

Briefing for PWSRCAC Board of Directors – January 2018

ACTION ITEM

Sponsor: Board of Directors
Project number and name or topic: PWSRCAC Resolution 18-01
Establishing Board Position Regarding
the Marine Services Transition

1. **Description of agenda item:** This is a resolution discussed by the Board at its recent workshop. It contains a proposed Board resolution and position paper on the marine services transition. The resolution has been finalized and forwarded to the full Board by a subcommittee consisting of five Board members and the chairs of two technical committees.

2. **Why is this item important to PWSRCAC:** The transition in marine services is one of the most important issues the Council has addressed in recent years. Safe transportation of oil through Prince William Sound goes to the core of the Council's responsibilities and mandate. It is important for the Council to articulate its position regarding what competencies and equipment standards the new contractor should meet before being permitted to begin operations.

3. **Previous actions taken by the Board on this item:**

<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Action</u>
Board	5/8/2003	The Board of Directors approved a position and letter to the Prince William Sound Response Planning Group on the lack of tanker towing exercises at or close to closure conditions in Prince William Sound and requesting that towing exercises be conducted in these conditions.

4. **Summary of policy, issues, support or opposition:** The Board's 2003 position is described above. If approved, this resolution and position paper would supersede the 2003 position.

5. **Committee Recommendation:** Board sub-committee recommends approval of the resolution and position paper.

6. **Relationship to LRP and Budget:** None.

7. **Action Requested of the Board of Directors:** Approve resolution 18-01 and corresponding position paper Establishing PWSRCAC Board Position Regarding the Marine Services Transition.

8. **Alternatives:** The Resolution could be voted down, in which case the existing Board position would remain in place. Action could also be deferred to a future meeting and/or the resolution forwarded to the sub-committee for additional work.

9. **Attachments:**

- A. PWSRCAC May 14, 2003 letter to the RPG on the lack of tanker towing exercises at or close to closure conditions in Prince William Sound and requesting that towing exercises be conducted in these conditions.
- B. Draft Resolution 18-01 Establishing Board Position Regarding the Marine Services Transition.
- C. PWSRCAC Position Paper.