

**Alaska Mapping Executive Committee  
Committee Meeting Minutes and Actions  
June 9, 2015, 1-3 ET, DOI Main Building, Washington, D.C.**

**Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was co-chaired by Ms. Jennifer Gimbel, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, Department of Interior, and Mr. Mike Aimone, Director, Business Enterprise Integration, Office of the Deputy Undersecretary of Defense, Installations and Environment, Department of Defense.

- Ms. Gimbel and Mr. Aimone expressed their thanks to the group for their active participation, and stressed the importance of Alaska mapping as a foundation for Arctic science collaboration and as a deliverable under the US Chairmanship of the Arctic Council.
- Mr. Kevin Gallagher, US Geological Survey Associate Director of Core Science Systems, placed the current AMEC meeting in perspective by providing the historical context leading to its conception, charter, and membership.
- Mr. Gallagher also provided an update on the current status of Alaska ifsar acquisition (53.5% of Alaska has been acquired) and updated US Topo Map production (1756 new maps between FY13 and FY15).
- Dr. Mark Myers, Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, stated his support for the Alaska mapping activities overseen by the AMEC, and provided an update on activities from the perspective of the State:
  - An MOA codifying the Alaska Geospatial Council is in circulation
  - A State Geospatial Information Officer has been established. Ms. Anne Johnson will serve in this capacity.
  - The FY16 State budget scenario will present significant challenges for many State agencies to continue their financial commitments
  - Statewide orthoimagery production at 2.5m resolution is nearing completion
- Ms. Rebecca Anderson, USGS Senior Science Advisor, Alaska Region, presented an update of the Alaska Hydrography efforts, expressed the importance and benefit of the Alaska Hydrography Technical Working Group, and detailed two options for continuing the update of Alaska Hydrography.
- Mr. David Saghy, USGS National Geospatial Program, Chief of User Engagement, provided a detailed update on the ifsar acquisition plans for Alaska, the historical financial contributions of the stakeholders and partners, and recommended to the AMEC that the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) take the lead role for AMEC to investigate options for the collection of elevation data over the Aleutian Islands.
- Ms. Juliana Blackwell, NOAA Director of the National Geodetic Survey, provided an update of the GRAV-D efforts in Alaska, current shoreline mapping, and planned shoreline updates.
- Mr. Ed Fogels, Deputy Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, described the intent of the State of Alaska to conduct an event the week of August 18 to celebrate the important milestone of acquiring ifsar over 50% of the State of Alaska.

- Ms. Gimbel suggested that the event may present an opportunity for those AMEC members attending the celebration to also conduct a separate meeting during the week to discuss effective strategies necessary to drive the mapping initiatives to completion. Ms. Gimbel's suggestion was met with general approval by the AMEC participants.
- The proposed date of the next AMEC meeting is February 10, 2016

### **Meeting Actions**

Three action items remained following the adjournment of the meeting:

- Mr. Aimone intends to contact NGA regarding their ability to investigate options for elevation acquisition over the Aleutian Islands.
- Dr. Suzette Kimball, Acting Director, U.S. Geological Survey, intends to add an item to the agenda for the August meeting of the Civil Applications Committee to discuss elevation acquisition over the Aleutian Islands
- All AMEC members are requested to identify any available end-of-year funding which can be used to support ifsar elevation data acquisition in 2015.