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Prince William Sound RCAC board to meet in Anchorage, January 22-23

The Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council will hold a board meeting in Anchorage on Thursday and Friday, January 22-23, 2026.

The meeting will be held in the Imagine Ballroom of the Embassy Suites, at 600 E. Benson Blvd. Those interested in attending the board meeting can do so in person, by teleconference (1-888-788-0099, Meeting ID: 827 5655 9060) or videoconference (<https://pwsrccac.zoom.us/j/82756559060>). Visual presentations given during the meeting can be streamed live through the Zoom link or accessed by [download on the council's website](#) when available.

The tentative schedule for the Thursday open session is from 8:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. On Friday, the meeting is scheduled from 8:15 a.m. to 12 p.m. The meeting is open to the public, except for executive sessions. Public comments are scheduled to be taken on Thursday starting at 8:40 a.m. Those wishing to speak during public comments are highly encouraged to sign up ahead of time by emailing Jennifer Fleming: fleming@pwsrccac.org.

The council will be conducting regular business during the meeting, including updates from council ex officio members, staff and committees. Other topics included on the agenda are:

- An activity report by Alyeska Pipeline Service Company on the Valdez Marine Terminal and Ship Escort Response Vessel System operations, including an update on their 2025 reorganization.
- An introduction and comments from the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner-Designee Randy Bates.
- An update from council staff on efforts that led to passage of language included in the FY2026 National Defense Authorization Act, helping to preserve the involvement of local, contracted fishing vessels in Alyeska's Ship Escort Response Vessel System oil spill preparedness and response program.
- A presentation from representatives of WhaleSpotter on a tanker-mounted thermal imaging camera, in the interest of reducing the potential for vessel-whale strikes in Prince William Sound.
- An update from council staff on the process of reviewing Alyeska's proposed testing methods to evaluate the integrity of the terminal's East Tank Farm secondary containment system liners.

- A presentation on outreach materials developed for the council by author and artist Tom Crestodina, including an illustrated book about the oil spill prevention and response system in Prince William Sound, to be published later this year.
- Reports on the results from the council's Long-Term Environmental Monitoring Program 2025 sampling for hydrocarbons.
- An update on community outreach activities done by the council over the past year.

Anyone exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, flu or cold should attend virtually.

The meeting agenda provided is subject to change before or during the meeting. Council board meetings are routinely recorded and may be disseminated to the public by the council or by the news media. For more information, visit www.pwsrcac.org.

The Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council, with offices in Anchorage and Valdez, is a federally mandated, independent nonprofit corporation whose mission is to promote the 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 member organizations are communities in the region affected by the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill, as well as aquaculture, commercial fishing, environmental, Alaska Native, recreation and tourism groups.
