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Prince William Sound RCAC annual board meeting will be virtual, May 7-8

Special meeting planned for May 21 to approve FY2021 budget

The Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council will hold a virtual board meeting, via video and teleconference, on Thursday and Friday, May 7-8, 2020. Due to coronavirus concerns, no in-person attendance will be permitted.

Those interested in attending can do so by teleconference (1-888-788-0099, meeting ID: 216 315 997) or video conference (<https://pwsrcac.zoom.us/j/216315997>). 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 2:00 p.m. On Friday, the meeting is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 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.

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, including impacts to operations from COVID-19 and an update on the current spill situation at the terminal.
- 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 report on best available technology for towline deployment between oil tankers operating in Prince William Sound and rescue tugboats.

- A report from the council's legislative monitors and staff on political developments and prospects coming out of Washington, D.C. and Juneau.

A second, special board meeting is planned for May 21, from 9 to 11:30 a.m., to discuss and approve the council budget for the next fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2020.

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 as a safety precaution due to the COVID-19 pandemic. While the State of Alaska and the City of Anchorage have recently made announcements about their plans to start reopening businesses soon, the council does not yet plan to reopen either office. As state and city plans continue to progress, the council will take a very cautious approach to reopening and will send out notifications about when and how the council offices will do so..

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 non-profit 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, Native, recreation and tourism groups.
