

REVISED BRIEFING

Consideration of Oil Spill Region Recreation Coalition as Class I Member 4-4

Briefing for PWSRCAC Board of Directors – January 2024

ACTION ITEM

Sponsor: Board Governance Committee (BGC),
Donna Schantz, KJ Crawford, Brooke
Taylor, and Joe Lally

Project number and name or topic: Class I Member Appointment / Recreation

1. **Description of agenda item:** The purpose of this agenda item is to amend the Council Bylaws to remove the Temporary Recreation Seat that was added in January 2023 and seat a permanent entity to provide representation for regional recreation interests on the PWSRCAC Board of Directors.

On November 14, 2023, BGC met to discuss the submission materials and the BGC moved to recommend seating the Oil Spill Region Recreational Coalition as a Class I member of the Board of Directors to represent recreation interests. There were no objections. On December 13, 2023, the Executive Committee approved a recommendation to the Board to seat the Oil Spill Region Recreational Coalition as a Class I member of the PWSRCAC Board of Directors to represent recreation interests. The motion passed with four Executive Committee members voting in favor, and one choosing to abstain. The issue is now presented to the full Board.

To accomplish this action, the Board is being asked to approve the proposed amendment to section 2.2.1 of the PWSRCAC Bylaws to remove the Temporary Recreation Seat and add the Oil Spill Region Recreational Coalition to the list of Class I Membership.

Based on a request by a BGC Project Team member, the BGC also moved to include the definition of recreation, as developed by the BGC, as footnote number 13 on page 2 of the bylaws. All proposed bylaw amendments can be seen in track changes on page 2 of the attached draft bylaws.

Changes to the bylaws, including adding a new Board member to the list of Class I members, require a 2/3 vote to be approved by the Board (14 affirmative votes).

2. **Why is this item important to PWSRCAC:** An issue arose during our 2023 recertification with the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG). Seating a recreation entity as a Class I member on the PWSRCAC Board of Directors resolves this issue, now and in the future.

While OPA 90 mandates RCACs for Prince William Sound and Cook Inlet, the Council’s status as the alternative voluntary group filling that role is contingent upon annual recertification through the USCG. This is separate from our contract with Alyeska.

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

<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Action</u>
Board	1/22/15	Accepted resignation of AWRTA and amended Section 2.2.1 of the PWSRCAC Bylaws to remove them as a Class I member of the Council.

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Board	1/22/15	Postponed further discussion and action on approving an amendment to Section 2.2.1 of the PWSRCAC Bylaws to add Alaska Travel Industry Association as a Class I member of the PWSRCAC.
Board	1/22/15	Invited Prince William Sound Economic Development District to apply for Class II membership in the PWSRCAC.
XCOM	2/9/15	Recommended the PWSRCAC Board of Directors seat Alaska Travel Industry Association at the May 2015 meeting as a member, representing tourism and recreation public.
Board	12/20/22	Direct staff to contact individual(s) within the EVOS region to temporarily fill the recreation seat, with the intent to temporarily waive Administrative Procedure 16-01 and seat the representative selected at the January 2023 Board meeting, after which a full RFP will be conducted.
Board	1/26/23	Approved the proposed amendment to Section 2.2.1 of the PWSRCAC Bylaws to add <i>Temporary Recreation Seat</i> to the list of Class I Membership.
Board	9/21/23	Supported efforts to form a coalition of recreation entities to potentially fill a Class I Recreation seat on the PWSRCAC Board of Directors, and delegation of authority to the Executive Director to engage PWSRCAC legal counsel to review the draft Memorandum of Agreement provided by the groups currently proposing the Recreational Coalition.
XCOM	12/13/23	Recommended the PWSRCAC Board of Directors seat the Oil Spill Region Recreational Coalition as a Class I member, representing recreation interests.

4. **Summary of policy, issues, support, or opposition:** The Council previously had a Board seat for recreation, last filled by the Alaska Wilderness Recreation and Tourism Association. Cathy Hart was the most recent representative for that entity on the PWSRCAC Board until they closed in 2014. At that time, the Council received two applications from groups expressing interest in filling seats on our Board: Alaska Travel Industry Association and the Prince William Sound Economic Development District. After consideration by the Board at three different meetings, neither was approved.

In the years since, the Council has provided justification to USCG during both heavy and light recertification cycles noting current Board members that represent recreation interests in addition to their designated member entity, as well as noting that the governmental interests on our Board have a recreation interest as well. During all recertifications since 2014, this was found to be sufficient, until recently.

As is noted in the Board meeting minutes from 2015, it has also been discussed in the past that while PWSRCAC strives to adhere to OPA 90 as closely as possible, it is PWSRCAC legal counsel's opinion that we are not held to all OPA 90 requirements as we fill the alternative voluntary group in lieu of Council provision under the Act. This point has been brought to USCG's attention, though currently, the USCG hasn't addressed this distinction. Staff has worked with our legal counsel to provide that opinion to USCG in the interest of clarity.

Given the USCG directive and after discussing the situation with legal counsel and the Board, at the January 2023 meeting, the Board amended the PWSRCAC Bylaws to add a Temporary Recreation Seat until the January 2024 Board meeting, or the completion of the RFQ process, whichever comes first, and approved Jim Herbert to fill the Temporary Recreation Seat. Following the January 2023 Board meeting, a full RFQ process solicitation was conducted through BGC to potentially fill a permanent recreation seat.

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Since the January 2023 Board meeting, Council volunteer Jim Herbert has held the Temporary Recreation seat on the PWSRCAC Board. In April 2023, the Council posted a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to identify potential recreational entities to fill a permanent seat. The RFQ resulted in three organizations submitting formal Statements of Qualifications, including: Friends of Kachemak Bay State Parks, the PWS Stewardship Foundation, and the Valdez Adventure Alliance. In July 2023, the Board Governance Committee (BGC) proposed a coalition of recreation entities to fill the permanent seat, and at the September 2023 Board meeting the full Board moved in support of the coalition approach.

Since the September 2023 Board meeting, Jim Herbert has worked closely with three recreation entities to successfully execute a Memorandum of Agreement resulting in the formation of the Oil Spill Region Recreational Coalition. PWSRCAC legal counsel, Joe Levesque, reviewed the MOA, and on October 31, 2023, the Recreational Coalition officially submitted their application for consideration. Per the Council's Administrative Procedure 16-01, consideration of an entity for the PWSRCAC Board of Directors must first be taken up by the Board Governance Committee, then forwarded to the Executive Committee to make a recommendation to the full Board at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.

