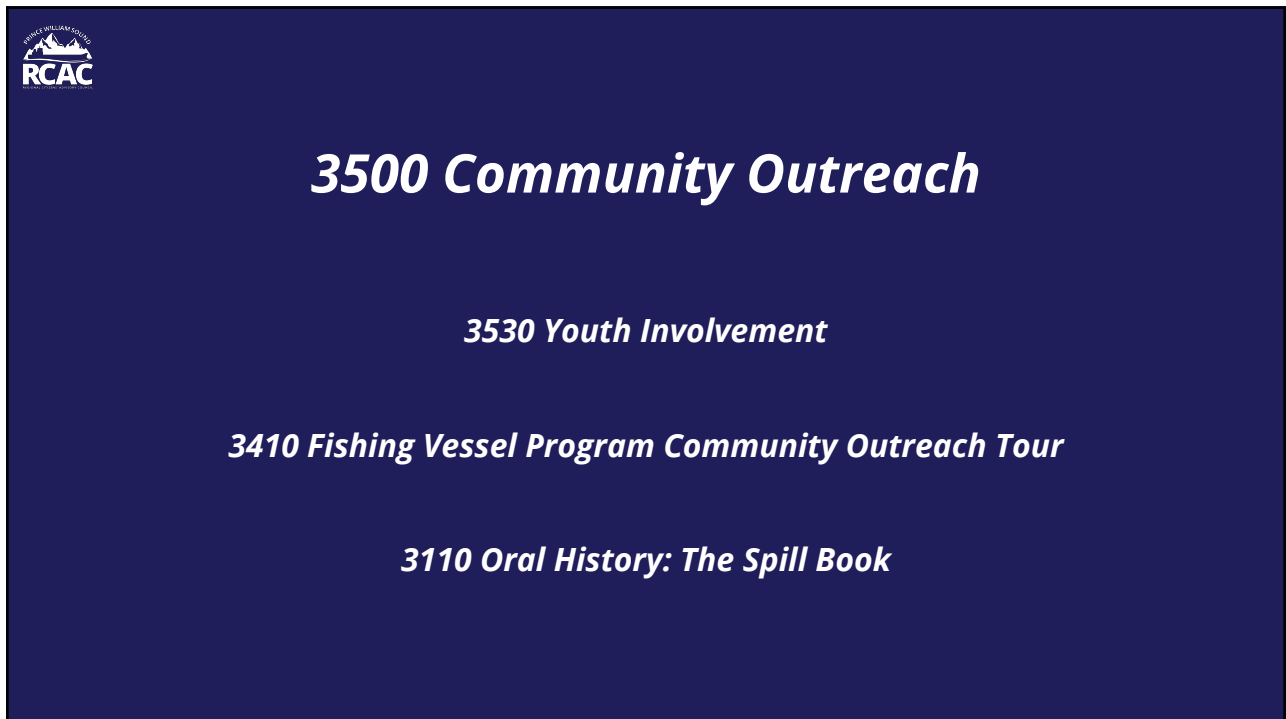




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  **2023 PWS Natural History Symposium**
Whittier, AK





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 **2023 PWSRCAC Valdez Guides' Orientation**




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  **PWS College PWSRCAC Overview Presentation**
Valdez, AK



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  **PWS College PWSRCAC Office Visits**
Valdez, AK



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  **pacific marine expo** 2023 Pacific Marine Expo
Seattle, WA



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 **PWSRCAC Science Night**
Anchorage, AK



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RCAC Prince William Sound Regional Citizens Advisory Council

Cordova HS Marine Science Classes

Via Zoom

RCAC

What is citizen oversight done by the PWSRCAC and what are the outcomes in this region?

Why is citizen oversight of the oil industry in Prince William Sound important?

Maia Draper-Reich

Daniele Verma

Lance Westing

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RCAC Prince William Sound Regional Citizens Advisory Council

ALASKA FORUM ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Alaska Forum on the Environment

Anchorage, AK

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Homer Community Visit



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Alaska Ocean Sciences Tsunami Bowl Regional Competition of the National Ocean Sciences Bowl

Seward, AK



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ComFish Alaska 2024

Kodiak, AK









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Additional Presentations

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 • AFE Virtual Session: *Turning the Tide: How and Why to Join the Search for Invasive Species on Alaska's Coasts*
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 • Alaska Geographic Teacher Training Course Orientation Presentations:
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 • Kenai Fjords Floating Teacher Workshop
 - 
 • Prince William Sound Teacher Course
- EVOS & PWSRCAC Overview for youth and adults visiting Valdez
- 
 • PWSRCAC Overview for USFWS Alaska Oil Spill Response Team

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By the Numbers: **Guest Lessons**

Type of Lesson	Locations	Youth Age Group	Participants
EVOS & PWSRCAC Overview	Cordova, Homer	9 th -12 th grade	41
PWSRCAC Science	Cordova	9 th -12 th grade	14
Oil Spill in a Pan	Homer	3 rd -12 th grade	141
TOTAL			196

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Marine Invasive Species Intern Outreach talks



- November 2023: Kodiak intern Noah Schrof at Alaska Invasive Species Partnership Workshop



