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Prince William Sound RCAC board meeting will be virtual, September 16-17

The Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council will hold a virtual board meeting, via video and teleconference, on Thursday and Friday, September 16-17, 2021.

Those interested in attending can do so by teleconference (1-888-788-0099, meeting ID: 871 8933 5167) or videoconference (<https://pwsrca.org/j/87189335167>). 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 5 p.m. On Friday, the meeting is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 3:30 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. 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 the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation's review of regulations related to oil spill contingency planning and current challenges facing the department's Division of Spill Prevention and Response.
- An overview of onboard ballast water treatment systems by representatives of ConocoPhillips and Polar Tankers.
- A presentation on the results of field trials to evaluate the effectiveness of messenger line throwing devices used to deploy towing lines between response tugs and vessels in distress.
- An overview of the council's updated Alaska Oil Spill Lesson Bank - educational resources for K-12 students.
- A presentation on marine bird surveys conducted in Prince William Sound in March of 2021.
- A report on data analyzed from council weather buoys in Port Valdez.
- A presentation on reports detailing the history of the Prince William Sound Tanker Oil Discharge Prevention and Contingency Plan, documenting changes to the plan, regulatory positions and industry commitments.

- An overview of the updated dispersant research summary maintained by the council, now current through 2021.

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.

Updates on COVID-19 impacts to council activities can be found on the council's website: 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.