5. **Committee Recommendation:** The Board Governance Committee passed a motion at their meeting on November 14, 2023, to recommend seating the Oil Spill Region Recreational Coalition as a Class I member of the Board of Directors to represent recreation interests. On December 13, 2023, the Executive Committee passed a motion to recommend seating the Oil Spill Region Recreational Coalition as a Class I member of the PWSRCAC Board of Directors to represent recreation interests. The Board Governance Committee met again on January 5, 2024 to make a recommendation to the full Board on the proposed bylaw amendment needed to remove the Temporary Recreation seat and add the Oil Spill Region Recreational Coalition should the Board vote to seat the Coalition. The BGC also made a recommendation to include the definition of recreation, as developed by the BGC, as a footnote in the PWSRCAC Bylaws.

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

7. **Action Requested of the Board of Directors:**

A: Approve the proposed amendment to section 2.2.1 of the PWSRCAC Bylaws to remove the Temporary Recreation Seat and add the Oil Spill Region Recreational Coalition to the list of Class I members.

B: Approve the proposed amendment to the Bylaws to include listing the definition of recreation as developed by BGC in the footnotes on page 2 of Attachment A.

8. **Alternatives:** None.

9. **Attachments:**

A. Proposed amendments to sections 2.2.1 of the PWSRCAC Bylaws

B. Letter of request from the Oil Spill Region Recreational Coalition for a Class I membership.

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**BY LAWS
OF
PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND REGIONAL CITIZENS' ADVISORY COUNCIL, INC.**

SECTION 1. OFFICES

The principal office of the corporation shall be located at its principal place of business or such other places as the Board of Directors ("Board") may designate. The corporation may have such other offices, either within or without the State of Alaska, as the Board may designate or as the business of the corporation may require from time to time.

SECTION 2. MEMBERSHIP

2.1 Class of Members. The corporation shall have two classes of members. Class I consists of members who are entitled to designate one or more individual representatives for election to the Board as voting Directors. Class II consists of members who are entitled to designate individual representatives for election to the board as non-voting directors. ~~Additional classes of members, the manner of election or appointment of each class of members, and the qualifications and rights of each class of members may be established by amendment to these Bylaws.~~¹

2.2 Membership.

2.2.1 Class I Membership. The following entities shall be Class I members of the corporation:

Alaska State Chamber of Commerce
Cordova District Fishermen United
Chugach Alaska Corporation
City of Cordova
City of Homer
City of Kodiak
City of Seldovia
City of Seward
City of Valdez
City of Whittier
Kenai Peninsula Borough
Kodiak Village Mayors Association
Kodiak Island Borough
~~National Wildlife Federation~~²
Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation
Community of Chenega³
Community of Tatitlek⁴
~~Alaska Wilderness Recreation and Tourism Association~~^{5,6}

¹Approved removal at Council Meeting 2-3 December 2004.

²Approved removal at Council Meeting 24-25 Sept. 1993.

³Approved change at Council Teleconference 8 July 1992.

⁴Approved change at Council Teleconference 8 July 1992.

⁵Approved change at Council Teleconference 8 July 1992.

⁶Approved change at Council Meeting 22-23 Jan. 2015.

Oil Spill Region Environmental Coalition⁷, including Nunagpet⁸ Chugachmiut
Environmental Protection Consortium⁹
Port Graham Corporation¹⁰
Temporary Recreation Seat¹¹
Oil Spill Region Recreational Coalition^{12 13}

2.2.2 Class II Membership. The following entities are entitled to be Class II members of the corporation:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency
The United States Coast Guard
The United States National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
The United States Forest Service
The United States Department of the Interior
The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation
The Alaska Department of Fish and Game
The Alaska Department of Natural Resources
Alaska Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Management, Alaska
Department of Military and Veterans Affairs¹⁴ The Division of Emergency
Services, Alaska¹⁵
Department of Military and Veterans Affairs¹⁶
Oil Spill Recovery Institute¹⁷
The Bureau of Land Management¹⁸

The entities named above become a Class II member under this section by designating an individual representative under Section 2.4.2. ~~Class II member may designate an individual as a non-voting representative of that member. A non-voting representative need not be a resident of the State of Alaska.~~¹⁹ Each Class II member may designate one individual as a non-voting representative of that member. A non-voting representative need not be a resident of the State of Alaska.²⁰

2.3 Voting Rights. Unless required by law, or unless the Board elects to submit any matter to the members for approval or adoption, no member or class of member shall have voting rights. Voting rights of members may be established by amendment to these Bylaws.

⁷Approved change at Council Meeting 10-11 March 1994.

⁸Approved name changed at Council meeting 14-15 March 1996.

⁹Approved removal at Council Meeting 9-10 March 2000.

¹⁰Approved change at Council Meeting 21-22 January 2010.

¹¹Approved change at Council meeting 26-27 January 2023.

¹² ****date Board approved change will be noted here****

¹³ **Recreation shall be defined as an experience, activity, or the opportunity to enjoy the Exxon Valdez oil spill area's natural environment, cultural, and historic resources for the use, enjoyment, and welfare of citizens.**

¹⁴Approved change at Council Meeting 16-17 September 2021.

¹⁵Amendment approved at Council Meeting 2-3 December 2004

¹⁶Approved change at Council Meeting 16-17 September 2021.

¹⁷Approved change at Council meeting December 1998.

¹⁸Approved change at Council meeting 18-19 September 2006.

¹⁹Approved change at Council Meeting 2-3 December 2004.

²⁰Amendment approved at Council Meeting 2-3 December 2004 (Paragraph moved from old section 2.4.2.).

