



## **News Release – January 15, 2025**

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### **Prince William Sound RCAC board to meet in Anchorage, January 23-24**

The Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council will hold a board meeting in Anchorage on Thursday and Friday, January 23-24, 2025.

The meeting will be held in the Imagine Ballroom of the Embassy Suites, at 600 E. Benson Blvd. Those interested in attending the board meeting can do so in person, by teleconference (1-888-788-0099, Meeting ID: 819 0749 2214) or videoconference (<https://pwsrcac.zoom.us/j/81907492214>). 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 open session is from 8:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. On Friday, the meeting is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. The meeting is open to the public, except for executive sessions. Public comments are scheduled to be taken on Thursday starting at 9 a.m. Those wishing to speak during public comments are highly encouraged to sign up ahead of time by emailing Jennifer Fleming: [fleming@pwsrcac.org](mailto:fleming@pwsrcac.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, including a presentation on their Risk and Safety Culture Assessment Management Action Plan Closeout Report.
- An update from council staff on the renewal of the Valdez Marine Terminal contingency plan and subsequent request for informal review relating to concerns about analysis of the East Tank Farm secondary containment system liners.
- A presentation on volatile organic compound and hazardous air pollutant emissions from the 2022 crude oil storage tank vent incident at the terminal.
- A report on additional information requested by Alyeska related to the council's 2023 "Crude Oil Storage Tank Vent Damage" report, which outlines concerns related to worker safety in the aftermath of the 2022 tank vent damage incident.
- Reports on the results from the council's Long-Term Environmental Monitoring Program 2024 sampling for hydrocarbons and a pilot study to analyze 23 metals in sediments collected adjacent to the Valdez Marine Terminal and Gold Creek reference site.

Anyone exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, flu or cold should attend virtually.

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](http://www.pwsrcac.org).

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The Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council, with offices in Anchorage and Valdez, is a federally mandated, independent nonprofit corporation whose mission is to promote the 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 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.

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