



*"Citizens promoting environmentally safe operation of the Alyeska terminal and associated tankers."*

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## **Citizens' council board to meet in Whittier**

The Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council will hold a board meeting in Whittier on Thursday and Friday, Sept. 17 and 18, 2009.

The meeting is to be held at The Inn at Whittier. The tentative times for the public sessions are from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Thursday and from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Friday. The meeting is open to the public, except for executive sessions. Public comments will be taken Thursday starting at 8:55 a.m.

Among the agenda items for the board's consideration are:

- A report on oil-spill response drills and training exercises conducted in Prince William Sound and nearby waters in 2008.
- A presentation from Tom Colby of Alaska Tanker Co. on possible improvements to the open-water oil-spill response system for Prince William Sound, possibly including technology improvements that could permit the response system to remain in compliance with regulatory and statutory requirements with fewer personnel and less equipment than is now the case.
- A presentation on the council's efforts—now before Congress—to preserve the system of dual escorts for loaded oil tankers in Prince William Sound.
- Appearances by the finalists for the job of executive director of the council, which has been vacant since this spring.

The meeting agenda follows this news release, but is subject to change before or during the meeting. Council board meetings are routinely recorded, and may be disseminated to the public by the council or by the news media. For more information, visit our web site: [www.pwsrca.org](http://www.pwsrca.org).

In addition to the board meeting, the council is sponsoring a community reception on Thursday, May 7, at the Valdez Museum, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

The Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council is an independent non-profit corporation whose mission is to promote environmentally safe operation of the Valdez Marine Terminal and the oil tankers that use it. The council's work is guided by the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, and its contract with Alyeska Pipeline

Service Company. The council's 18 member organizations are communities in the region affected by the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill, as well as aquaculture, commercial fishing, environmental, Native, recreation, and tourism groups.

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