2.4 Designation of Director.

2.4.1 Class I Members. Each Class I member shall designate one individual representative for election to the Board as a voting Director except for the City of Valdez, which shall designate two representatives.²¹ The representative of the Chamber of Commerce shall ~~be involved in the tourism industry in areas that might be directly affected by an oil spill in Prince William Sound~~ represent the locally based tourist industry.²² Each representative shall be a resident of the State of Alaska ~~with the intent of remaining as a permanent resident.~~ ^{23,24} A resident is a person who is physically present in Alaska with the intent to remain indefinitely and make a home here and who has maintained a domicile in Alaska for the 12 consecutive months immediately preceding his or her appointment to the Board and is not claiming residency or obtaining benefits under a claim of residency in another state, territory or country.²⁵ ~~intends to make Alaska his or her home, does not claim residency in any other state, and meets two of the following criteria: a) Owns or rents a home in Alaska; b) Is a registered voter in Alaska and is not registered to vote in any other state; c) has a current Alaska driver's license and does not maintain a driver's license from any other state; d) earns primary income in Alaska and is not employed full-time in another state.~~ ²⁶

2.5 Resignation. A member entity may resign at any time by delivering written notice from the member's governing board to the President, the Secretary, the Board, or to the registered office of the corporation. Any such resignation shall take effect ~~at the time specified therein, or if the time is not specified upon delivery thereof, and unless otherwise specified therein.~~²⁷:

- At the time, if an, specified in the notice, or,
- Upon deliver of the notice, if not time is specified therein.

Acceptance of such resignation by the Board of the corporation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

2.6 Removal. A member entity may be removed in any of the following ways:

(a) The Board may remove a Class I member that, after receiving notice of a vacancy in the seat of its designated Director and of its obligation to designate a successor Director in order to continue its membership²⁸, fails for a period of six months to designate a successor Director. Such a member may be removed by a majority of the remaining Directors. ~~even though less than a quorum.~~²⁹

(b) The Board may remove a Class II member that, after receiving notice of a vacancy in the seat of its non-voting representative and of its obligation to designate a successor representative in order to continue its membership fails for a period of six months to designate a successor non-voting representative. Such a member may be removed by a majority vote of the Directors.

²¹ Approved change at Council Teleconference 8 July 1992.

²² Approved change at Council Meeting 19-21 March 1992 and 2-3 December 2004.

²³ Approve deletion at Council Meeting 19-21 March 1992.

²⁴ Approved change at Council Meeting 10-11 March 2005.

²⁵ Approved change at Council Meeting 10-11 March 2005.

²⁶ Approved change at Council Meeting 23-24 September 1999.

²⁷ Approved change at Council meeting 20-21 September 2012.

²⁸ Approve change at Council meeting 3-4 May 2012.

²⁹ Approve change at Council Meeting 10-11 March 2005.

(c) The Board may remove a member entity whose designated representative Director or designated non-voting representative misses three consecutive Board meetings without excuse and, after written notice of the unexcused absences to the member, misses two additional meetings of the Board without excuse³⁰. The member entity subject to removal under this subparagraph shall be given written notice of the meeting of the Board at which its removal will be considered by certified mail, return receipt requested, not less than two weeks prior to the meeting. If due to resignation, removal or three consecutive unexcused absences, the number of remaining active Directors is reduced to less than a quorum, then an affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of the remaining Board members³¹ majority of the remaining active Directors may remove such a member. For purposes of this paragraph, an excused absence is one for which the Director or non-voting representative has obtained prior approval from the President for absence due to business, illness, death of close family member or close friends, or other equally compelling reasons. All other absences are unexcused.

(d) A Director may be removed by the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of the Board if the Director uses confidential PWSRCAC documents or information not available to the general public for any use other than PWSRCAC purposes or if the Director misrepresents PWSRCAC adopted positions or engages in behavior that the Board deems to be in conflict with PWSRCAC policies or Code of Conduct. "Confidential information" means information obtained in the course of serving as a Board of Director, which is not available to members of the public and which the Director is not Authorized to disclose except to designated individuals or bodies, including written and not-written information³². The member entity whose designated Director is being considered for removal shall be given written notice of the meeting of the Board at which its removal of its designated Director will be considered by certified mail, return receipt requested, not less than two weeks prior to the meeting.³³

2.7 Addition. A Class I or Class II member, including a member removed as provided in 2.6 above, may be added by submitting a letter of request to the Board, followed by an affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of the number of Directors fixed by these Bylaws.³⁴

SECTION 3. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

3.1 General Powers. The affairs of the corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors.

3.2 Number. The Board shall consist of the number of Directors equal to the number of Class I members of the corporation plus one. The number of Directors may be changed from time to time by amendment to these Bylaws, provided that no decrease in the number shall reduce the number of Directors to less than three or have the effect of shortening the term of any incumbent Director. The Board of Directors may appoint and entity or individual to serve as a Class I or Class II member on a temporary basis, on terms and conditions as may be determined by the Board, by action of the Board as provided in this section.³⁵

³⁰ Approve change at Council meeting 3-4 May 2012.

³¹ Approve change at Council Meeting 10-11 March 2005.

³² Approve change at Council Meeting, 16-17 September 2010.

³³ Approve change at Council Meeting 12-13 May 2005.

³⁴ Approve change at Council meeting 3-4 May 2012.

³⁵ Approved change at Council meeting 26-27 January 2023.

3.3 Classification of Directors. The Directors of the corporation shall be divided into two groups: Group A and Group B.

3.3.1 Initial Classification. At the organizational meeting of the corporation, the Directors named in the Articles of Incorporation shall divide themselves by lot into two groups which will serve staggered terms of office as follows: one-half of the Directors shall serve for a term ending on the date of the 1991 annual meeting of the Board (Group A Directors) and one-half of the Directors shall serve for a term ending on the date of the 1992 annual meeting of the Board (Group B Directors), or until their respective successors in each case are elected. If the number of Directors is changed, any increase or decrease shall be apportioned among the groups so as to maintain the number of Directors in each group as nearly equal as possible, and any additional Director of any group elected to fill a vacancy resulting from an increase in such group shall hold office for a term that shall coincide with the remaining term of that group.

3.3.2 Election of Directors. After the initial classification, one-half of the number of Directors fixed by these Bylaws shall be ~~elected~~ confirmed by a majority vote of the Board³⁶ each year at the annual meeting of the Board to replace the group of Directors whose terms expire that year. The Board shall confirm as Directors the representatives who are selected by the members whose designated Directors' terms expire on the date of the annual meeting and who meet the Director qualifications established in these Bylaws³⁷.

3.3.3 Notice to Members. Not less than sixty days prior to the annual meeting of the Board³⁸, written notice delivered by mail shall be given to each of the member entities described in Section 2.2 whose representatives' terms will be expiring ~~not less than sixty days prior to the annual meeting of the Board~~³⁹. Such notice shall state that the term of the member entity's representative will expire on the date of the annual meeting and shall direct such member entity to notify the Board in writing of the name and mailing address of the successor representative within 30 days prior to the annual meeting of the Board so that the Board may properly give notice to the new Director of the annual meeting.

