Response Research Center
9:25 AM Report on the Northwest Arctic Borough Oil Spill Workshop
Ukallaysaaq Tom Okleasik, Northwest Arctic Borough
9:40 AM Participant Introductions & Expectations
10:20 AM Break
10:30 AM Overview of Spill Response
Dale Gardner, Alaska Dept. of Environmental Conservation, Division of Spill Prevention & Response
Overview of Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation’s Role in Spill Response
Thomas DeRuyter, Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation
Overview of North Slope Borough’s Role in Spill Response
Gordon Brower, North Slope Borough, Community Planning Division
11:15 AM Introduction to Arctic ERMA®
Amy Merten, NOAA, Assessment and Restoration Division, Spatial Data Team
12:00 PM Lunch (provided)
1:30 PM Small Group Breakout Session I: Discussion of Oil Spill Response & Arctic ERMA®
Theme: Logistics of spill response, concerns and how local communities can most effectively participate and how ERMA® can help
Breakout Group Questions:
- What specific concerns do you have relative to planning and preparation for spill response?
- What specific concerns do you have relative to spill response implementation and management?
- What are best practices for community involvement in spill response, planning, and preparation?
- What are your initial reactions to Arctic ERMA®?
- How could the tool be useful for community involvement in spill response?
- What information would you like to see included in the tool to support response decisions?
2:30 PM Break
2:45 PM Group Reports to Plenary Session
4:30 PM Adjourn meeting
5:00 PM Presentation: “How can science improve decision-making in the Arctic?”
Fran Ulmer, U.S. Arctic Research Commission
(Reception to follow—Library)
AGENDA - DAY 2

8:30 AM  Opening Prayer and Announcements
          Nancy Kinner

8:45 AM  Introduction to Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA), Restoration/Recovery
          Mary Baker, NOAA, Assessment & Restoration Division

          Arctic ERMA® in NRDA and Restoration/Recovery
          Amy Merten, Mary Baker

10:15 AM  Small Group Breakout Session II: Discussion of NRDA and ERMA®
          Theme: Logistics of NRDA, concerns, how local communities can most effectively participate, and how ERMA®
          can help

          Breakout Group Questions:
          ● What effects of oil spills most concern you (for example, health and use of natural resources)?
            ◦ Marine mammals
            ◦ Birds
            ◦ Fish
            ◦ Crab or other shellfish
            ◦ Land mammals
            ◦ Other cultural concerns (for example, education, language, arts)
          ● Are there special habitats or specific areas that you are most concerned about? (for example, sensitive areas,
            historical sites, camp areas)
          ● Given the changing Arctic environment, what background/baseline information do you think we
            need to consider about the health of the environment before a spill occurs?
          ● How could the ERMA® tool be useful for evaluating effects of spills?
          ● What information would you like to see included in the tool to support evaluation of effects?
          ● What are best practices for community involvement in evaluating effects?

11:45 AM  Lunch (provided)

12:45 PM  Small Group Breakout Session III: Discussion of Restoration & Recovery and ERMA®
          Theme: Exploring restoration options and how ERMA® can help

          Breakout Group Questions:
          ● What specific concerns do you have relative to restoration and recovery?
          ● Are there examples of habitat areas that could be improved?
          ● Are there other sources of contamination that could be controlled?
          ● What traditional methods of restoration and recovery are practiced?
          ● What could be done to sustain cultural and subsistence practices that might be affected by oil?
          ● What are best practices for community involvement in restoration and recovery?
          ● How could the ERMA tool be useful for planning restoration?
          ● What information would you like to see included in the tool to support restoration planning?

2:45 PM  Group Reports to Plenary Session

3:15 PM  Wrap Up

4:00 PM  Adjourn