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CULTURAL RESOURCE POLICY

North Pacific Fuel Response 2014

The State of Alaska's policy regarding cultural resources (stated in the Alaska Historic Preservation Act) is:

“to preserve and protect the historic, prehistoric, and archaeological resources of Alaska from loss, desecration and destruction so that the scientific, historic and cultural heritage embodied in these resources may pass undiminished to future generations.”

The Unified Command of this cleanup supports this policy and responders' compliance with state and federal laws protecting cultural resources. The oil spill response includes a program to ensure that cultural resource sites are properly identified and protected during cleanup operations.

Response personnel play a key role in this program by being aware of their responsibilities under State and Federal law, and by dealing with sites properly if and when they are encountered.

Whenever personnel encounter or discover an archaeological site or artifact, they are required to:

1. **Leave** cultural materials in place at the site of discovery, and mark their location.
2. **Stop** cleanup work in the vicinity surrounding the site.
3. **Inform** the FOOSC's Historic Properties Specialist and the Shoreline Cleanup Assessment Team (SCAT) archaeologist immediately.

The Alaska Historic Preservation Act prohibits collecting or tampering with protected cultural resources, including artifacts, fossils, human skeletal remains, and other items of antiquity, and violation of the act is a crime. In addition, federal concern for cultural resources is expressed in a number of laws and regulations, violation of which may result in significant fines and imprisonment.

All oil spill response personnel (employees and their contractors) must comply with this Cultural Resource Policy:

Anyone found vandalizing, moving, or taking away cultural materials may be subject to disciplinary actions up to and including immediate dismissal from their work, and an incident report may be filed with law enforcement authorities, requesting prosecution under applicable law.

Federal On-Scene Coordinator

Date

State On-Scene Coordinator

Date

By, for, and on behalf of (Responsible Party)

Date