3.4 Terms of Office. With the exception of the Directors classified at the organizational meeting of the Board, and unless a Director dies, resigns or is removed, each group of Directors shall be elected for terms expiring on the date of the annual meeting of the Board two years subsequent to their election ~~and~~ or⁴⁰ until their successors are elected.

3.5 Annual Meeting. ~~The annual meeting of the Board shall be held during the month of March in each year, as close to March 24th as possible.~~ ⁴¹ The exact time and place of the annual meeting will be set by the Board of Directors and notice of the meeting will be given to all members and directors at least 10 days in advance of the date set for the meeting. The purpose of the annual meeting is for electing directors and officers and transacting such business as may properly come before the meeting.

³⁶Approved change at Council Meeting 2-3 December 2004.

³⁷Approved change at Council Meeting 2-3 December 2004.

³⁸Approved change at Council Meeting 2-3 December 2004.

³⁹Approved change at Council Meeting 2-3 December 2004.

⁴⁰Approved change at Council Meeting 2-3 May 2006.

⁴¹ Approved deletion at Council Meeting 10-11 March 2005.

3.6 Regular Meetings. By resolution, the Board may specify the date, time and place for the holding of regular meetings without notice other than such resolution.

3.7 Special Meeting. Special meetings of the Board or any committee appointed by the Board may be called by or at the request of the President or, in the case of special Board meetings, one-third of the number of Directors fixed by these Bylaws, and in the case of a special meeting of any committee appointed by the Board, by the Chairman thereof. The person or persons authorized to call special meetings may fix any place either within or without the State of Alaska as the place for holding any special Board or committee meeting called by them.

3.8 Meeting by Telephone or Videoconference. The Board of Directors, Executive Committee, and any standing or designated committees established by the Board are authorized to meet by teleconference or through other electronic communications media, including video conferencing, so long as all members may simultaneously hear each other and participate in the meeting.

For in-person meetings, members of the Board or any committee designated by the Board may participate in a meeting of such Board or designated committee through use of a conference telephone call, video conferencing, or similar electronic communications media equipment, by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other at the same time.⁴² Participation by such means shall constitute presence in person at a meeting.

3.9 Place of Meeting. All meetings of the Board or committee shall be held at the principal office of the corporation or at such other place within or without the State of Alaska designated by the Board, by any persons entitled to call a meeting or by a waiver of notice signed by all Directors entitled to notice of the meeting.

3.10 Notice of Meetings. Notice of annual or special Board meetings and committee meetings stating the place, day and hour of the meeting, shall be given to each Director and each non-voting representative. Neither the business to be transacted at, nor the purpose of any meeting need be specified in the notice of such meeting. Notice may be given in writing or orally by any of the following means.

3.10.1 Personal Delivery. If notice is given by personal delivery, the notice shall be effective as delivered to a Director or non-voting representative at least two days before the meeting.

3.10.2 Delivery by Mail. If notice is delivered by mail, the notice shall be deemed effective if deposited in the official government mail properly addressed to a Director or non-voting representative at his or her address shown on the records of the corporation with postage prepaid at least ten days before the meeting.

3.10.3 Delivery by E-Mail. If notice is delivered by e-mail, the notice shall be deemed effective if the content thereof is transmitted to the last-known address for the Director or non-voting representative at his or her address shown on the records of the corporation at least three days before the meeting.

⁴² Approved change at Council Meeting 17-18 September 2020.

3.10.4 Delivery by Facsimile Transmission. If notice is delivered by facsimile transmission, the notice shall be deemed effective if the contents thereof are transmitted to, and acknowledged by,⁴³ the office of a Director or non-voting representative, at his or her facsimile number shown on the record of the corporation, at least ~~five~~⁴⁴ three days before the meeting.

3.10.5 Oral Notice. If notice is delivered orally, by telephone or in person, the notice shall be deemed effective when personally given to the Director or non-voting representative at least two days before the meeting.

3.10.6 Effect of Failure to Give Notice to Non-Voting Representatives. Failure to give notice to a non-voting representative shall have no effect on the establishment of a quorum of the Board or on the ability of the Board to transact business.

3.11 Waiver of Notice.

3.11.1 In Writing. Whenever any notice is required to be given to any Director under the provisions of these Bylaws, the Articles of Incorporation or applicable Alaska law, a waiver thereof in writing, signed by the person or persons entitled to such notice, whether before or after the time stated therein, shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of such notice. Neither the business to be transacted at, nor the purpose of, any regular or special meeting of the Board need be specified in the waiver of notice of such meeting.

3.11.2 By Attendance. The attendance of a Director at a Board or committee meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting, except where a Director attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened.

3.12 Quorum. A majority of the number of Directors fixed by these Bylaws shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any Board meeting. If a quorum is not present at a meeting, a majority of the Directors present may adjourn the meeting from time to time without further notice.

3.13 Manner of Acting. The act of the majority of the Directors present at a Board meeting at which there is a quorum shall be the act of the Board, unless the vote of a greater number is required by these Bylaws, the Articles of Incorporation or applicable Alaska law.

3.14 Action by Board Without a Meeting. Any action that could be taken at a regular meeting of the Board or Executive Committee may be taken without a meeting if the Executive Director determines that it is time sensitive and requires action before the body's next ~~regularly-scheduled Board~~ meeting. In that case, the meeting the members shall be polled either by facsimile or by e-mail. The action shall be approved or rejected if and only if:

- a. All members respond by facsimile or by email, and,
- b. The vote is unanimous, meaning that either all members vote for the action, or all members vote against it.

⁴³Approved change at Council Meeting 2-3 December 2004.

⁴⁴Approved change at Council Meeting 2-3 December, 2004.

If the conditions a. and b. are both met, the action shall be deemed decided and all facsimiles and emails related to the poll shall be retained in the minutes book as a permanent record of the poll, of the participation by all members, and of the unanimous outcome.

