

Prince William Sound RCAC's...

THE SOUND APPROACH

e-newsletter for Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council

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Citizens promoting environmentally safe operation of the Alyeska terminal and associated tankers

DID YOU KNOW?

Washington state now has an oil spill advisory council, though it differs significantly from PWSRCAC in that members are appointed by the governor. [Visit their new Web site for details.](#)

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Holidays: The fun doesn't end after New Year's Eve! January is Prune Breakfast Month, Hot Tea Month, and during the third week International Printing is celebrated. Find out more about these wacky holidays and others at [Earth Calendar](#).

COUNCIL NEWS

Deadline for the RFP for [Oral History of the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill](#) is January 13, 2006.

Milestones: The 10,000th escort of a TAPS trade tanker (*Polar Resolution*) occurred Dec. 14. [Read more about the current escort system.](#) Download the [sticker design celebrating the 10,000th escort](#). (pdf/205KB) Also in December, Alyeska pumped the [15 billionth barrel of oil](#) through the pipeline.

A new state **legislative session** begins January 9. The council's [Legislative Affairs Committee \(LAC\)](#) will be keeping tabs on developments of interest.

Since a **Web site** is always a work in progress, we just updated our [main Links page](#) and our [NIS Links page](#); all listings are now alphabetized, making it easier to find a specific organization.

Q&A

Q: How often does the PWSRCAC board of directors meet?

A: Three times per year for two-day meetings. The January meeting is held in Anchorage, the May meeting in Valdez, and the September meeting is rotated between the other PWSRCAC communities. The next [board meeting](#) is scheduled for January 26-27, 2006, in Anchorage.

Q: What is an ex-officio and what does it have to do with PWSRCAC?

A: Ex-officio means "by virtue of office or position." PWSRCAC bylaws provide for 10 [ex-officio members](#) (non-voting), to keep local, state, and federal government better informed about the activities of PWSRCAC under its contract with Alyeska.

READING ROOM

[2004-2005 PWSRCAC Annual Report](#)
[Community Oil Spill Response Forum Final Report](#)

FEATURED LINKS

[Ships at sea: positions and weather observations](#)
[Alaska Dept. of Transportation \(DOT\) Road Cams](#)
[Alaska Volcano Observatory](#) has been keeping an eye on the recently active Mt. Augustine in lower Cook Inlet.



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