

SELDOVIA
CITY COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 8, 2017
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**AGENDA FOR A REGULAR MEETING
OF SELDOVIA CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**Wednesday
February 8, 2017
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MORRISON ROJAS LETHIN SWEATT COLBERG PATRICK

- A. Call to Order & Roll Call:
- B. Pledge of Allegiance:
- C. Excused Absences:
- D. Agenda Approval:
- E. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the Regular Meeting, January 25, 2017
- F. Treasurer's Report:
- G. Utility Report:
- H. Ordinance Introduction
 - 1. ORDINANCE 17-14 A NON-CODE ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SELDOVIA, ALASKA, TRANSFERRING \$386,893 FROM THE CAPITOL PROJECT FUND REFLECTED IN THE FY16 AUDIT TO THE BOAT HARBOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUND THAT WILL BE REFLECTED IN THE FY17 AUDIT
 - 2. ORDINANCE 17-15 A NON-CODE ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SELDOVIA, ALASKA, TRANSFERRING EXCESS ALLOCATIONS IN THE SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS FROM THE FY16 BUDGET BACK TO THE GENERAL FUND IN THE FY16 BUDGET
- I. Proclamations:
- J. Public Presentation Prior Notice: (each presenter has up to 10 min)
- K. Public Presentation for Items not on Agenda: (public has 3 min each)
- L. Committee and Advisory Board Reports: (each member has 5 min)
 - 1. Report Submitted by Seldovia's PWSRCAC Representative, Alisha Chartier
- M. Unfinished Business: None
- N. New Business:
 - 1. Council Action on Payment Approval Report of February 8, 2017
 - a. Presentation by Staff or Council
 - b. Public Presentation (public has 3 min each)
 - c. Council Discussion
 - d. Action/Disposition
 - 1. Council Action on Utility Account of Amelia Pollach for Kacheyak Trading Post
 - a. Presentation by Staff or Council
 - b. Public Presentation (public has 3 min each)
 - c. Council Discussion
 - d. Action/Disposition
 - 2. Consideration of Change to Council Set Agenda: Combining Treasurer's Report and Utility Report on Line F. and Adding Payment Approval Report as Line G.
 - a. Presentation by Staff or Council
 - b. Public Presentation (public has 3 min each)
 - c. Council Discussion
 - d. Action/Disposition

3. Request From PWSRCAC for a Letter of Support to Recertify With the U.S. Coast Guard

- a. Presentation by Staff or Council
- b. Public Presentation (public has 3 min each)
- c. Council Discussion
- d. Action/Disposition

4. Presentation for Approval of the City of Seldovia FY16 Audit Report

- a. Presentation by Staff or Council
- b. Public Presentation (public has 3 min each)
- c. Council Discussion
- d. Action/Disposition

O. Informational Items Not Requiring Action:

P. City Manager's Report:

Q. Council and Mayor Comments Concerning Items Not on the Agenda:

R. Next Meeting: Regular Meeting will be held on February 22, 2017 at 7:30 pm

S. Adjournment:

*** IF YOU REQUIRE SPECIAL ASSISTANCE TO ATTEND THE MEETING, PLEASE NOTIFY THE CITY OFFICE 24 HOURS IN ADVANCE AND ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE ***

Seldovia City Council Regular Meeting February 8, 2017

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**MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING
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**Wednesday
January, 25, 2017
7:30pm**

ROJAS LETHIN SWEATT COLBERG PATRICK MORRISON

- A. Call to Order & Roll Call: MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:30 PM BY MAYOR LENT
- B. Pledge of Allegiance: Held
- C. Excused Absences: COLBERG AND PATRICK
- D. Agenda Approval:

LETHIN/MORRISON MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA
LETHIN/MORRISON MOVED TO AMEND THE AGENDA ADDING ITEM N2. RESOLUTION 17-08
A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SELDOVIA, ALASKA SUPPORTING HOMER
ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION'S REQUEST FOR FUNDING TO REPLACE THE EMERGENCY
GENERATORS IN SELDOVIA AND ITEM N3. COUNCIL ACTION ON PAYMENT APPROVAL REPORT.
VOICE VOTE/ UNANIMOUS/ MOTION PASSED

