

**To Patience and all our friends from Alaska**

Dear Patience, dear all,

We would have been glad to be with you on this very particular day. You can be sure we think about you and have a look on your activities from France. An anniversary is an opportunity to remember all we have lived and shared since 20 years. So just have a little trip in our common memory...

May 89: Senator Arzel and Jean Baptiste Henry flew to Valdez and had a meeting with John Devens, at this time mayor of Valdez. The idea of an oiled mayors organisation of Prince William Sound originated from our discussions considering the Syndicat Mixte - Vigipol experience after Brittany coastline suffered the *Amoco Cadiz* oil spill in 1978. This was the first step of our links as victims and of our cooperation as citizens. Since this time, we have maintained the stream between our two organizations. However, if we were the pioneers for reactions of local citizens and communities against polluters, the truth is that now, you are the first by the excellence of your organization and by the considerable work accomplished with the participation of the coastal citizens. As a matter of fact, the RCAC is for us the model we would like to apply in Brittany.

Now, risks are still there. They are even higher and higher. Some stakes are the same as at the beginning of our fight, some others are new and often more complex (new trade routes, dangerousness of goods transported particularly chemicals, new stakeholders involved, etc.). That's why we need to continue our partnership and even to make it stronger and more operational to tackle with new risks and news stakes. So we hope we can develop a deeper cooperation between Prince William Sound RCAC and Vigipol in working closer and closer in order to improve maritime safety all around the world.

In conclusion, we have only one advice to give you: don't be sad remembering EVOS but be proud of what you have managed to do since then ! Congratulations for having turned a disaster into such a success !

With all our best wishes for the future...

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