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**Prince William Sound RCAC board meeting and reception in Valdez,
April 30 - May 2**

The Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council will hold several events in Valdez, April 30 – May 2, 2025. They will include the council's annual board meeting and a public reception. These events are free and open to the public.

Public reception: Wednesday, April 30

In conjunction with the board meeting, the board of directors for Alaska Tanker Company, Hilcorp and the council will be co-sponsoring a public reception on Wednesday, April 30. The reception will be held outdoors from 5:30 - 8 p.m. at the Kelsey Municipal Plaza, at 412 Ferry Way (in the event of poor weather, the reception will be moved to the Valdez Civic Center).

Board meeting: Thursday and Friday, May 1-2

The meeting will be held in the Valdez Civic Center, at 110 Clifton Drive. Those interested in attending the board meeting can do so in person, by teleconference (1-888-788-0099, meeting ID: 891 9616 4358) or videoconference (<https://pwsrca.org/zoom/j/89196164358>). 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 session is from 8:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. On Friday, the meeting is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 3:30 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@pwsrca.org.

The council will be conducting regular business during the meeting, including seating of established directors and committee members, election of new board officers and 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.
- A review of a pilot study of methods to evaluate the integrity of the secondary containment liners in the East Tank Farm at the Valdez Marine Terminal.

- A presentation on marine bird surveys conducted in September and November 2024, in and around the Prince William Sound tanker escort zone and Valdez Marine Terminal.
- An update on non-indigenous species biofouling risks from vessels arriving in Prince William Sound.
- An analysis of the preliminary conservative emission estimates from crude oil storage tanks at the terminal during the tank vent damage incident in 2022.
- An update on recommendations from the council's report "Assessment of Risks and Safety Culture at Alyeska's Valdez Marine Terminal."
- A summary of the council's monitoring of drills and exercises in 2024.
- An update on community outreach activities done by the council over the past year.
- An overview of plans to further distribute the council's "Peer Listener Manual."
- A report from the council's legislative monitors and staff on political developments and prospects coming out of Washington, D.C. and Juneau.

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

The meeting agenda 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 environmentally safe operation of the Valdez Marine Terminal and associated oil tankers. The council's work is guided by the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, and its contract with Alyeska Pipeline Service Company. The council's 19 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.
