

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?

Kodiak has an aquarium at its [Fisheries Research Center](#). The multi-agency laboratory was completed in 1998 and funded in part by Exxon Valdez oil spill settlements. A piped seawater system supplies fresh salt water to the aquarium's inhabitants.

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Border crossings: The Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 requires that by January 1, 2008, travelers to and from Canada, Bermuda, Panama, Mexico, and the Caribbean have a passport or other secure, accepted document to enter or re-enter the United States. This [travel requirement](#) will apply to all air and sea travel by the end of 2006. By the end of 2007, you will need a passport to cross the Alaska/Canada border by car.

COUNCIL NEWS

- **Marilyn Leland** has left PWSRCAC for a job as Executive Director of the Alaska Power Association. With her departure, the Deputy Director position has been eliminated, and restructuring of some of our current staff positions to fill the vacant and needed positions has occurred. We are pleased to announce **Lisa Ka'aihue** has been promoted to Director of Administration with our administrative staff reporting to her; **Donna Schantz** has been promoted to Director of Programs with Project Managers reporting to her; and **Stan Jones** has been promoted to Director of External Affairs. In addition, **Joe Banta** has moved into the Environmental Monitoring Project Manager's position, made vacant by Lisa.
- We are pleased to announce **Bill Abbott as our new Maritime Operations Project Manager**. Bill's most recent position was as the City of Homer's Port and Harbor Director/Harbormaster. He is a licensed master/captain with plenty of oil spill containment and response experience. We look forward to adding Bill to the PWSRCAC team beginning in June.
- We are also pleased to announce that **Jacquelyn Olson will be our new Valdez Project Manager Assistant**. Jacquelyn has been working since 2001 for Chugach Development Corporation on contract to Alyeska. Her most recent position at Alyeska was Senior Administrative Aide and Spill Reporting Administrator, providing overall support to the Environmental Section. Jacquelyn joins our team in mid-May.
- Enter your **artwork for the 2007 Prince William Sound Coloring Book**. Please [email entries to Linda Robinson](#) or snail mail to Prince William Sound

RCAC, 3709 Spenard Rd., Suite 100, Anchorage, AK 99503. [See examples of last year's art.](#)

- Our **May board meeting in Valdez** included election of a new executive board; FY2007 budget approval; presentation on the council's new Automated Identification System, which tracks tankers, tugs and other vessels in Prince William Sound; a call for a ban on the use of dispersants in the council's region; and more. Visit us online for the recent [May board meeting agenda and supporting documents](#).
- The council's **Valdez office has moved** across town. The new physical address is 130 South Meals, Suite 202, Valdez, AK 99686. The new local phone number is 907.834.5000. All other contact information remains the same.
- Our [Web site](#) was selected as an **Official Honoree for the 10th Annual Webby Awards**. The Webby Awards are the leading international awards honoring excellence in Web design, creativity, usability, and functionality. They are judged and presented by the International Academy of Digital Arts & Sciences, a 500-member body of leading Web experts, business figures, luminaries, visionaries and creative celebrities. Of the more than 5,500 entries submitted to this year's awards, fewer than 20 percent were distinguished as Official Honorees. The council Web site placed beside others such as PBS, BBC, and the National Geographic Society.
- The council sponsored a **poetry contest for Kodiak Whale Fest**. We received almost 200 submissions, from young children to adults. Winning poems and others were read in Kodiak during Whale Fest celebrations on April 23. You can see photos and read [winning poems and all submissions](#) on our Web site.

Q&A

Q: Does PWSRCAC monitor the pipeline?

A. No. Our [contract with Alyeska](#) doesn't allow us to focus on the pipeline. We can, however, use grant money to undertake projects outside the scope of our contract.

Q: How are Prince William Sound and downstream communities more prepared now for a large oil spill than they were in 1989?

A: A number of factors make the region safer today than before the *Exxon Valdez* oil spill. These include better equipment that is more readily available around the sound; citizens such as fishermen and emergency personnel trained to respond to a spill; the requirement that tankers carrying oil through the sound must be double hull; a world-class tug escort system; better safety standards within industry; and constant vigilance by PWSRCAC and other organizations and agencies.

READING ROOM

[Coping with Technological Disasters: A User Friendly Guidebook](#)
[Coping with Technological Disasters: Appendices](#)

FEATURED LINKS

[Alaska Health Fair, Inc.](#)
[Techsoup – The Technology Place for Nonprofits](#)

[Alaska Science Forum](#)



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