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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 21 April 2015, at 1000 in the North Terminal, Badging Office, Ted Stevens International Airport, Anchorage, AK and was broadcast via shared desktop with audio to Fairbanks International Airport, Tanana Room, Fairbanks, AK. The meeting slides are attached to provide more detailed information about the various briefs. Additionally they can be found at <http://www.jber.af.mil/11af/alaskaairspaceinfo/index.asp>. Please refer to these as you read the minutes.

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

3. Opening remarks by ACMAC Chairman: Colonel Miller welcomed everyone to the Spring ACMAC. He discussed the importance of ACMAC in providing a forum to meet and talk about the issues facing all Alaskan Aviators.

4. The following agenda items were discussed:

a. DoD GPS Interference Testing – Overview and Coordination Process: Maj Shicks discussed the DoD GPS interference testing, the FAA coordination process, current mitigations, updated GPS testing low-impact times and current issues/concerns. Mr. Tom George asked what was the meaning of different size icons on slide 8, the answer is unknown. Mr. Scott Christy asked Maj Shicks to confirm if this meant the general degradation of all (GPS) users in the impacted area. Maj Shicks replied yes.

b. RED FLAG – Alaska (RF-A): Mr. Pete Bussa, 353rd Combat Training Squadron, provided an overview of upcoming exercises to include RF-A 15-2 and RF-A 15-3 and Distant Frontier. The projected dates as well as the expected participants were briefed. Mr. Murray Leitch asked if Distant Frontier range activation would interfere with the arrangement between Air North and Holland America. Mr. Ed Lasselle replied no, the Delta MOAs wouldn't be active.

c. NORTHERN EDGE 2015: LCDR Sander presented background, overview, participants, timings and key points to the exercise. LCDR Sander introduced the topic of Tethered Aerostats during his presentation. Ms. Melissa Osborn requested clarification if the

tethered aerostats would be used only for the mission. LCDR Sander confirmed that they would only be deployed for specific times during the mission and these times would be published via NOTAM. Ms. Osborne also requested more information on weather requirements. LCDR Sanders did not have this information at this time. Tentative weather criteria will be 5000' ceilings and 3SM visibility. Ms. Jamie Patterson-Simes stated that as a pilot instructor, she uses rivers and roads for navigation purposes and the location of tethered aerostats in the vicinity of roads was a concern.

d. Mat Su CTAF Update: Mr. Tom George presented. Mr. Mike Yorke stated that CTAF areas were now being depicted on Terminal and Sectional charts. Mr. Mike Fleagle stated that frequencies are becoming congested due to air-to-air communication and that military (C-130) flights on radio silence create a hazard on SKE routes. LTC Schell requested clarification to the Palmer CTAF Revision. Mr. Ed Lasselle provided clarification.

e. Airfield Status Update (six speakers): Airfield construction plans and impacts were briefed for Elmendorf AFB, Eielson AFB, Bryant AAF, Ladd AAF, Anchorage IAP and Fairbanks IAP. Information passed not on the briefing slides was that Fairbanks IAP would complete MAGVAR on Oct 15, 2015 and Anchorage IAP would complete MAGVAR on Dec 10, 2015.

f. Noise Complaints: Mr. Tommie Baker presented. No questions were asked.

g. Station Keeping Equipment (SKE) Routes: Mr. Ed Lasselle discussed what they are, where they are and when they are used. A detailed explanation of the difference between DoD NOTAMs, FAA NOTAMs and Pointer NOTAMs was given by Mr. Lasselle and Maj Shicks. An unidentified person from Fairbanks asked if the time on the NOTAM included entire flight time of the aircraft. Mr. Lasselle replied that the time indicated in the NOTAM was actually the time when aircraft would be in the vicinity of R2203. This time is most useful to determine when C-130/C-17 aircraft will be flying in the Big Lake, Wasilla, Palmer, Birchwood and Goose Bay area. Mr. Mike Fleagle addressed the council and stated that based on his personal experience, the system needs more work.

h. Special Use Airspace Information Service (SUAIS): Mr. Tom George presented. A statement was made that there were too many phone numbers on the pamphlet. Maj Adam Shicks and Mr. George agreed to discuss. Mr. Scott Christy stated that his satellite phone was not capable to dialing 1-800 numbers and the number provided on the SUAIS pamphlet is a 1-800 number. Mr. George stated that there are non-1-800 numbers available. Further, Mr. Pete Bussa stated that General Handy has directed a mission analysis of the SUAIS to evaluate its intent, coverage, cost and operation to better understand its role in Alaska flight safety.

i. Open Forum: Maj Shicks provided some information on the JPARC airspace changes, specifically for the proposed Paxon MOA and the expanded Fox 3 MOA. Ms. Melissa Osborn asked if there were any changes above FL180. Maj Shicks confirmed there were no changes above FL180. Mr. Adam White asked if, once the current changes were complete, there would be future changes. Mr. Jeffrey Fee stated the NEPA Act is limited by law from projecting possible future changes and incorporating them into the process. Mr. Tom George

requested better clarity of VHF radio coverage slide (slides 92, 93 and 94). Maj Shicks responded that modelling would continue resulting in better clarity. In addition, Mr. George requested copies of the slides. Maj Shicks acknowledged. Mr. Scott Christie asked if the military will be investing in ADS-B. Maj Shicks stated that he was not aware of any military investment in ADS-B at this time.

5. Closing Comments: Colonel Miller thanked all in attendance for their great work and for all of the information provided in the meeting. He thanked all those who worked on the briefings and whom continue to work the background issues. He stated his support for a Sub-ACMAC and the need to continue to work on SKE Routes. He also encouraged civil/military dialogue.

6. The meeting adjourned at approximately 1210. The Next ACMAC was announced for November 17, 2015. Any topic inputs can be made to the e-mail address alaskamilitaryairspace@us.af.mil. Further notifications will come out when the date is confirmed and nears. Questions, corrections, comments, and/or concerns should be addressed to Maj Brian McManus, 611 AOC/CODK at Commercial (907) 552-0999 or DSN 317-552-0999.

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Attachment:
Meeting slides
Attendance Roster

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