

MINUTES OF THE ALASKA SEISMIC HAZARD SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING  
HELD July 3, 2008



- I. OPENING BUSINESS 9:00 a.m.
- Call to Order (John Aho, Chairperson); Commission members John Aho, David Cole, Rod Combellick, Roger Hansen, Robert Hicks, Kathy Hosford, Laura Kelly, and Mark Roberts present. Gary Carver and Dean Maxwell were excused. April Woolery of the State Division of Geological & Geophysical Surveys was also present.
  - Agenda approved, No items added
  - Introductions - No guests  
Review of Minutes for 06/05/2008: Commission member Hosford moved, Commission member Cole seconded to approve the minutes as written. Motion passed.
- II. BRIEFINGS 9:10 a.m.
- Recent Seismic Activity of Interest – Hansen: Due to the holiday on July 4<sup>th</sup>, the most recent reports were not available. There was a magnitude 4.2 event on the Fairweather fault near Lituya Bay. This event was felt in Haines.
  - Health of the Alaska Seismic Networks, Weak and Strong Motion (Statewide/ANC/FBKS/Other) – Hansen: The National Science Foundation-funded network in Valdez was being serviced. Strong motion sensors were just being put in at Cantwell, Reindeer Mountain and on the Denali Highway. Cell phone modems are used for data communication, which is a big step forward in how the telemetry is done.
  - ShakeMap Update – Hansen: Alaska is now completely integrated into the automated system and will be linked to the USGS website within a few days.
  - ANSS Implementation Committee Meeting – Hansen: the meeting was not held this spring. The next one will be in October.
  - 05/14-15/2008 SERC, LEPCA Meeting Update – Roberts: this was covered last meeting. There will be another meeting in September.
- III. OLD BUSINESS 9:30 a.m.
- Action Items - Aho: will be covered under the Agenda items.
  - NTHMP Meeting – Hansen: although there is still conflict between the states and federal entities for tsunami mitigation funding, some funds will be made up for by the sale of radio spectrum, which is the bandwidth that will be freed up by the switch from analog to digital television technology. Roger will give a briefing at the next face-to-face meeting on the funding situation.

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- No further word on the at-risk schools letter sent to Senator Stevens.

IV. MEETINGS OF INTEREST 9:35 a.m.

- IRIS Washington, June 4-6, 2008 – Hansen attended. It was well-attended and interesting. There is an NSF-funded project called “Big Foot”, which is a moving array of 400 seismometers that is traveling around the country. Big Foot will be in Alaska in 2013 or 2014.
- SERC, LEPCA Meeting Fairbanks, September 17-18, 2008
- EERI Scenario Workshop, San Francisco, September 17-18, 2008
- Joyner Lecture, Anchorage, October 1, 2008. Still in the planning stages.
- Alaska Council of School Administrators Anchorage, AK October 2008 – Commission member Kelly reports that Larry LeDoux has offered his assistance in gaining the ASHSC more access to this council. This would be in the form of time with them to present our school information.
- Alaska Assoc. of Secondary Schools Anchorage, AK October 2008
- Annual GSA Meeting Houston, TX October 5-8, 2008: State Geologist Bob Swenson will attend.
- 14<sup>th</sup> World Conference on Earthquake Engineering Beijing, October 12-17, 2008
- ANSS Meeting, the week of October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008
- AGU December, 2008
- WSSPC Salt Lake City, February 2009
- EERI Annual Meeting Salt Lake City, February 11-14, 2009
- SW Alaska Municipal Conference, January 2009
- 2014 National Earthquake Engineering Conference Anchorage

V. CRITICAL DEADLINES 9:40 a.m.

- FY10 Budget to Legislature Current
- FY09 Draft Report December, 2008 Commission Chairman Aho will work to get the Annual Report out earlier than previously.
- FY09 Final Report to Legislature January, 2009

VI. NEW BUSINESS 9:45 a.m.

- Future Briefings
  - Anchorage Port Expansion
  - Anchorage Emergency Operations Center Tour
  - DHS&EM Tour

If Commission members think of other presentations that they would like to see at future meetings, please let Chairman Aho know.

VII. REPORTS 9:50 a.m.

- Chairperson

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- Swenson Letter: Chairman Aho read Bob Swenson's response, in which he states that the Division of Geological & Geophysical Surveys is working toward expanding its ability to identify potential seismic hazards. Commission member Combellick pointed out that all state departments are expected to cut costs from their general fund budgets per instructions from the Governor's Office. The Department of Natural Resources, of which DGGS is a part, is expected to cut \$1.3 million. This means that while DGGS will do what it can, the Division's resources are limited at this time due to budget constraints.
  
- Committee Reports 10:00 a.m.
  - Insurance-Maxwell: (absent, no report)
  - Schools-Kelly: the committee has completed and sent the letter to the Governor's Office via the Education Commissioner's Office and are waiting for a response.
  - Earthquake Scenario-Combellick: There have been no new meetings. Commission member Combellick has sent out the scenario matrices and has received one response so far. The EERI will hold a Scenarios Workshop in San Francisco September 17-18, and Commission member Combellick hopes that at least two or three people from the Seismic Hazards Commission will be invited.
  - Educ. & Outreach-Hosford: Commission member Hicks accepted the chair position for the Education & Outreach Committee. The members list for this committee include Aho, Hicks, Hansen, Hosford and Maxwell. Commission member Hansen suggested that Mark Roberts be added to this committee.
  - Hazards Identification-Carver: Commission member Carver sent a letter to Bob Swenson, the state geologist. Since he has been in the field since sending the letter, there has been no further activity.
  - Response, Recovery – Commission members Aho and Roberts plan to meet in the near future.
  - Post Earthquake Planning – Commission member Carver is in the field so there has been no activity. Commission member Combellick suggested that commission members should look at Carver's Power Point presentation on the website.
  - Partnership-Aho: Chairman Aho will continue to work on the Joyner Lecture. It should interest both the technical and public side.

VIII. GENERAL DISCUSSION 10:40 a.m.

- Public (none)
- Commission Members: Commission member Roberts encourages that ASHSC members go online and look at the Incident Command System

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training. The certification is good indefinitely. There was more discussion of the next face-to-face being held in Kodiak in March of 2009. April Woolery is to get cost estimates for travel by the next meeting.

IX. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS 10:45 a.m.

- Budget Report-Woolery: With the new fiscal year, our budget is once again at \$10,000 (less costs for the current teleconference).
- ASHSC Web Site Update Status-Woolery: Meeting agendas are up to date on the web site. Once the minutes are finalized, Commission member Combellick will give them to Ms. Woolery to post on the site.
- Next Meeting Date (September 4, 2008 - Teleconference)

X. ADJOURNMENT 10:50 a.m.

- Commission member Hosford motioned to adjourn, seconded by Commission member Hansen. All in favor. Teleconference adjourned at 10:50 am.