

# 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

[Vessels](#): How big does an oil tanker look from several miles away? How about up-close at the Valdez Marine Terminal? See tankers, tugs, and fishing vessels.

## DID YOU KNOW?

According to the [U.S. Geological Survey](#), it takes 1,851 gallons of water to refine one barrel of crude oil.

## A SOUND APPROACH TO...

[Surviving spring break](#): Tips for avoiding the crowds, and other good advice.

## COUNCIL NEWS

- FREE, one-day workshop: [Statistical Approaches to Environmental Study Design](#). Sponsored in part by PWSRCAC, this is a follow up to last year's Environmental Study Design Workshop presented by Dr. Roger Green; however the previous workshop is not a prerequisite to this one. It will be held at UAA on March 7, 2008. To sign up or for more information email [rsvp@pwsrcac.org](mailto:rsvp@pwsrcac.org).
- Board member Jim Nestic, representing the Kodiak Village Mayors Association, resigned from the Board of Directors last month. His replacement will be announced shortly. The council thanks Jim for his volunteer service and wishes him all the best.
- Prince William Sound RCAC was one of many groups to file a [friend-of-the-court brief](#) on behalf of plaintiffs in the *Exxon Valdez* oil spill punitive damages case. The council argues that punitive damages should be retained to deter risky conduct that could cause an oil spill. See also our [news release](#) of January 29 on this issue. The U.S. Supreme Court heard the case in February, but a ruling is not expected until sometime this summer.
- Please welcome our new webmaster, Emily Polley. Emily has been with the council since last spring as a project manager assistant, but replaces outgoing project manager and webmaster Susan Sommer. Emily's background is in public relations.
- The council was recently recertified by the U.S. Coast Guard. You may view the [recertification application](#) on our web site.

## LISTENING ROOM

[Listen to debate by a diverse group of entities on a possible one-way zone in Valdez Arm](#)  
(used with permission from [KCHU radio](#) in Prince William Sound).

## FEATURED LINKS

[Facts About Dollar Bills](#), and other interesting info about U.S. currency.



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