

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

WEB PAGE OF THE MONTH

[PWSRCAC in the News](#). News about council activities or issues occasionally appears in local, regional, and national publications. This page links to those articles.

DID YOU KNOW?

The average annual snowfall for Valdez, Alaska, is 27 feet. Some residents board up their first-floor windows during part of winter to prevent damage from snow sliding off their roofs.

A SOUND APPROACH TO...

Christmas trees: Learn about tree types, tips on recycling your tree, real trees vs. fake trees, and lots more on the [National Christmas Tree Association](#) website.

COUNCIL NEWS

- You now have multiple options for finding council reports online. Numerous reports are available through [ARLIS](#), or Alaska Resources Library & Information Services. ARLIS was created by merging the staff and collections of nine Anchorage natural resources libraries. Its collections are also available through the Anchorage Municipal Library and the University of Alaska Library. It is also part of the Online Computer Library Center, or [OCLC](#), whose online catalog is called WorldCat. Visit [WorldCat](#) and do a simple search for "Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council" to find our reports. And, as always, you can [visit our website for links to our reports](#).
- We'd like to thank Sharon Marchant, who recently retired from Alyeska Pipeline Service Company, for working with the citizens' council as Alyeska's liaison, and we welcome Barry Roberts as the new liaison. We look forward to building a successful relationship with Barry at our future board meetings and other events.
- Last month, many of our volunteers met for a workshop and an appreciation party. Thanks go to all of our dedicated volunteers who give their time and effort to council issues and projects.
- Also in November, the council sponsored the second annual Science Night, which offered informative presentations by several notable scientists on ocean currents and other marine science topics as related to oil spills. As part of the council's youth involvement project, students from Valdez and Kodiak attended this year; some plan to make presentations at Science Night 2008 on special projects they

undertake in the coming months, while others are planning to help teach lessons from the recently revised Alaska Oil Spill Curriculum to other students.

- The [Alaska Marine Science Symposium](#) takes place January 20-23 in Anchorage. This year's theme is "Showcasing Ocean Research in the Bering Sea, Arctic Ocean and Gulf of Alaska."
- The council's next board meeting is January 24-25, in Anchorage. Details and an agenda will be available on our website in early January. All of our board meetings are open to the public and we always offer a public comment period.

READING ROOM

The new [PWSRCAC 2006-2007 Annual Report](#) includes a letter from the council's president and executive director, program and project highlights, a who's who section, and other council information.

FEATURED LINKS

Nutrition Data's listings on [ethnic foods of Alaska](#) include information on everything from blueberries to caribou tongue to bearded seal and willow leaves.

[FlyteComm](#) tracks the status of any flight arriving or departing the United States or Canada.



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