Hybrid Governance in the Arctic: Carving out a political space for coastal Indigenous communities in Arctic emergency preparedness and response

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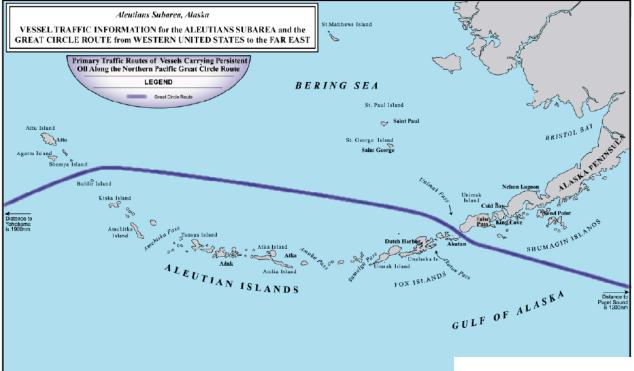




North Pacific Great Circle Route



Figure 4. Primary traffic routes of vessels on the Northern Pacific great circle route traveling through the Aleutians Subarea.



Services to the Oil Industry



Royal Dutch Shell Noble Discoverer July 14, 2012



Royal Dutch Shell Kulluk January 1, 2013



Aleut International Association

- Founded 1998 by the Aleutian/Pribilof Islands Association (APIA) and the Association of the Indigenous Peoples of the North of the Aleut District of the Kamchatka Region of the Russian Federation (AIPNADKR)
- Governed by a Board of Directors with 4 Alaskan and 4 Russian Aleut members
- AIA has three main purposes:
 - Establish close ties between Russian and Alaskan Aleut Communities
 - Engage in international activities through the Arctic Council that advocate for the interests of Indigenous Peoples and promote improvement of the Arctic environment
 - Promote community involvement in research, monitoring, and assessment in the region
- AIA works with governments, scientists and other organizations and seeks the involvement of the people of our region.

AlA's International Mandate

Arctic Council:

- Task Force on Oil Pollution Preparedness & Response
- Task Force on Oil Pollution Prevention
- Involvement with PAME (work on AMSA recommendations)

IMO:

- Advocating for a robust Polar Code
- Examination of potential protected area status to increase the safety of innocent passage traffic

Hybrid governance, what's that?

Concluding Ideas

- Traditional top down agreements may not be the best choice for the Arctic
- Examples of hybrid governance are emerging
- Need to examine these examples to determine how we can build from them
- This is at the very beginning and states are not acknowledging the concept
- PP's are an essential part of this process, but they need adequate support to fill the role





Thank You!

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