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Prince William Sound RCAC board meeting will be virtual, May 6-7

The Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council will hold a virtual board meeting, via video and teleconference, on Thursday and Friday, May 6-7, 2021.

Those interested in attending can do so by teleconference (1-888-788-0099, meeting ID: 954 7189 6691) or videoconference (<https://pwsrcac.zoom.us/j/95471896691>). Visual presentations given during the meeting can be streamed live through the Zoom link or accessed by [download on the council's website](#).

The tentative schedule for the Thursday session is from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. On Friday, the meeting is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. The meeting is open to the public through the video/teleconference system, 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@pwsrcac.org.

The council will be conducting regular business during the meeting, including seating of established directors and committee members and election of new board officers. 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 discussion with Representative Andy Josephson, Alaska State Legislature, District 17.
- Reports on results of maintenance reviews of crude oil storage Tank 8 and cathodic protection systems at the Valdez Marine Terminal.
- A presentation on the results of a project to assess and describe the current worldwide best practices being used in the design and operation of highly capable rescue tugboats, specifically around needs and requirements necessary for operation in Prince William Sound and the Gulf of Alaska.
- A presentation on the vetting of foreign flagged tankers by Harvest Alaska Midstream.
- A presentation on new web-based resources about the Regional Stakeholder Committee concept, unique to Alaska spill response policy.
- A presentation covering who pays for response and damages from an oil spill, the liabilities associated with a spill, and the legal implications of “responsible party,” including an explanation of the legal and financial requirements and differences between federal and state laws and regulations.

- A report on the annual analytical summary and interpretation of the passive sampling device, mussel and sediment samples taken each summer for the Long-Term Environmental Monitoring Program.
- A presentation on the latest version of the council's "Coping with Technological Disasters: A User Friendly Guidebook" and the associated appendices.
- A report from the council's legislative monitors and staff on political developments and prospects coming out of Washington, D.C., and Juneau.

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.

Both council offices (Anchorage and Valdez) are currently closed to the public as a safety precaution due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The health and safety of council staff and volunteers are our top priority and will drive decisions as the situation evolves and more information becomes available. Updates on COVID-19 impacts to council activities and other information related to this situation can be found on the council's website. For the most current information, please visit www.pwsrcac.org/covid-19-updates/.

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.