If conditions a. and b. are not both met, then the action shall be deemed undecided and the Executive Director arrange for it to be considered at a special meeting of the body, or at its next regular meeting⁴⁵. ~~by polling the Directors either orally, by facsimile or by e-mail with responses to be made by any of the same means. The action shall be approved if an attempt is made to poll each Director and a majority of the number of Directors constituting a quorum respond in the affirmative. if a written consent setting forth the action so taken is signed by each of the Directors. Such written consents may be signed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original and all of which taken together, shall constitute one and the same document. Any such written consent. A copy of any such poll⁴⁶ shall be inserted in the minutes book as if it were the minutes of a Board meeting.~~

3.15 Resignation. Any Director may resign at any time by delivering written notice to the President, or to the registered office of the corporation, or by giving oral notice at any meeting of the Directors. Any such resignation shall take effect at the time specified therein, or if the time is not specified, upon delivery thereof, and, unless otherwise specified therein, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

3.16 Removal. A Director may be removed from office, with or without cause, by the member that designated such Director by giving written notice to the Board. The member may simultaneously designate the Director's successor. A Director shall be automatically removed upon resignation or removal of the member that designated the Director.

3.17 Vacancies. A vacancy in the position of Director shall be filled by the Board which shall ~~elect the designee of the member which designated~~ confirm by a majority vote of the Board such Director, who shall meet the Director qualifications established in these Bylaws⁴⁷. When a Director resigns, notice shall immediately be given to the member entity stating that the Director has resigned and requesting that the member entity notify the Board in writing of the name and mailing address of its designee for successor Director. A Director who fills a vacancy shall serve for the unexpired term of his or her predecessor ~~in office~~⁴⁸. In no case may a vacancy continue for longer than six months or until the next annual meeting of the Board, whichever occurs first.

3.18 Board Committees.

3.18.1 Creation of Committees. The Board, ~~by resolution adopted by a majority of the number of Directors fixed by these Bylaws,~~⁴⁹ may designate and appoint one or more standing or temporary committees, including an Executive Committee, from its own number and invest such committees with such powers as it may see fit, subject to such conditions as may be prescribed by the Board, these Bylaws and applicable law. The designation and appointment of any such committee and the delegation of authority thereto shall not relieve the Board or any individual

⁴⁵ Approved changes at Council Meeting 15-16 September 2011.

⁴⁶ Approved change at Council Meeting 10-11 March 2005.

⁴⁷ Approved change at Council Meeting 2-3 December 2004.

⁴⁸ Approved change at Council Meeting 2-3 May 2013.

⁴⁹ Approved change at Council Meeting 2-3 December 2004.

Director of any responsibility imposed by law. The Board may also designate and appoint one or more standing or temporary committees that may include persons other than Directors, but it shall not delegate to any such committee any authority or responsibility imposed on the Board by law, the articles of incorporation or these Bylaws. Members may be appointed to the standing committees, other than the Executive Committee, by the Executive Committee or by Board poll. Such appointments shall be ratified at the next meeting of the full Board.⁵⁰

3.18.2 Authority Standing of Committees.

3.18.2.1 Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the officers of the corporation other than the Executive Director⁵¹ and a member at large and may include two additional members at large from the board of directors.⁵² Subject to limitations on authority imposed by the Board, the Executive Committee shall have and may exercise all of the authority of the Board, except that no such committee shall have the authority to (1) amend the Articles of Incorporation, (2) adopt a plan of merger or consolidation with another corporation, (3) authorize the sale, lease, exchange or mortgage of all or substantially all of the property and assets of the corporation, (4) authorize the voluntary dissolution of the corporation or revoke proceedings therefore, (5) adopt a plan for the distribution of the assets of the corporation, (6) amend these Bylaws, or (7) approve or substantially modify the corporation's budget and/or contractual commitments.

3.18.2.2 Board Governance Committee. The Board Governance Committee is responsible for the organizational health and effectiveness of the Board. Its responsibilities include Board development, which includes training new Board members, as well as ongoing development of Board position job descriptions. The Board Governance Committee also is responsible for annually reviewing the Council's Bylaws and practices and recommending any changes it deems appropriate related to Board structure or operations. By way of example, the Board Governance Committee should periodically review the manner in which meetings are conducted, the responsibilities of the Board officers, and the use of both standing and ad hoc committees. The Board Governance Committee shall adopt and abide by a Charter approved by the Board. The Board Governance Committee shall assist the President of the Board and chairs of the Council's committees, recommending action in appropriate circumstances, in issues regarding individual Board Members, including their participation or lack thereof with regard to council's activities⁵³.

3.18.2.3 Finance Committee. The responsibility of the Finance Committee is to assist the Board in carrying out its fiduciary responsibility to oversee the financial affairs of the organization and the annual independent audit of the Council's finances. The duties of the Finance Committee may include review and / or recommendation to the Board regarding acceptance or amendment of interim financial reports and proposed budgets. The Finance Committee will meet with the independent auditor at least annually to review the scope of the annual audits and audit findings, review internal controls, annual financial statements, the IRS Form 990, and review and provide guidance on risk management, insurance policies, property management, procurement, contracting policies, insurance, fiscal ethics and compliance programs, and overall fiscal governance. The Finance Committee shall be appointed to one-year terms by the Board at the May Board meeting or

⁵⁰ Approved change at Council Meeting 10-11 March 2005.

⁵¹ Approved change at Council Meeting 6-7 May 1999.

⁵² Approved change at Council Meeting 6-7 May 1999.

⁵³ Approved change at Council Meeting, 16-17 September 2010.

at the time the budget is adopted. The Committee shall be comprised of the Treasurer, who shall chair the Committee and at least three members of the Board of Directors. (Resolution 03-03)⁵⁴

3.18.2.4 Legislative Affairs Committee. The responsibility of the Legislative Affairs Committee is to advise the Board on state and federal legislative matters directly related to the PWSRCAC mission and its duties as set forth in the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA 90) and the contract with Alyeska Pipeline Service Company. The responsibilities of the Legislative Affairs Committee may include advising the Board on legislative priorities, relevant legislation and regulations, administrative actions, and department budgets. The Committee may produce informational materials on legislative priorities that educate and inform, make recommendation to the staff on administrative actions that advance legislative priorities, and participate in legislative visits to Juneau and Washington D.C. Committee members shall serve one-year terms and shall be appointed by the Board at the May Board meeting. The Committee shall be comprised of at least four Board members.⁵⁵

~~3.18.2.5 Other Standing or Temporary⁵⁶ Committees other than Board Member Only Committees⁵⁷. The corporation shall designate other standing or temporary committees including but not limited to the following standing committees:⁵⁸ The following are standing committees:~~

~~Terminal Operations and Environmental Monitoring Committee
Oil Spill Prevention and Response Committee
Port Operations and Vessel Traffic System Committee
Scientific Advisory Committee
Community Information and Education Committee^{59, 60, 61, 62}
Legislative Affairs Committee⁶³
Finance Committee^{64, 65}
Board Governance Committee^{66, 67}~~

Each standing committee named in this section may adopt a charter or operating procedures which shall be approved by the Board, but at a minimum⁶⁸ shall adopt policies that:

⁵⁴ Approved change at Council Meeting, 19-20 September 2019.