SWEATT/ROJAS MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED.
VOICE VOTE/ UNANIMOUS/ MOTION PASSED

- E. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the Regular Meeting, January 11, 2017

SWEATT/LETHIN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 11, 2017.
VOICE VOTE/ UNANIMOUS/ MOTION PASSED

- F. Treasurer's Report: None
- G. Utility Report: None
- H. Ordinance Introduction: None
- I. Proclamations: None
- J. Public Presentation Prior Notice: (each presenter has up to 10 min)

1. Amelia Pollack on Kacheyak Trading Post

AMELIA POLLACK- Spoke to the Council regarding the outstanding water and sewer charges for Kacheyak Trading Post. The business did not have water or sewer in the Trading Post. She was paying in full the residential water and sewer for the apartment attached to the Trading Post. She asked the Council for forgiveness on part or all of the charges. She was charged for five months yet was only in business for three months. She assumed the City knew she was only in business for three months.

ROJAS- She is concerned about the charges as Ameila stated she was not made aware she would be charged sewer and water for the business. She would like Council to consider forgiving part or all of the charges. She believes it is preposterous the City charges for a space that doesn't have water and sewer. In addition, the City should make prospective businesses aware of the water and sewer charges they will be responsible for when they come in to apply for a business license.

CLERK STANISH- Clarified what is set in the code pertaining to water/sewer service not use. Also need to look at the Commercial District as a business first district. There are no provisions or fees in the fee schedule that address multi-use structures in the Commercial District. This inquiry brings up a lot of questions which all tie in together when you start picking at the Code.

MAYOR LENT- Asked for clarification on what part of the building was occupied by Kacheyak Trading Post.

CHRIS POLLACK- Explained to Council that when the old Kachemak Café building was purchased, the Café had to be completely gutted due to frozen, broken pipes which had flooded the Café. It was completely cut off.

MAYOR LENT- There is water and sewer to that building though?

AMELIA POLLACK- Yes, but there are no pipes in the walls or fixtures in the Café.

CM/LARSON- Mentioned the responsibility to understand the charges which will occur is on the prospective business. It's also the responsibility of the business owner to inform the City when they close down. It is difficult to individualize each customer's use.

LETHIN- Council should consider charging for either the residence or the business, not both.

CONSENSUS OF THE COUNCIL TO ADD THIS ITEM TO THE AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING AND DIRECT THE CITY MANAGER NOT TO PURSUE UNTIL COUNCIL'S DECISION

- K. Public Presentation for Items not on Agenda: (public has 3 min each) Hearing None
- L. Committee and Advisory Board Reports: (each member has 5 min) None
- M. Unfinished Business: None
- N. New Business:

1. City Manager, Tod Larson, Six Month Review; Executive Session Due to Subjects That Tend to Prejudice The Reputation And Character of Any Person, Provided The Person May Request A Public Discussion;

- a. Presentation by Staff or Council
- b. Public Presentation (public has 3 min each)
Hearing None
- c. Council Discussion

ROJAS/LETHIN MOVED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION DUE TO SUBJECTS THAT TEND TO PREJUDICE THE REPUTATION AND CHARACTER OF ANY PERSON, PROVIDED THE PERSON MAY REQUEST A PUBLIC DISCUSSION AND INVITE CITY MANAGER, TOD LARSON AND STAFF, LISA STANISH.

VOICE VOTE UNANIMOUS/ MOTION PASSED

- d. Action/Disposition

MAYOR LENT CALLED THE MEETING BACK TO ORDER
NO ACTION WAS TAKED DURING EXECUTIVE SESSION

2. Resolution 17-08, A Resolution Of The Council Of The City Of Seldovia, Alaska Supporting Homer Electric Association's Request For Funding To Replace The Emergency Generators In Seldovia.

