

Briefing for PWSRCAC Board of Directors – May 2025

INFORMATION ITEM

Sponsor: Maia Draper-Reich and the Information and Education Committee

Project number and name or topic: 3500 - Community Outreach Program

1. **Description of agenda item:** This is an information item to provide the Board an update on PWSRCAC outreach events, as well as work accomplished by the Fishing Vessel Program Community Outreach (3410), Youth Involvement (3530), and Internship (3903) projects during FY2025.
2. **Why is this item important to PWSRCAC:** The Community Outreach program and related IEC projects help achieve the Council's mission through increasing public awareness and sharing the Council's work with a variety of audiences. The different types of programs and events also increase communications with member entities and individuals in the Exxon Valdez oil spill region. This work helps maintain regional balance and foster partnerships. This is an update about community outreach activities provided by the Council over the past year.
3. **Previous actions taken by the Board on this item:** None.
4. **Summary of policy, issues, support, or opposition:** According to OPA 90 and the Council's contract with Alyeska, community outreach fulfills the following requirements:

OPA 90:

- Provides regional balance, broadly representative of communities and interests in the region.
- Provides advice to regulators on the federal and state levels.
- Provides advice and recommendations on policies, permits, and site-specific regulations relating to the operation and maintenance of terminal facilities and crude oil tankers.
- Provides advice and recommendations on port operations, policies, and practices.
- Fosters partnerships among industry, government, and local citizens.

Alyeska Contract:

- Provides local and regional input, review, and monitoring of Alyeska's oil spill response and prevention plans and capabilities, environmental protections capabilities, and the actual and potential environmental impacts of the terminal and tanker operations.
- Increases public awareness of subjects listed above.
- Provide local and regional input into the design of appropriate mitigation measures for potential consequences likely to occur as a result of oil or environmental related accidents or impacts of terminal and tanker operations.

5. **Committee Recommendation:** IEC reviews updates on Community Outreach efforts and projects at each committee meeting. This is an informational item to the Board only; no action is recommended by the committee at this time.

6. **Relationship to LRP and Budget:** Program 3500 - Community Outreach, Project 3410 - Fishing Vessel Program Community Outreach, Project 3530 - Youth Involvement, and Project 3903 - Internship are in the approved FY2025 budget with a combined budget total of \$133,810.

7. **Action Requested of the Board of Directors:** None. This item is for information only.

8. **Attachments:** None.