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Prince William Sound RCAC board to meet in Kodiak, September 19-20

The Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council will hold three events in Kodiak on Wednesday through Friday, September 18-20, 2024, including the council's annual board meeting, a youth education event and a public reception. These events are free and open to the public.

Become a Master of Disaster: Wednesday, Sept. 18

The council will be hosting a youth education event on Wednesday, Sept. 18, at the Kodiak Fisheries Research Center (301 Research Court, Kodiak) from 3-5 p.m. All ages are invited to learn about oil spill response, tankers and related ocean science through interactive stations.

Public reception: Thursday, Sept. 19

In conjunction with the board meeting, the council will be hosting a public reception on Thursday, Sept. 19, at the Kodiak Fisheries Research Center from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. We invite the community to visit with us, learn more about the council and share ideas. There will be hors d'oeuvres provided.

Board meeting: Thursday and Friday, Sept. 19-20

The meeting will be located at the KANA Marketplace, at 100 Center Street, Kodiak. Those interested in attending the board meeting can do so in person, by teleconference (1-888-788-0099, meeting ID: 811 6561 1318) or videoconference (<https://pwsrcac.zoom.us/j/81165611318>). 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 4:45 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 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@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 an

- update on Alyeska's efforts to address concerns identified in the council's report "Assessment of Risks and Safety Culture at Alyeska's Valdez Marine Terminal."
- A presentation by representatives from Repsol, partners with Santos, on the Pikka Project as it will relate to the Valdez Marine Terminal.
 - A report on describing a hotspot analysis of marine bird survey data conducted in Prince William Sound during March 2007-2014 and 2018-2023.
 - A summary of data analyzed from the council's weather buoys located near the Valdez Marine Terminal and Valdez Duck Flats.
 - Information on the council's ongoing review of the pilot testing to identify methods to evaluate the secondary containment liners at the Valdez Marine Terminal.
 - An update on a major amendment on the Prince William Sound Tanker Oil Discharge Prevention and Contingency Plan, approved in June 2024.
 - A report on a broadscale survey of non-indigenous marine species across Prince William Sound, conducted in summer 2023.
 - A presentation on an ongoing council project to examine miscommunication in maritime contexts.

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

The meeting agenda 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.

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 associated oil tankers. 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.