- a. Presentation by Staff or Council
CLERK STANISH- Spoke to Council asking for action on the Resolution. HEA has requested an updated Resolution as they will seek funding to replace the generators in Seldovia. A previous Resolution was passed by Council in 2014.
- b. Public Presentation
Hearing None
- c. Council Discussion

ROJAS/SWEATT MOVED TO ACCEPT RESOLUTION 17-08 A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SELDOVIA, ALASKA SUPPORTING HOMER ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION'S REQUEST FOR FUNDING TO REPLACE THE EMERGENCY GENERATORS IN SELDOVIA.

- d. Action/Disposition

VOICE VOTE/ UNANIMOUS/ MOTION PASSED

3. Council Action on Payment Approval Report

- a. Presentation by Staff or Council
CLERK/STANISH- You will be presented with these reports at every Council meeting so you understand where funds are being spent. We are looking for approval on the payment of these bills.
- b. Public Presentation
Hearing None

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c. Council Discussion

Council had questions on some of the charges which were explained. Discussion on the cost of the harbor electricity touched on the possibility of manually shutting off the lights that stay on during rainy days or gloomy mornings and the possibility of the liability of that action.

ROJAS- Requested more information on each of the items presented.

LETHIN/MORRISON MOVED TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT REPORT FOR JAN. 25, 2017

d. Action/Disposition

VOICE VOTE/ UNANIMOUS/ MOTION PASSED

O. Informational Items Not Requiring Action:

1. FY18 Budget Cycle Timeline

CM/LARSON- Went over the budget timeline with the Council.

2. CLERK STANISH- Mentioned she has issued 25 business licenses for the year.

MAYOR LENT WAS EXCUSED DUE TO SUDDEN ILLNESS -- PASSED THE GAVEL TO COUNCILWOMAN ROJAS

P. City Manager's Report: As written

Q. Council and Mayor Comments Concerning Items Not on the Agenda:

LETHIN- Spoke to Council on inviting the Local Boundry Commission for a community meeting to answer questions and clear up misunderstandings of annexation. Kris will not be here for the meeting on Feb. 8. He may be available to call in.

SWEATT- Thanked Tod and the staff for doing such a great job.

MORRISON- Appreciates the job Tod is doing, thanked the staff and his fellow council.

ROJAS- We do have a good working group. She will not be here for the meeting of Feb. 22.

R. Next Meeting: Regular Meeting will be held on February 8, 2017 at 7:30 pm

S. Adjournment

SWEATT/LETHIN MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 9PM

VOICE VOTE/UNANIMOUS/MOTION PASSED

I certify the above represents accurate minutes of City of Seldovia Council meeting of January 25, 2017.

Lisa Stanish, City Clerk

Approved by Council _____

**CITY OF SELDOVIA
ORDINANCE 17-14**

**A NON-CODE ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SELDOVIA,
ALASKA, TRANSFERRING \$386,893 FROM THE CAPITOL PROJECT FUND
REFLECTED IN THE FY16 AUDIT TO THE BOAT HARBOR SPECIAL REVENUE
FUND THAT WILL BE REFLECTED IN THE FY17 AUDIT**

WHEREAS, Resolution 2008-07 accepted from the State of Alaska the transfer in ownership of the Jakolof Bay Float for deferred maintenance funds of \$380,000 as well as the \$6,893 in the Capitol Project Fund as reflected in the FY16 audit Exhibit C1, page 6; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City to properly appropriate funds and continue to promote accurate, real budgeting methods thorough governmental accounting standards; and

WHEREAS, a separate special fund for Jakoloff dock was not created to accurately track the deferred maintenance funds when the State transferred the dock to the City of Seldovia, and

WHEREAS, over the last nine years, the deferred maintenance funds have been absorbed into the General Fund and reflected in the line item Capital Project Fund under Harbor Improvement; and

WHEREAS, the tracking of said funds to date appears to auditors as a grant to fund harbor improvements which would require grant-like reporting of expenditures of these funds; and

WHEREAS, under the direction of the City's auditors, the transfer of these funds to the boat harbor special revenue fund would allow for accurate distribution and tracking of expenditures on Jakoloff Dock repair and maintenance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SELDOVIA:

SECTION 1. The amount, of \$380,893.00 shall be transferred from the Capitol Project Fund to the Boat Harbor Special Revenue fund to be reflected in the FY17 audit.

