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Prince William Sound RCAC board meeting will be virtual, September 17-18

The Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council will hold a virtual board meeting, via video and teleconference, on Thursday and Friday, September 17-18, 2020.

Those interested in attending can do so by teleconference (1-888-788-0099, meeting ID: 977 6459 5779) or video conference (<https://pwsrcac.zoom.us/j/97764595779>). 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 3:10 p.m. On Friday, the meeting is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 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 8:55 a.m.

The council will be conducting regular business during the meeting, including committee 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, including impacts to operations from COVID-19 and an update on the Valdez Marine Terminal sump crude oil spill which occurred in April.
- An update from Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner Jason Brune regarding the oil spill prevention and response regulatory reform public scoping process initiated in October 2019.
- A presentation by representatives of Hilcorp/Harvest Alaska on its Spill Response Organization.
- A report on genetic analysis of 2018-2019 plankton samples from Prince William Sound to look for and potentially identify marine invasive species.
- A virtual simulator demonstration by AVTEC staff.

- A report of the council's monitoring of drills and exercises in 2019.

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. 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.