⁵⁵ Approved change at Council Meeting, 19-20 September 2019.

⁵⁶ Approved changes at Council Meeting 28-29 September 2000.

⁵⁷ Approved change at Council Meeting 19-20 September 2019.

⁵⁸ Approved change at Council Meeting 17 September 1992.

⁵⁹ Approved change at Council Meeting 17 September 1992.

⁶⁰ Approved disbandment at Council Meeting 24-25 September 1993.

⁶¹ Approved reinstatement at Council Meeting 1-2 May 2008.

⁶² Approved change at Council Meeting, 19-20 September 2019.

⁶³ Approved change at Council Meeting, 19-20 September 2019.

⁶⁴ Approved addition at Council Meeting 15-16 September 2005

⁶⁵ Approved change at Council Meeting, 19-20 September 2019.

⁶⁶ Approved addition at Council Meeting, 17-18 September 2010.

⁶⁷ Approved change at Council Meeting, 19-20 September 2019.

⁶⁸ Approved change at Council Meeting, 19-20 September 2019.

- A. For committees not consisting only of members of the board,⁶⁹ set the number of members required for a quorum, but in no event shall that number be less than three. For committees consisting only of members of the board, set the quorum as specified in Bylaw 3.18.3.⁷⁰
- B. Allow members to go on inactive status for a period of up to six months with advance notice to the committee and the affirmative vote of a majority of committee members voting at any regularly called meeting.
- C. Remove members who have been absent for a minimum of three consecutive meetings without communicating the reasons for the absence and setting a time for their return.⁷¹

Committees ~~other than an Executive Committee~~ named in this section⁷² shall have and may exercise such authority as may be given to them by the Board. One or more directors shall be assigned to each standing committee specifically named in this section, with the exception of the Legislative Affairs Committee, the Board Governance Committee⁷³ and the Finance Committee, which shall be composed entirely of members of the Board.⁷⁴

3.18.3 Quorum and Manner of Acting. Three members⁷⁵ of the executive committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of such committee. A majority of the number of Directors composing any committees established by ~~and fixed by resolution of~~⁷⁶ the Board and consisting only of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of such committee⁷⁷. If less than a quorum is present at a meeting, a majority of such Directors present may adjourn the meeting from time to time without further notice. The act of a majority of the members of a committee present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the committee.

3.18.4 Resignation. Any member of any committee may resign at any time by delivering written or oral⁷⁸ notice thereof to the President, the Secretary, the Board or the Chair of such committee, or by giving oral notice at any meeting of such committee. Any such resignation shall take effect at the time specified therein, or if the time is not therein specified⁷⁹, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

3.18.5 Removal. The Board may remove from office any member of any committee elected or appointed by it but only by the affirmative vote of not less than a majority of the number of Directors fixed by these Bylaws.

3.19 Compensation. The Directors may receive compensation for their service as Directors and may receive reimbursement for expenditures incurred on behalf of the corporation. ~~Members~~

⁶⁹ Approved addition at Council Meeting 2-3 May 2013.

⁷⁰ Approved addition at Council Meeting 2-3 May 2013.

⁷¹ Approved changes/amendments at Council Meeting 28-29 September 2000.

⁷² Approved changes/amendments at Council Meeting 28-29 September 2000.

⁷³ Approved addition at Council Meeting 2-3 May 2013.

⁷⁴ Approved change at Council Meeting 15-16 September 2005.

⁷⁵ Approved change at Special Council TC 18 May 1994.

⁷⁶ Approved change at Council Meeting, 19-20 September 2019.

⁷⁷ Approved changes/amendments at Council Meeting 28-29 September 2000.

⁷⁸ Approved change at Council Meeting 2-3 December 2004.

⁷⁹ Approved change at Council Meeting 2-3 December 2004.

~~may be reimbursed for expenses incurred in connection with the attendance by their designated Directors at meetings of the Board or committees of the Board of the corporation.~~⁸⁰

3.20 Standards of Conduct: The PWSRCAC and its staff shall maintain high standards of ethical conduct.

A. No director or employee of the Council shall use his or her PWSRCAC membership, PWSRCAC property or PWSRCAC assets⁸¹ in an official capacity to act in the name of the Council for the purpose of influencing the result of an election to or a nomination for any public elective office.

B. No director or employee shall pay, offer, promise, solicit or receive from any person, firm or corporation, either as a political contribution or a personal emolument, any money or anything of value in consideration of either support or the use of influence or the promise of support or influence in obtaining a Council decision or for any person, any appointive office, place or employment under the Council.

C. No employee of the Council, director or committee member shall have a financial interest that conflicts with the fair and impartial conduct of his or her duties. Council members with a financial interest shall ensure that it does not conflict with the fair and impartial conduct of his or her council duties.

D. Directors shall declare in writing on a form provided by PWSRCAC all personal and member financial ties to Alyeska Pipeline Service Company or members of the Alyeska consortium excluding normal commercial purchases of petroleum products. The declaration noted above shall be delivered as needed and at least once each year in writing to the President of PWSRCAC who will make copies available to all other PWSRCAC members.

E. A new director shall comply with the requirements of D above prior to being seated on the Board of Directors.

F. No director of the council may vote on any question in which the member has a direct financial interest. Financial interest shall be disclosed to the presiding officer prior to the vote on the question for a ruling on a request from the member with the financial interest to be excused from the vote. The decision of the presiding officer on a request by a member of the governing body to be excused from a vote may be overridden by the majority vote of the council members present. ~~If there is not at least a quorum in attendance who are qualified to vote,~~ the remaining members present who qualify to vote do not constitute a quorum⁸², the matter shall be tabled until the next regular or special meeting at which a quorum qualified to vote on the matter are in attendance. A council employee or director may not participate in an official action in which the employee or director has a financial interest.

G. No Director shall engage in contractual services or receive any financial compensation from PWSRCAC except for per diem, or stipend and travel/meeting expense reimbursement.⁸³ This paragraph does not prohibit the occasional purchase by PWSRCAC of goods

⁸⁰Approved change at Council Meeting 2-3 December 2004.