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance becomes effective upon its adoption by the City Council.

ADOPTED by a duly constituted quorum of the City Council of the City of Seldovia, Alaska this ___ day of ___, 2017

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Lisa Stanish, City Clerk

Dean Lent, Mayor

Vote: Patrick- Colberg- Rojas-
Lethin- Morrison- Sweatt-

**CITY OF SELDOVIA
ORDINANCE 17-15**

**A NON-CODE ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SELDOVIA,
ALASKA, TRANSFERRING EXCESS ALLOCATIONS IN THE SPECIAL REVENUE
FUNDS FROM THE FY16 BUDGET BACK TO THE GENERAL FUND IN THE FY16
BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Seldovia previously projected the excess allocations from FY16 which were accepted into the FY16 budget in the following amounts; Water: \$2,770.00, Sewer: \$18,890.00, Dock: \$15,123.18, Boat Haul Out: \$14,686.38, and

WHEREAS, with the completion of the FY16 audit, the actual amounts of the excess allocations has been realized; and

WHEREAS, under the direction of the City auditors the Council should accept by non-code ordinance the actual amounts to be transferred into the General Fund of the FY16 budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SELDOVIA:

SECTION 1. The following audited actual fund amounts shall be transferred into the General Fund of the FY16 budget; Water: \$17,279, Boat Haul Out: \$22,517, Dock: \$13,686 and Sewer: \$6,951.

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance becomes effective upon its adoption by the City Council.

ADOPTED by a duly constituted quorum of the City Council of the City of Seldovia, Alaska this ___ day of ___, 2017

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Lisa Stanish, City Clerk

Dean Lent, Mayor

Vote:
Patrick-
Morrison-
Lethin-

Colberg-
Rojas-
Sweatt-

Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council
Meeting Report
Alisha Chartier, Representative

Mayor Dean Lent
City of Seldovia
Drawer B
Seldovia, Ak 99663

Background

The March 24, 1989 grounding and rupture of the fully loaded tanker the EXXON VALDEZ, spilled 11 million gallons of crude oil into Prince William Sound, an environmentally sensitive area.

The Oil Pollution Act of 1990 established two non-governmental RCACs. The Prince William Sound RCAC and Cook Inlet RCAC.

The RCACs foster partnership between oil industry, government, local communities, and other stakeholder entities in assuring environmentally safe transport of crude oil.

The RCAC is bound by two contracts: The Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA90) and Alyeska Pipeline Services Company. The PWSRCAC bylaws are binding and set by the Board of Directors.

Advisory Committees

Five standing committees advise the board of Directors and the council staff on projects and activities. The advisory committees are made up of interested citizens, technical experts, and members of the council board.

- Oil Spill Prevention and Response Committee (OSPR)
- Port Operations and Vessel Traffic Systems (POVTS)
- Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC)
- Terminal Operations and Environmental Monitoring (TOEM)
- Information and Education Committee (IEC)

The January 2017 meeting of the PWSRCAC Board of Directors was scheduled for January 19 and 20, 2017 at the Embassy Suites in Anchorage. If you are interested in reading any of the board meeting files they can be found online at <http://www.pwsrcac.org>. The following material includes highlights from the meeting.

January Meeting in Anchorage

Alyeska/SERVS Marine Services Transition

- PWSRCAC continues to seek information and provide advice and recommendations on the upcoming change in the Alyeska/SERVS marine services contractor from Crowley to Edison Chouest Offshore.
- Presentations on the transition were provided at the meeting by Alyeska/SERVS,

ADEC and PWSRCAC staff and contractors.

