

# 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*

## >> NEW! << PHOTO GALLERY OF THE MONTH

Training and Drills: See [photos of the BP Prince William Sound exercise](#) in May.

## DID YOU KNOW?

More oil gets into water from natural oil seeps in the ocean floor than from any other source. According to the U.S. government's [Energy Information Administration Energy Kid's Page](#) website, 63% of oil in water comes from natural seeps; 33% from spills by petroleum users (such as gasoline that drips onto the ground when people fill their gas tanks, or motor oil that gets thrown away after an oil change); 2% from ships and barges; and 1% each from drilling and pipeline-related incidents. These figures reflect research done from 1990-1999 in North American waters.

## A SOUND APPROACH TO...

Learning new outdoor skills in Alaska. The [National Outdoor Leadership School \(NOLS\) Alaska](#) facility is located in Palmer and offers courses in backpacking, sea kayaking, mountaineering, and wilderness medicine, among others.

## COUNCIL NEWS

- The council's board meeting in May coincided with BP's Prince William Sound oil spill exercise. Staff, board, and committee volunteers participated successfully in both, with the highlight being a boat trip to Two Moon Bay to see fishing vessels and barges deployed for the on-water portion of the drill.
- The Tatitlek Cultural Festival offered an opportunity for council members to visit with Tatitlek residents and participate in community gatherings and art classes such as beading and making salmon prints.
- The [Alaska Oceans Festival](#) will be held on June 2 in Anchorage on the Delaney Park Strip from noon to 10pm.
- [Arctic & Marine Oilspill Program \(AMOP\)](#) is coming up June 5-7 in Edmonton, Canada. Interested council staff and volunteers will attend.
- Please welcome Emily Polley to the Anchorage office as our new Project Manager Assistant. Her first day will be May 29. She has a B.A. in Public Relations from Drury University in Springfield, Missouri. Emily spent last summer as an intern for the American Red Cross in Anchorage, and chose Alaska as her new home.
- The council's Valdez and Anchorage offices will be closed Monday, May 28, for Memorial Day.

## Q&A

**Q: Where can I find out about upcoming conferences on marine invasive species?**

**A.** Visit our "What's New" web page on non-indigenous species for a [list of conferences](#).

## READING ROOM

Fact Sheet: [Tanker Escort System](#)

## FEATURED LINKS

[Clean Boats Campaign](#)



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