

THE SOUND APPROACH

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

April 2006

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

DID YOU KNOW?

You have until Wednesday, April 5, to buy tickets for the [Nenana Ice Classic](#), a contest organized by members of the Alaska Engineering Commission in 1917 as they were surveying for the Alaska Railroad.

A SOUND APPROACH TO...

Reserving a Forest Service cabin in Alaska this summer: Logon to www.reserveusa.com. To book online, you must register and create a short profile, then fill in easy search parameters and follow the simple instructions. Book your cabin as early as possible. Many cabins dot the shores of Prince William Sound, including on Hinchinbrook and Montague Islands.

COUNCIL NEWS

- Marilyn Leland announced she has accepted the position of Executive Director of the Alaska Power Association (APA). Formerly the Alaska Rural Electric Cooperative Association (ARECA), APA is a trade association that represents the electric utilities in Alaska. Marilyn was instrumental in establishing PWSRCAC and joined our staff in 1992 to assist the Coast Guard in Washington, DC, in writing the regulations to implement the Oil Pollution Act of 1990. She returned to PWSRCAC and Alaska in 1994 where she assumed the position of Deputy Director. Her years of service will never be forgotten and her expertise will be greatly missed. She will be joining the staff of APA in May and we wish her the best in her new endeavor.
- **HELP WANTED:** We are seeking skilled & experienced applicants for two positions: Maritime Operations Project Manager and Project Manager Assistant. Please see our [employment page](#) online.
- The 10th annual [Whale Fest Kodiak](#) is April 12-23. PWSRCAC staff will present information on non-indigenous species and our new Youth Involvement Web page to students on Friday, April 21. The council is also sponsoring a [poetry contest](#) for this community event. Winning poems will be read Sunday April 23. Enter your poem by April 10 for your chance to win!
- [PWSRCAC's next board meeting](#) is in Valdez on May 2-3. Our board meetings are always open to the public. The agenda will be posted on our Web site prior to the meeting.
- See our [updated photo galleries](#) online.

- Do you remember something you saw on our home page “What’s New” column but when you return it’s gone? Now you can try the [“What’s New Archives”](#) for older items posted in that column.
- The council’s Valdez office will be in a new location across town soon. The new physical address will be published in a future issue of this newsletter. All other contact information remains the same.

Q&A

Q: *Can we request that someone from PWSRCAC come speak at our school or organization?*

A: Yes. The council’s Outreach Coordinator, [Linda Robinson](#), can arrange presentations for students or organizations in the *Exxon Valdez* oil spill region or for others interested in the council’s work.

Q: *What would happen to the Valdez Marine Terminal if there was a large earthquake like the one in 1964?*

A: It’s impossible to predict details of an earthquake. That’s one reason the council is studying the stability of containment dikes around the various types of storage tanks, of nearby slopes, and of earth and rock support under storage tanks, as well as the structural integrity of all oil handling components of the VMT, especially those weakened by corrosion. Because better seismic engineering is now available and because the 1964 earthquake is now believed to have been more severe than originally thought, PWSRCAC is concerned that the seismic protection of VMT assets may not be adequate for an earthquake of the size that occurred in 1964.

READING ROOM

[Atlantic Salmon Fact Sheet](#) (non-indigenous species)

[Softshell Clam Fact Sheet](#) (non-indigenous species)

[Oil Pollution Act of 1990 \(OPA 90\) Fact Sheet](#)

FEATURED LINKS

[The Day the Water Died](#), from the Sierra Club Chronicles (30-minute movie about the *Exxon Valdez* oil spill)

[Marine Exchange of Alaska](#)



Prince William Sound Regional Citizen’s Advisory Council

3709 Spenard Rd. Ste. 100, Anchorage, AK 99503

Phone: 907.277.7222

Toll-free: 800.478.7221

PO Box 3089, Valdez, AK 99686

Phone: 907.835.5957

Toll-free: 877.478.7221

www.pwsrcac.org

Thank you for subscribing to The Sound Approach, the monthly e-newsletter for Prince William Sound RCAC. If you think you received this e-newsletter in error, please follow the directions below to unsubscribe, or contact us at 1.800.478.7221.

To SUBSCRIBE, [email us](#) ("subscribe Sound Approach" is already in the subject line).

To UNSUBSCRIBE, [email us](#) ("unsubscribe Sound Approach" is already in the subject line).