- The areas the RCAC staff have been most involved with include review of tug designs, training, exercises and best practices. Recommendations regarding these four areas were presented at the meeting for discussion and input prior to being formally submitted to Alyeska/SERVS.
- Alyeska is working to set up tours of the shipyards for Board members where the tugs and barges are being built. Tours in May and June of this year will primarily be to see the general-purpose tugs in the Louisiana shipyards. Tours in October and November will primarily be to see the escort tugs in the Louisiana shipyards, and also the response barges being built in Oregon.

Re-organization Alaska DEC Spill Prevention and Response (SPAR) division

- PWSRCAC has concerns regarding the reorganization of ADEC's SPAR Division, and would like to find ways to support ADEC to ensure they can continue their strong oil spill prevention and response oversight.
- The reorganization combined planning and response duties, and resulted in less engineering support and fewer staff located in Valdez. In addition, the Division has lost some long-time staff who had decades of experience working with the contingency plans and system in Prince William Sound.
- We are fortunate to have an experienced and dedicated staff for the Prince William Sound Unit, but concern still exists about SPAR's ability to maintain the same level of planning and response oversight, especially if there are oil or other hazardous material spills.
- The Valdez Marine Terminal contingency plan is one of the most complicated plans in the entire state, and SPAR staff have been asked to do more with fewer people. The Governor's FY18 budget includes \$250,000 appropriation to provide contractual support to SPAR in overseeing the transition from Crowley to Edison Chouest, and we plan to advocate that this funding remain in the budget during our upcoming legislative visit to Juneau.

Oil Spill Prevention and Response Planning Efforts

- Staff have been involved with several planning and response efforts including the most recent Prince William Sound Tanker C-Plan renewal, addressing conditions of approval from the 2014 Valdez Marine Terminal C-Plan renewal, providing input on the Alaska Regional Response Team's (ARRT's) Regional/Area Planning proposal to move from Alaska's current ten subareas down to four, and the ARRT's efforts to seek public input on areas offshore that should be dispersant avoidance areas.
- Staff has also been involved in ADEC's continuing efforts to find efficiencies in the drill and exercise program. These different planning and response efforts are a high priority since they cross over into almost every aspect of RCAC's mandate and mission.

- These plans, from the Unified Plan for all of Alaska down to the individual facility and vessel plans, provide prevention and response details and act as insurance policies to protect Prince William Sound and the downstream communities from oil spills.

Long Range Planning

- Staff and volunteers have dedicated significant time and effort developing project ideas for the Long-Range Plan.
- Each year the planning committee makes improvements to the process, and the plan is useful in developing a budget for the next fiscal year. The plan was on the meeting agenda and was approved, updates to the plan were discussed at a workshop taking place on Wednesday, January 18.

External Relationships

- A key initiative for the organization is to maintain and improve relationships, partnerships and communication between government officials, industry representatives, and the communities we represent.
- These relationships also help to ensure informed conversations with the people we represent and to improve availability of information to PWSRCAC from industry and regulatory sources.
- It has been expressed that the Board would like to pursue opportunities to work more closely with Cook Inlet RCAC (CIRCAC) Board members.
- CIRCAC share the same desire to collaborate on projects of mutual interest. As a first step, we are working towards organizing a joint PWSRCAC and CIRCAC holiday party to take place December 1, 2017 in Anchorage.

Items Requiring Board Action

Approval of Hydrocarbon Toxicity Contract / Memorandum of Agreement

Approval of Organizational Assessment Report

Long Range Plan Approval

Date Received
JAN 19 2017

January 18, 2017

Dear members of the Seldovia Council,

I am writing this letter concerning an outstanding water/sewer bill for Kacheyak Trading Post, which operated during the summer of 2014. During this time I was being charged for commercial water and sewer that was not connected to the City system. I would like to have this outstanding bill forgiven as I am being charged for services that were not used.