⁸¹Approved addition at Council Meeting 15-16 September 2005.

⁸²Approved change at Council Meeting 2-3 December 2004.

⁸³Approved change at Council Meeting 9-10 March 1995.

or services from a business in which a director has a financial interest provided that PWSRCAC pays no more for the goods or services than the business would charge to the general public and provided that the Executive Committee has previously approved the purchase of goods or service.

H. No Director shall ~~engage in contractual services or receive any financial compensation from~~ be an employee of Alyeska Pipeline Service Company, Trans Alaska Pipeline System Owner Companies or shippers of Alaska North Slope crude oil ~~except for purposes of emergency response or training for oil spills~~. An employee is defined as a person who is hired by another person or business for a wage or fixed payment in exchange for personal services and who does not provide the services as part of an independent business⁸⁴.

SECTION 4. OFFICERS

4.1 Number and Qualifications. The officers of the corporation shall be a President, one or more Vice Presidents, a Secretary and a Treasurer, each of whom shall be elected by the Board. Other officers ~~and assistant officers~~⁸⁵ may be elected or appointed by the Board, such officers ~~and assistant officers~~ to hold office for such period and have such authority and perform such duties as are provided in these Bylaws or as may be provided by resolution of the Board. The Board may assign any officer any additional title that the Board deems appropriate. The Board may delegate to any officer or agent the power to appoint any such subordinate officers or agents and to prescribe their respective terms of office, authority and duties. The office of Chair of the Board and President shall be held by the same person. ~~Any two or more offices may be held by the same persons, except the offices of President and Secretary.~~⁸⁶ All officers, except the Executive Director, must be Directors of the corporation.⁸⁷

4.2 Election and Term of Office. The officers of the corporation shall be elected each year by the Board at the annual meeting of the Board. If the election of officers is not held at such meeting, such election shall be held as soon thereafter as a Board meeting may conveniently be held. Unless an officer dies, resigns, or is removed from office, he or she shall hold office until the next annual meeting of the Board or until his or her successor is elected.

4.3 Resignation. Any officer may resign at any time by delivering written notice to the President, a Vice President, the Secretary or the Board, or by giving oral notice at any meeting of the Board. Any such resignation shall take effect at the time specified therein, or if the time is not specified, upon delivery thereof and unless, otherwise specified therein, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

4.4 Removal. Any Officer or ~~agent~~ member of the Executive Committee⁸⁸ elected or appointed by the Board may be removed by a majority vote of the Board whenever in its judgment the best interests of the corporation would be served thereby, ~~but such removal shall be without prejudice to the contract rights, if any, of the person so removed.~~⁸⁹

⁸⁴Approved change at Council Meeting 15-16 September 2005.

⁸⁵Approved change at Council Meeting 2-3 December 2004.

⁸⁶Approved change at Council Meeting 2-3 December 2004.

⁸⁷Approved change at Council Meeting 6-7 May 1999.

⁸⁸Approved change at Council Meeting 2-3 December 2004.

⁸⁹Approved change at Council Meeting 2-3 December 2004.

4.5 Vacancies. A vacancy in any office created by the death, resignation, removal, disqualification, creation of a new office or any other cause may be filled by a majority vote of the Board for the unexpired portion of the term or for a new term established by the Board.

4.6 President and Chair of the Board. The President shall preside over meetings of the Board unless another officer is appointed or designated by the Board as Chair of such meeting and shall perform such other duties as shall be assigned to her or him by the Board from time to time.⁹⁰

4.7 Vice President. In the event of the death of the President or his or her inability to act, the Vice President ~~(or if there is more than one Vice President, the Vice President who was designated by the Board as the successor to the President, or if no Vice President is so designated, the Vice President whose name first appears in the Board resolution electing officers)~~⁹¹ shall perform the duties of the President, except as may be limited by resolution of the Board, ~~with all the powers of and subject to all the restrictions upon the President to sign deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts or other instruments.~~⁹² The Vice President shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him or her by the Board.

4.8 Secretary. The Secretary shall: keep, or cause to be kept or confirm, (a) the minutes of the meetings of the Board and committees having authority of the Board in one or more books provided for that purpose; (b) ~~see~~ that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of the Bylaws or as required by law; (c) ~~be custodian of~~ the corporate records of the corporation; (d) ~~keep~~ the registers of the post office address of each Director; and (e) ~~in general cause to be perform~~ all duties incident to the office of Secretary and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him or her by the Board. ~~In the absence of the Secretary, an Assistant Secretary may perform the duties of the Secretary.~~^{93,94}

4.9 Treasurer. The Treasurer shall ~~have charge and custody of and be responsible~~ cause oversight to be performed⁹⁵ for all funds and securities of the corporation; receive and give, or cause to be received and given, receipts for monies due and payable to the corporation from any source whatsoever; and deposit, or cause to be deposited, all such monies in the name of the corporation in banks, trust companies or other depositories selected in accordance with these Bylaws; and in general perform all of the duties incident to the office of Treasurer and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him or her by the Board. ~~In the absence of the Treasurer, an Assistant Treasurer may perform the duties of the Treasurer.~~⁹⁶

4.10 Executive Director. The Executive Director is the chief executive officer of the corporation. He or she shall be appointed by, and serve at the pleasure of, the Board. The Executive Director shall administer all operations of the corporation, including the employment and supervision of all employees of the corporation. The Executive Director may sign deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts, or other instruments, except when the signing and execution thereof have been expressly delegated by the Board or by these Bylaws to some other officer or agent of the

⁹⁰Approved change at Council Meeting 6-7 May 1999.

⁹¹Approved change at Council Meeting 2-3 December 2004.

⁹²Approved change at Council Meeting 2-3 December 2004.

⁹³Approved change at Council Meeting 2-3 December 2004.

⁹⁴Approved amendments at Council Meeting 2-3 May 2013.

⁹⁵Approved change at Council Meeting 2-3 December 2004.

