



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

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## **Citizens' council head takes leave of absence**

John Devens, longtime executive director of the Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council, is taking, at his request, a two-month medical leave of absence.

During this period, Donna Schantz will serve as executive director. Schantz is the organization's director of programs.

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

His leave request and Schantz's appointment as replacement were approved at a meeting of the council board's executive committee on Saturday.

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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