

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

PHOTO GALLERY OF THE MONTH

Council members get out and about at conferences, meetings, and community events. See photos in our [Outreach Gallery](#).

DID YOU KNOW?

Summer fun isn't over yet! Communities in the EVOS (Exxon Valdez oil spill) region offer a wealth of activities:

[Homer](#): Silver Salmon Spitacular, Homer Artists Studio Tour

[Kenai](#): Summer Music Festival, Kenai River Marathon, Kenai Peninsula State Fair, Industry Appreciation Day

[Kodiak](#): State Fair and Rodeo, Silver Salmon Derby

[Seldovia](#): concerts

[Seward](#): Silver Salmon Derby, Music and Arts Festival

[Valdez](#): Museum Summer Programs, Women's Silver Salmon Derby, Halibut Derby

[Whittier](#): Halibut Derby, Silver Salmon Derby

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COUNCIL NEWS

- The council is pleased to announce that Chris Jones will be our new Maritime Operations Project Manager. Chris has a bachelor's degree in biology and a master's degree in environmental science. Most recently, Chris was an oil spill policy advisor to the Makah Tribal Council and worked on issues such as prevention and response tugs for Neah Bay; the protection of important ocean fisheries for the tribe; federal and state contingency planning; and the USCG salvage, firefighting, and vessel response plan rule. Chris also has an extensive background with NOAA and the Northwest Fisheries Science Center in Washington state working on issues pertaining to oil spill response preparedness as well as conducting research on killer whales, seabirds, sea turtles, and other marine mammals and fish. Chris will be based in our Valdez office.
- Also new at our Valdez office is Denise Schanbeck as administrative assistant. Denise comes to us with a knowledge and background in emergency service management and disaster planning. She has experience writing emergency management plans for local communities and on a national level for the USCG. Denise is the recipient of the USCG Swivel Shot Award, a tribute to those who

- voluntarily commit to assisting Coast Guard families and the community. Denise also volunteers as a firefighter and EMT for the Valdez Fire Department.
- We'll be saying goodbye and good luck this month to Tamara Byrnes, who's been our administrative assistant in the Valdez office for several years. Tamara is moving to sunny Florida, and we wish all the best for her in this new adventure.
 - Part-time data entry assistant Barb Penrose, who has been working in the council's Anchorage office all summer, will be returning soon to her full-time job as a teacher with the Anchorage School District. We appreciate Barb's dedication and hard work helping us with document management and other administrative tasks.
 - The council's next board meeting, open to the public, is scheduled for September 20-21 in Kodiak.
 - Other upcoming events include [Clean Pacific](#) in Seattle; 34th Annual [Aquatic Toxicity Workshop](#) in Halifax; [International Oil and Ice Workshop](#) in Anchorage; and the [Alaska Math & Science Conference](#) in Anchorage.

READING ROOM

PWSRCAC Fact Sheet: [Tugs in Prince William Sound](#) (updated)

FEATURED LINKS

[Are You Drowning in a Sea of Information?](#) Managing Information – A Practical Guide
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