

# The Sound Approach

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*Citizens promoting environmentally safe operation of the Alyeska terminal and associated tankers.*  
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## **PHOTO GALLERY OF THE MONTH**

[Alyeska Facilities](#): See pictures of the Ballast Water Treatment Facility, inside an oil storage tank, and more.

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

This month it's your turn! [Email us a tidbit of interesting trivia](#) about Southcentral Alaska and we'll try to use it in an upcoming issue of The Sound Approach. Facts only please, and let us know how you know. Also, tell us if you want credit, and we'll include your name.

## **A SOUND APPROACH TO...**

[Assessing the value of Fur Rondy pins](#). Some pins from the 1950s are worth \$800.

## **COUNCIL NEWS**

- An addendum to the [Hinchinbrook Entrance Vessel Analysis RFP](#) has been posted on our website. The RFP deadline is February 29, 5:00pm Alaska Time.
- Two council staff members from the Anchorage office submitted their resignations this month. Susan Sommer, project manager and webmaster, has accepted a position with Tatitlek Corporation and will be leaving us in early March. Office Manager Mary Schonberger will be moving on to Alaska Power Association. Her last day is February 18. We thank both Susan and Mary for their hard work and wish them all the best in their new endeavors.
- [Watch a brief video](#) of Donna Schantz, Director of Programs, speaking at the January board meeting about the resignation of long-time council board member and Prince William Sound advocate Stan Stephens.
- At the council's January board meeting, a new representative for the Alaska Wilderness Recreation & Tourism Association was seated: Cathy Hart replaces Stan Stephens on the board. Cathy has many years of experience in the Alaska tourism industry and is an avid outdoorswoman. You can read [Cathy's bio](#) on our website.
- Other items of note from the January board meeting include the seating of new Scientific Advisory Committee member Mark Udevitz; approval of the council's Long Range Plan; and informative presentations on the tanker escort system in

Prince William Sound, oil spill contingency plan reviews, and the recent Cosco Busan oil spill in California.

- We've added a new web page to our site: [Statistics for Valdez Marine Terminal](#). It includes graphs and charts on Ballast Water Treatment Facility throughput, tanker loading, inventory levels, and more.
- The [Alaska Forum on the Environment](#) is Feb. 11-15 in Anchorage. Council representatives will be moderating several brief films as part of the Film Festival at this event. The council's Director of Administration, Lisa Ka'aihue, has organized the Film Festival for the second year in a row.

## READING ROOM

PWSRCAC News Release, January 29, 2008: [Alaska citizens' councils file friend-of-the-court brief in Exxon Valdez punitive damages case](#)

["Brief of Amicus Curiae Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council and Cook Inlet Regional Citizens' Advisory Council in Support of Respondents"](#) in the *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Supreme Court case. The PWSRCAC friend-of-the-court brief is one of several filed by a wide range of entities.

## FEATURED LINKS

[Alaska ICE](#) (Initiative for Community Engagement) serves as the Youth Advocacy branch of the Association of Alaska School Boards.

[Politics 1](#): Lists all 2008 presidential candidates (even the ones you've never heard of) and includes links to their official campaign websites as well as related positive and negative websites.



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