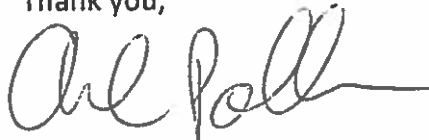
Kacheyak Trading Post was operated out of the old Kachemak Kafe building. The portion of the building used for the store front had all plumbing removed during a remodel attempt that has yet to be completed. Kacheyak Trading Post did not provide public bathrooms, nor was any water plumbed to the area in which I was conducting business. However, at the time, a portion of the building was plumbed with water and sewer and being used as a residence. This area was billed for water and sewer separately, and has always been paid in a timely manner.

Kacheyak Trading Post was billed at the 'Retail Store Water & Sewer' rate of roughly \$75/month for 5 months (June-October) totaling \$370.87. I operated Kacheyak Trading Post for 3 months (June-August) and barely broke even. Had I anticipated this additional cost of doing business in Seldovia, I would not have attempted the venture.

I had an ongoing conversation with previous City Administration regarding the issue. More recently, the City staff suggested that I contact the Council with my concerns.

Please consider forgiving this debt; feel free to contact me with any questions.

Thank you,



Amelia Pollack

amelia.robin@gmail.com

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FW: Request: PWSRCAC Recertification Support

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Tod Larson; Lisa Stanish; Chartier, Alisha <ams306@humboldt.edu>

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To the Seldovia City Council:

Each year, the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) is required to review the certification for the Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council (PWSRCAC) under the Oil Pollution Act of 1990. Every three years, of which this is one, a more extensive application process is conducted, followed by a public comment period.

In December, PWSRCAC submitted our application for review and the public comment period has now opened. It is **extremely important that the USCG hears from our member organizations, partners, and the public during this process and we are hoping the the City Council would be willing to provide a letter of support.**

The letter doesn't need to be long – just a few paragraphs emphasizing how important the work of PWSRCAC is to preventing oil spills like the Exxon Valdez and ensuring a prompt, effective cleanup should a similar event happen in the future. We have attached some sample text for your reference.

Letters need to reach the USCG by February 27, 2017, and should reference "PWSRCAC Recertification" in the subject line.

Letters can be submitted by email to Lt. Patrick Grizzle at Patrick.J.Grizzle@uscg.mil or by mail, addressed to:

Commander, 17th Coast Guard District (M)
[PO Box 25517](#)
[Juneau, AK 99802](#)
Attn: Lt. Patrick Grizzle
Inspections & Licensing

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at brooke.taylor@pwsrcac.org or 907-273-6228.

Thank you for considering our request,
Brooke

Brooke Taylor, APR

Director of External Communications
Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council
[3709 Spenard Road, Suite 100 | Anchorage, Alaska 99503](#)
D: 907.273.6228 | C: 907.301.3784 | M: 907-277-7222

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Sample base text for letter of support:

The [organization] supports recertification of the Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council (PWSRCAC).

The PWSRCAC was established after the Exxon Valdez oil spill and has worked diligently since then to fulfill its mission: citizens promoting environmentally safe operation of the Valdez Marine Terminal and the oil tankers that use it.

PWSRCAC works with industry and regulators to ensure response readiness, evaluate risks, and propose solutions. We hope you will recertify PWSRCAC as the citizens' advisory group for Prince William Sound.

Examples of PWSRCAC work that can be referenced:

Review of tug and escort system technologies and marine services transition: PWSRCAC efforts to identify and advocate for the newest safety and capability standards for the tug escorts and other vessels associated with preventing or responding to oil tanker accidents, are exemplary, timely, and merit the strongest consideration for implementation by both industry and cognizant regulatory agencies. This has never been more important than now, as the marine services transition from Crowley Maritime to Edison Chouest Offshore proceeds through 2018.