⁹⁶Approved change at Council Meeting 2-3 December 2004.

corporation or are required by law to be otherwise signed or executed by some other officer or in some other manner. The Executive Director shall report to the Board annually, or more often if required to do so, setting forth the result of the operations under his or her charge, and perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him or her by the Board.⁹⁷

4.11 Salaries. The salaries of the corporation's officers and agents shall be as fixed from time to time by the Board or by any person or persons to whom the Board has delegated such authority. ~~No officer shall be prevented from receiving such salary by reason of the fact that he or she is also a Director of the corporation.~~⁹⁸

SECTION 5. ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

5.1 Contracts. The Board may authorize any officer or officers, or agent or agents, to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the corporation. Such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

5.2 Loans. No loans shall be contracted on behalf of the corporation and no evidences of indebtedness shall be issued in its name unless authorized by a resolution of the Board. Such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

5.3 Loans to Officers and Directors. No loans shall be made by the corporation to its officers or Directors.

5.4 Checks, Drafts, Etc. All checks, drafts or other orders for the payment of money, notes or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of the corporation shall be signed by such officer or officers, or agent or agents, of the corporation and in such manner as is from time to time determined by resolution of the Board.

5.5 Deposits. All funds of the corporation not otherwise employed shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the corporation in such banks, trust companies or other depositories as the Board may select.

5.6 Minutes of Meetings; Books and Records. The corporation shall keep correct and complete books and records of account, minutes of the proceedings of its Board and committees having authority of the Board, and such other records as may be necessary or advisable.

5.7 Corporate Seal. The corporation may adopt a corporate seal.

5.8 Accounting Year. The accounting year of the corporation shall begin on July 1, and end on June 30.⁹⁹

5.9 Rules of Procedure. The rules of procedure at meetings of the Board and committees of the Board shall be rules contained in Roberts' Rules of Order on Parliamentary Procedure, newly revised, so far as applicable and when not inconsistent with these Bylaws, the Articles of Incorporation or any resolution of the Board.

⁹⁷ Approved change at Council Meeting 6-7 May 1999.

⁹⁸ Approved change at Council Meeting 2-3 May 2013.

⁹⁹ Approved change at Council Meeting 4-5 May 1995.

SECTION 6. INDEMNIFICATION

To the full extent permitted by the Alaska Nonprofit Corporation Act,¹⁰⁰ The corporation shall indemnify any person or entity who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any civil, criminal, administrative or investigative action, suit or proceeding (whether brought by or in the right of the corporation or otherwise) by reason of the fact that he or she or it is or was a Director, officer, employee or member of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a Director or officer of another corporation, whether for profit or not for profit, against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred in connection with such action, suit or proceeding so long as those proceedings or litigation arise from the person's affiliation with the Corporation and are within the scope of the person's official duties or powers¹⁰¹; and the Board may, at any time, approve indemnification of any other person which the corporation has the power to indemnify under the Alaska Nonprofit Corporation Act. The indemnification provided by this Section shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which a person may be entitled as a matter of law or by contract. The corporation may purchase and maintain indemnification insurance for any person to the extent provided by applicable law.

SECTION 7. AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws may be altered, amended or repealed and new bylaws may be adopted by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the number of Directors fixed by these Bylaws.

The foregoing Bylaws, as amended, were adopted by the Board of Directors on January 26, 2023.

Bob Shavelson
Secretary

¹⁰⁰Approved change at Council Meeting 2-3 December 2004.

¹⁰¹Approved change at Council Meeting 2-3 December 2004.

OIL SPILL REGION RECREATIONAL COALITION

October 31, 2023

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The Oil Spill Region Recreational Coalition [Coalition] has been formed to promote the enhancement, preservation, and protection of the recreational resources of Prince William Sound and areas affected by the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill of 1989. The founding organizations are the Prince William Sound Stewardship Foundation, the Valdez Adventure Alliance, and the Friends of Kachemak Bay State Park.

The Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council [PWSRCAC] suggested a broad definition of recreation as "an experience, activity or the opportunity to enjoy the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill area's natural environment, cultural, and historic resources for the use, enjoyment, and welfare of citizens." The three founding members of the Coalition agree with that broad definition of recreation and will encourage others with a similar outlook to join us.

One of our goals is to assist the PWSRCAC in its mission to promote the environmentally safe operation of the Valdez Marine Terminal and associated tankers. Accordingly, we request consideration of our coalition to represent recreational interests on your Board of Directors. From near the beginning of PWSRCAC's existence, there was an active recreational seat on your Board, but it has been vacant for about 8 years. We believe we can be a voice for that interest group to carry on earlier work. We understand that your Board Governance Committee will be first to look over our request. If they make a positive recommendation, your Board of Directors will make the final determination. We will be happy to answer questions from both groups either in person or in writing.

You currently have an environmental seat on your Board of Directors occupied by the Oil Spill Region Environmental Coalition. This has been a successful way to bring a greater depth and breadth of knowledge to the table when representing that family of interests. We have taken guidance from that entity in our efforts.

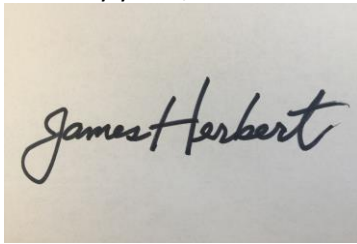
We have attached a copy of the Memorandum of Agreement [MOA] that the three founding organizations of the Coalition signed. You will see our goals, guiding principles, decision making and governance concepts laid out. There is also basic memorandum of agreement legal language recommended by your counsel.

Per the MOA, one party will be designated the Facilitating Organization. That organization is the Friends of Kachemak Bay State Park for at least the first two years. They have designated James Herbert as their representative to PWSRCAC. He is the person they propose as a director if the Board decides to confirm a permanent recreational seat and seat our designee. The representatives of the founding organizations feel his 10 years of experience with PWSRCAC gives him a historic perspective as well as familiarity with current issues. He is an Alaska citizen, resides in Homer, and is committed to the PWSRCAC mission. He seeks opportunities to build positive relationships between citizens, regulators, and industry. He is willing to mentor future representatives from his organization and other coalition organizations.

Each of the three founding members of the Recreational Coalition had earlier in 2023 submitted Statements of Qualification to PWSRCAC expressing interest in serving as the recreation representative on the Board of Directors. Though we believe each organization could represent the region's recreational interests, we agree that a coalition provides broader coverage of the region and will provide better information to your board. Information found in the original three submissions are on file and should be consulted for particular details by the Board Governance Committee and the full Board of Directors.

Please reach out to me if you or your Board and committee members have questions or concerns.

Sincerely yours,

A photograph of a handwritten signature in black ink on a light-colored background. The signature reads "James Herbert" in a cursive script.

James Herbert

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