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MEMORANDUM FOR ALASKA CIVIL/MILITARY AVIATION COUNCIL (ACMAC)

FROM: 11 AF/CV
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SUBJECT: Alaska Civil/Military Aviation Council Minutes

1. The ACMAC convened 6 April 2011, at 0900 in the Reeves Conference Room at JBER AK and was broadcast via VTC to 353rd Combat Training Squadron, Eielson AFB AK. The meeting slides are attached to provide more detailed information about the various briefs. Please refer to these as you read the minutes.

2. Member Attendance: Colonel Patrick Moylan, 11AF/CV, chaired the meeting and the attendance roster is attached.

3. Opening remarks by ACMAC Chairman: Colonel Moylan welcomed everyone to the Spring ACMAC and reminded that there would be a Joint Pacific Alaska Range Complex Environmental Impact Statement (JPARC EIS) ad hoc meeting that would follow the ACMAC meeting and to please hold the JPARC EIS questions until then.

4. The following agenda items were discussed:

a. RED FLAG-Alaska FY11 Update: Major Mark Schmidt, 353rd Combat Training Squadron, provided an overview of upcoming exercises to include Red-Flag 11-1 through 11-3, and the Northern Edge 2011. Major Schmidt advised there would be a Distant Frontier exercise 2-17 May 2011. Please refer to the attached slides for specific details to include in-briefings and familiarization days.

RED FLAG-Alaska 11-1	14-29 April 11
NORTHERN EDGE-11	9-24 June 11
RED FLAG-Alaska 11-2	7-22 July 11
RED FLAG-Alaska 11-3	11-26 August 11

b. Airfield Status Update: Briefings were presented by several members: Mr. Iagulli, Ted Stevens International Airport; Lieutenant Harencak, Elmendorf AFB; Ms. Osborn, Fairbanks International Airport; Mr. Knight, Allen Army Airfield, Mr. Ferguson, Ladd Army Airfield; CW3 Malone, Bryant Army Airfield and Captain Stimpfel, Eielson AFB. Detailed airfield construction information is provided on the attached slides.

1) Mr. Iagulli advised Rwy 7R will be available for departures only while construction/extension is being conducted on the Rwy 7/25 this summer. Taxiways E/M/L will be rebuilt in 2013.

2) Lieutenant Harencak briefed Rwy 06/24 is closed 1 May – 2 Jun 11 for annual repairs, Rwy 16/34 is closed 25 Jul – 12 Aug 11 for annual repairs. Numerous other repairs will also be conducted on the ramp area this summer.

3) Ms Osborne, advised the Rwy 20 Glideslope will have antenna modification in May, and the Rwy 02L Localizer will have the antenna cable replaced in June for Fairbanks International Airport

4) Mr. Ferguson

5) CW3 Malone advised the group on the current status of Bryant Tower and the relocation of the rotating beacon as they prepare to open up a Class Delta Airspace and Tower operations. Members shared concerns for methods of informing GA pilots of airspace changes.

6) Captain Stimpfel briefed the Rwy keel project will take place from 1 May- 7 Sep 11. Eielson Airport will be closed nightly, and on selected weekends for repairs.

c. Northern Edge Update: Major Mike Cabral gave a presentation on Northern Edge 2011 that is scheduled for 9-24 June. Major Cabral briefed the background of the exercise, total participants, traffic routing to include the stationary Altitude Reservation (ALTRAV) that will be set up to get participants to and from the Gulf of Alaska. Northern Edge 2011 will incorporate GPS jamming into the training which the planned scenarios were also briefed.

d. Special Use Airspace Information Service (SUAIS) public outreach: Mr. Tom George shared a slide presentation of the SUAIS and how it helps General Aviation gain awareness and navigate the Military Operations Areas (MOAs) in Alaska. The presentation provided different scenarios on how pilots gain information to the status of the Special Use Airspace by contacting Eielson Range Control. His briefing gave other useful informational tips on how to access the 11 Air Force web site and how to download SUAIS pamphlets.

e. SUAIS "Then and Now": Major Moody followed Mr. George's briefing with a history lesson on SUAIS and the evolution to where it stands today. His briefing captured the reason SUAIS was mandated, early problems that were mitigated and improved, radio/RADAR coverage, and the current status. ACMAC members voiced a desire for a Sub-ACMAC to take a closer look at ways to improve the service. Colonel Moylan agreed a follow-on meeting should be scheduled. Tom George has data from aircraft on locations where SUAIS was unavailable. Radios that are not dedicated to SUAIS need to be on for Range Control to be able to give the advertised service. Data will be forwarded to Airspace office.

Eielson Range Control shared information on locations and status of some of the SUAIS radios. The daily status of equipment does have a direct impact on SUAIS and may affect the available floors of certain MOAs based on the LOA for SUAIS. One SUAIS radio site of concern is Knob Ridge located underneath the buffalo MOA which has been out of service for approximately 5 years. Range engineers determined there was sufficient and redundant radio coverage provided by 2 other sites. Knob Hill is not currently planned for return to service. A Sub-ACMAC is planned for the month of May to discuss the SUAIS infrastructure/coverage to see if it satisfies current and future requirements. Mr Vickery (ATREP) is going to work with the airspace office to revamp this LOA to reflect current MOA structure and radio equipment locations.

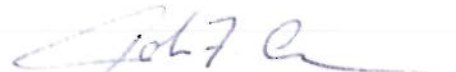
5. Open Forum:

a. Ms. Joy Journey of ACA, brought forward her members' interest in using military airfields as alternate airports when filing a flight plan. The ACMAC is very familiar with this issue, as it has been requested many times in the past. Lieutenant Colonel Babos (Air Force Representative) reiterated that Alaska truly is a different aviation environment, and that the AF recognizes the air carrier's needs in the IFR environment. Currently, civilians cannot utilize military airfields as alternates but he is working with Headquarters Air Force to pursue an exception or waiver for the state of Alaska since there aren't many airfields to choose from as alternates.

b. Major Moody had conversation with Dee Hanson about making better use of the Alaska Airmen's publication to get important military aviation information to the flying public. They will work to get some info into the next publication in June.

6. Closing Comments: Colonel Moylan thanked all in attendance for their participation and interest in ACMAC. He emphasized that the ACMAC will continue to keep working these hard issues until they can be resolved.

7. The meeting adjourned at approximately 1110. Notifications for the next ACMAC will be sent as soon as a definitive date is set. Questions, corrections, comments, and/or concerns should be addressed to Mr. John Crowe, 611 AOC/CODK at Commercial (907) 552-0999 or DSN 317-552-0999.



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Attachment:
Meeting slides

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