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Prince William Sound RCAC board to meet in Anchorage, January 26-27

The Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council will hold a board meeting in Anchorage on Thursday and Friday, January 26-27, 2023.

The meeting will be located 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: 816 8131 7722) or videoconference (<https://pwsrca.zoom.us/j/81681317722>). 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 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. On Friday, the meeting is scheduled from 9:45 a.m. to 2:45 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 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 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.
- An update on State of Alaska Article 4 oil discharge prevention and contingency plan regulations from the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, Spill Prevention and Response Division Director Tiffany Larson.
- A report on how to evaluate the integrity of liners integral to the effectiveness of the secondary containment systems around the tanks at the Valdez Marine Terminal; the liners are intended to hold oil in the event of a spill until clean up can occur.
- A report on data analyzed from council weather buoys in Port Valdez from 2019-2021.
- An update and discussion on changes proposed by the Alaska Regional Response Team to the Regional Stakeholder Committee process during an oil spill.
- A presentation on aerial forage fish surveys conducted in Prince William Sound in June of 2022.

- A review of materials created to support the council's dispersant use position, updated in September 2022.
- A summary by council staff of incidents (e.g., oil spills, fires, malfunctions causing shutdowns, navigational closures, tanker/escort incidents) at the terminal, on Ship Escort Response Vessel System tugs and barges or on associated tankers that occurred in 2022.
- The appointment of new representatives to the Cordova District Fisherman United and City of Cordova seats, as well as creation and appointment of a temporary recreation seat on the council's board of directors.

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 an independent nonprofit corporation whose mission is to promote 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 18 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.