Scientific research: PWSRCAC conducts independent scientific work addressing environmental issues related to the Valdez Marine Terminal (VMT) and associated tankers. For example, PWSRCAC commissioned a study with NOAA in 2015 to examine the delayed effects of the Exxon Valdez oil spill on long-term fish survival. The findings showed that that embryonic salmon and herring exposed to very low levels of crude oil can develop hidden heart defects that compromise their later survival, indicating that the spill may have had much greater impacts on spawning fish than previously recognized.

Environmental monitoring: PWSRCAC continues its Long Term Environmental Monitoring Program (LTEMP), initiated in 1993. The council also supports citizen-based monitoring efforts in its region, particularly for the European green crab and invasive tunicates. This summer, PWSRCAC placed settling plates in Port Valdez to collect bottom dwelling organisms to monitor for invasive species. Additionally, they also worked with the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center to perform underwater surveys of local piers and harbors to look for marine invasive species, and educate citizens in the identification and effects these species can have on aquatic ecosystems.

Monitoring of cleanup drills and spill response: PWSRCAC devotes considerable effort to monitoring drills, exercises, and training events, as well as to the responses to actual incidents, which fortunately are relatively rare in Prince William Sound. Staff often participate as a

member of drill planning teams along with ADEC, USCG and industry, and drill monitoring reports are prepared by staff and contractors.

Piping and tank inspections advocacy: PWSRCAC continues to advocate for increased frequency and increased technical rigor for piping and tank inspections for aging terminal piping and storage tanks and other associated crude oil infrastructure. This is essential for the continued safe spill-free operation of these assets into the future.

Oil Dispersant Guidelines: PWSRCAC worked extensively for decades to conduct much needed oil dispersants research. PWSRCAC has also provided substantial assistance and input into the multi-year development of updates to new dispersant usage guidelines, and most recently our outreach to stakeholders throughout the EVOS region to increase public awareness of the ARRT's identification of dispersant use avoidance areas.

Marine Firefighting Symposium: The PWSRCAC continues to provide tremendous value towards improving the maritime firefighting risks for coastal Alaska. The marine firefighting symposiums coordinated by PWSRCAC leverage state funding to allow other coastal communities to send their firefighters and the states live firefighting training facilities at AVTEC in Seward to provide unique maritime firefighting training for Alaskan municipal firefighters from coastal communities across the entire state.

Public outreach to EVOS region communities: PWSRCAC provides public outreach in multiple Exxon Valdez oil spill region communities on many issues. Some of the most recent topics include changes to U.S. ballast water regulations affecting Alaska's coastal tanker trade, including current issues regarding certification of ballast water treatment systems; the new Alaska Dispersant Use Plan; the marine services transition from Crowley Maritime to Edison Chouest Offshore; and suggested changes to the Regional Stakeholder Committee process and oil spill area planning for the state of Alaska.

ICS for Stakeholders Workshops: These workshops are designed to engage local stakeholders and explain some of the basics of how a large oil spill would be handled in our area. Workshops cover a brief overview of rules and regulations, players and roles, and Incident Command System basics and are designed to foster a discussion of what a large incident would mean to a community and how interactions between community members and the Unified Command would likely occur.

Fishing vessel oil spill training outreach: This past year, PWSRCAC piloted a project, in conjunction with Alyeska/SERVS staff, to share the fishing vessel program's annual oil spill training with local citizens. PWSRCAC chartered a passenger vessel out of Seward which took over 90 local youth and residents to learn about SERVS' oil spill training for local fishermen and mariners. This project is being supported in future years in other communities within PWSRCAC's region due to its great success.

Review of Valdez Marine Terminal and Prince William Sound Tanker Oil Spill Contingency Plans: As part of our OPA90 mandate, PWSRCAC reviews and comments on changes to oil spill prevention and response plans that cover the Valdez Marine Terminal and tankers that transit Prince William Sound. PWSRCAC participates in a workgroup consisting of industry, regulators, and stakeholders, which meets on a quarterly basis to discuss conditions of approval and improvements to the terminal plan. Additionally, PWSRCAC participates on drill and exercise design teams with industry and regulators that test response readiness.