



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

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Devens resigns as head of citizens' council

John Devens has resigned as executive director of the Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council. His resignation was accepted by the council board May 8 as it met in Valdez.

While the board seeks a permanent replacement, Donna Schantz, the organization's director of programs, will continue as acting executive director. She has filled that role since February, when Devens began a leave of absence that continued until his resignation.

"On behalf of the council, I'd like to thank John for his service to the organization," said board President Steve Lewis. "We wish him the very best in the future."

Devens had been the council's executive director since 1997 and was mayor of Valdez at the time of the *Exxon Valdez* oil spill in 1989.

"The council does a fine job in keeping Prince William Sound safe from future oil spills," Devens said. "I wish them well in the future work they have to do."

Schantz, who has worked for the council since 1999, is a Valdez resident.

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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