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**Prince William Sound RCAC recertification application for public review**

The Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council is seeking recertification as the alternative voluntary advisory group for Prince William Sound, as authorized under the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA 90). The application has been [submitted to the U.S. Coast Guard](#), which is charged with assessing whether the council fosters the general goals and purposes of OPA 90 and is broadly representative of communities and interests as envisioned under OPA 90.

The recertification application is available for public review on the council's website at [www.pwsrcac.org](http://www.pwsrcac.org). To obtain a printed copy, contact PWSRCAC at (907) 277-7222, toll-free (800) 478-7221, or email [brooke.taylor@pwsrcac.org](mailto:brooke.taylor@pwsrcac.org).

Comments need to reach the USCG by Feb. 8, 2023, and should reference "PWSRCAC Recertification Docket USCG-2022-0707" in the subject line.

The preferred method for comments to be submitted is through the Federal Register portal: <https://www.regulations.gov/document/USCG-2022-0707-0001>. Once there, click on the blue "Comment" button under the notice title.

Comments may also be sent to:

Commander, 17th Coast Guard District (dpi)

PO Box 25517

Juneau, AK 99802

Attn: LT Benjamin Bauman

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Or LT Benjamin Bauman at [Benjamin.A.Bauman@uscg.mil](mailto:Benjamin.A.Bauman@uscg.mil).

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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.