

**Alaska Region Research Vessel (ARRV)
and
Regional Class Research Vessel (RCRV)**

UNOLS FIC Meeting
October 2008

ARRV

- Currently in Phase I – “Project Refresh”
- Final Design Review (FDR): **October 20-23** (NSF)
- Panel Report Anticipated: **November 21**

Assuming a successful FDR:

- Oral Information Item to NSB: **December 9-10**
- Written Information Item to NSB: **March 2009**
- NSB Action Item: **May 2009**

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Assuming authorization to proceed AND a positive FY10 funding assessment:

- Begin Phase II – “Yard Selection & Acquisition”: **May/June 2009**
- Phase III – “Ship Construction” **February 2010**

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Phase I

- Contract for the completion of Phase I has been extended through **November 2008**
- Dakota Creek/Guido Perla Team:
 - Contract Design Review (CDR) held on **March 11-12**
 - Submittal of final design package **April 30**
- Nichols Brothers/Glosten Team:
 - Nichols successfully emerged from bankruptcy
 - CDR scheduled for **October 8-9**
 - Final design package due **~November 10, 2008**

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Phase II

- Detailed design and construction phase suspended until funding is available (FY 2010 or later) – current “guesstimates” being \$50-60M per ship once fully outfitted.
- **NSF Remains Committed to RCRV**– Timing and number of vessels dependent upon academic “Fleet of the Future”.

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Where from here?

For “closure” on Phase I, RCRV Advisory Group to provide assessment of both designs to IPS. This will be an internal document for future use when the project re-starts. More guidance to follow.