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Prince William Sound RCAC board to meet in Cordova, September 18-19

The Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council will host and participate in four events in Cordova on Tuesday through Friday, September 16-19, 2025, including the council's annual board meeting, a youth education event and a public reception. These events are free and open to the public.

PWSSC Tuesday Night Talk: Tuesday, Sept. 16

Representatives from the Council will provide a presentation "Policy in Practice: How OPA 90 Shapes Science in the Sound" on Tuesday, Sept. 16 at the Prince William Sound Science Center (PWSSC) from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Learn about the Council's latest research, long-term monitoring, and how the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA 90) continues to shape science in the Sound 35 years after it was signed into law. This event is part of PWSSC's regular Tuesday Night Talk series.

Become a Master of Disaster: Wednesday, Sept. 17

The council will be hosting a youth education event on Wednesday, Sept. 17, at Mt. Eccles Elementary School from 4-6 p.m. All ages are invited to learn about oil spill response, tankers and related ocean science through interactive stations.

Public reception: Thursday, Sept. 18

In conjunction with the board meeting, the council will be co-hosting a public reception with Repsol on Thursday, Sept. 18, at the Reluctant Fisherman from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. We invite the community to visit with us, learn more about the council and share ideas. There will be hors d'oeuvres provided.

Board meeting: Thursday and Friday, Sept. 18-19

The meeting will be located at the Cordova Center. Those interested in attending the board meeting can do so in person, by teleconference (1-888-788-0099, meeting ID: 844 976 413 94) or videoconference (<https://pwsrccac.zoom.us/j/84497641394>). 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 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. On Friday, the meeting is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 3:35 p.m. The meeting is open to the public, except for executive sessions. Public comments are scheduled to be taken on Thursday starting at

9:25 a.m. Those wishing to speak during public comments are highly encouraged to sign up ahead of time by emailing [Jennifer Fleming](#).

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.
- A presentation by representatives from Alaska Tanker Company on recent tanker engine upgrades.
- Update on a project to develop updated geographic response strategies for the Copper River Delta and Flats area.
- A presentation from representatives from Teekay Shipping on their training programs for their foreign flagged fleet.
- A report summarizing the recent Subsistence Memorial Gathering Workshop and resulting recommendations.
- A summary of a recent analysis of Alaska North Slope crude oil properties commissioned by the council.
- An update on recent changes to dispersants regulations and stockpiles in Alaska.
- A technical review of the maintenance of Ballast Water Storage Tank 93 at the Valdez Marine Terminal.
- An update on integrity testing methods for the terminal's secondary containment system liner.

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 the 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 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.