- April 2024: Valdez intern Joshua Duong at PWS College Marine Biology course



- April 2024: Noah presented at the Kodiak Area Marine Science Symposium





Photos: Courtesy of interns

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FY2024 Youth Involvement





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By the Numbers: Youth Involvement



Timing/RFP cycle	Contracts	Communities	Age Group(s)
Summer 2023 (FY2023 funds, closed September 2023)	5	Copper River Watershed (Cordova) Homer, Valdez (2), Western PWS (Whittier)	Elementary, Middle, High School, Teachers
2023/2024 School Year	4	Kodiak (2), Homer, Valdez	Elementary, Middle, High School, College
Summer 2024	7	Copper River Watershed (Cordova) Homer, Seward, Valdez (2), Western PWS (Whittier) (2)	Elementary, Middle, High School, College, Teachers

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Fishing Vessel Program Community Outreach Project

FY2023: May 2023 in Valdez
119 passengers

FY2024: Project funds returned to contingency due to scheduling conflicts.

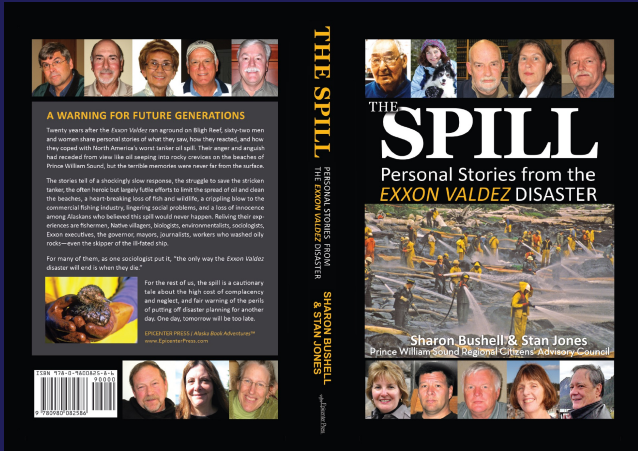
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Oral History: The Spill Book

- Budget modification passed in December to order 1,000 copies and create an eBook version
- Last order was in 2016 for 1,000 books
- Spill books given out to the public in the last year: **119**



THE SPILL
PERSONAL STORIES FROM THE EXXON VALDEZ DISASTER
SHARON BUSHNELL & STAN JONES

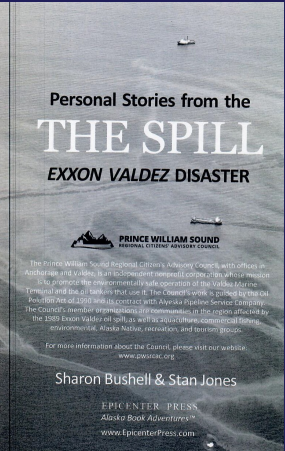
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The stories tell of a slow-motion response, the struggle to save the oil clean-up, the other people and heavy risks efforts to limit the spread of oil and clean the beaches, a heart-breaking loss of fish and wildlife, a crippling blow to the commercial fishing industry, lingering social problems, and a loss of innocence among fishermen who believed this spill would never happen. Reliving their experiences as fishermen, home owners, biologists, environmentalists, ecologists, Exxon executives, the governor, mayors, journalists, workers who washed oily food—even the skipper of the oil-spilled ship.

For many of them, as one author puts it, "the only way the Exxon Valdez disaster will end is when they die."

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PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND REGIONAL CITIZEN ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Prince William Sound Regional Citizens Advisory Council, with offices in Anchorage and Kodiak, is an independent, non-profit, citizen-driven organization. Its primary role is to provide an independent assessment of the Valdez Marine Terminal and the shipping industry that operates out of the terminal. The Council's member organizations are businesses in the region affected by the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill, as well as citizens, environmentalists, environmentalists, Alaska Native, recreation, and tourism groups.

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By the Numbers: Engagement Totals

- Booths: **1,109 people**
- Guest Lessons: **12 lessons to 196 participants**
- Talks and Presentations: **10 presentations to 413 people**
- Total Events Engagement: **442 people across 6 events**
- Observer email sign ups: **216**
- Spill books given out: **119**
- FY23 Fishing Vessel Program Community Outreach tour: **119 people**
- FY24 Youth Involvement funds: **11 contracts with 9 partners in 6 communities**

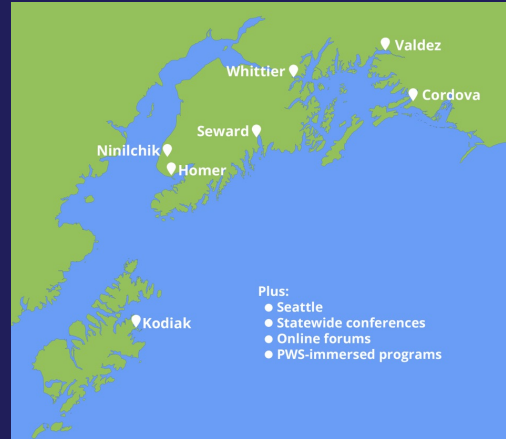


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Thank you!

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Questions?



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