

Citizens promoting the environmentally safe operation of the Alyeska terminal and associated tankers

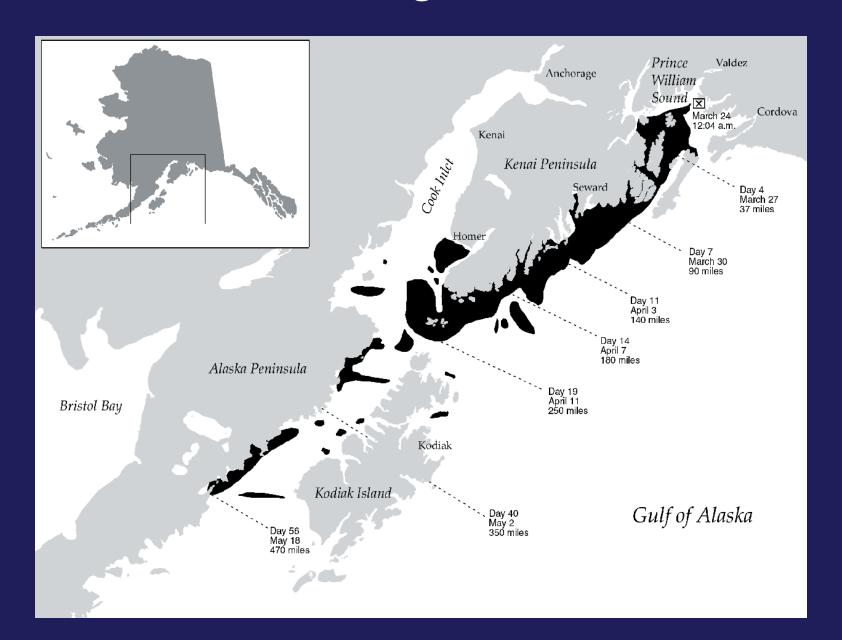
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# Origins





### Oil Pollution Act of 1990

Responsibilities assigned to two Regional Citizens Advisory Councils:

- Provide advice and recommendations on policies, permits and regulations
- Monitor environmental impacts
- Review the adequacy of oil spill prevention and contingency plans
- Provide advice and recommendations on terminal and tanker operations, policies, and practices



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U.S. Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Management, Alaska Department of Military and Veterans Affairs

- U.S. Coast Guard, Marine Safety Unit Valdez (USCG)
- U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI)
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
- U.S. Forest Service



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### **PWSRCAC Technical Committees**

- Information and Education Committee (IEC)
- Oil Spill Prevention & Response (OSPR)
- Port Operations & Vessel Traffic System (POVTS)
- Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC)

Terminal Operations & Environmental Monitoring (TOEM)







### Programs

- Terminal Operations
- Maritime Operations
- Oil Spill Prevention and Response Operations
  - Drills / Trainings
  - Contingency Plans
- Environmental Monitoring / Science research
- Public Communications
- Community Outreach



### Ongoing, Current, & Future Work:

# **Updated position on dispersant use during an oil spill:** *Prevention and mechanical recovery should remain primary options*

- Conditions in Prince William Sound often limit the feasibility of dispersant application.
- They have not been demonstrated to be effective in marine environments with similar temperatures and salinity levels to those in the Sound.
- Uncertainty exists over the toxicity caused by adding chemical dispersants to an oil slick.
- Long-term effects are not well understood.



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# Alyeska/SERVS



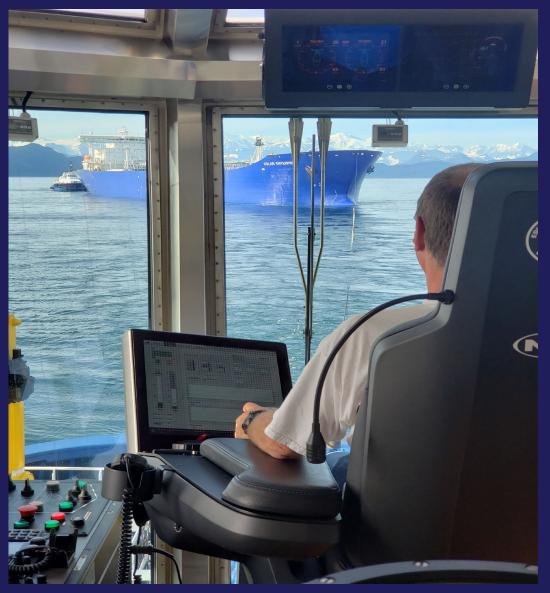
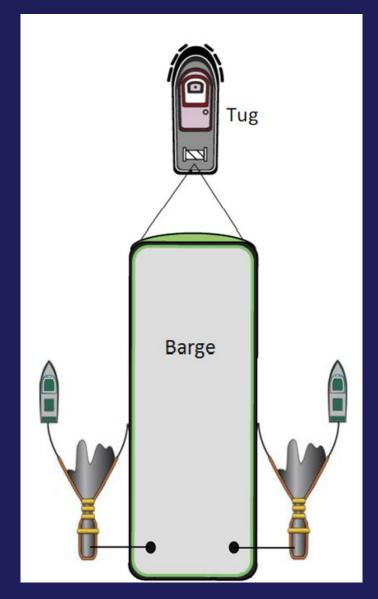


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## Alyeska/SERVS







# Fishing Vessel Program & Community Outreach Tour







Photos: PWSRCAC



## Monitoring the Valdez Marine Terminal



Crews work on tank top snow removal on Tanks 12 and 14 in the East Tank Farm in Valdez on March 16, 2022. (Photo provided by Alyeska Pipeline Service Co.)



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# Web Resources for Regional Stakeholder Committees





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#### **Regional Stakeholders Committee Resources**

RSC Home > More about RSC > How does RSC work? > Toolkit

The Regional Stakeholder Committee (RSC) is a group of individuals invited to share their local knowledge with the agency and company representatives that will manage an oil spill response in Alaska. RSC members present issues of local concern and help identify local resources that could be useful to the response.

When an RSC is set up, it is a small but important part of a response that can help create a bridge between the response and affected communities or landowners.



An RSC can provide an opportunity for community members to meet with the response decision-makers to discuss concerns or suggestions.

#### MORE IN THIS SECTION

More about the RSC
How does the RSC work?
RSC Toolkit

The RSC is part of the formal spill response organization described in two levels of government response plans for oil spills in Alaska: the Alaska Regional Contingency Plan and the Prince William Sound (PWS) Area Contingency Plan.

#### About these resources

The Council developed these background reading materials for anyone who is:

- Participating on an RSC during an oil spill or exercise
- Planning to represent their community on an RSC if there is a spill



### Potential Places of Refuge

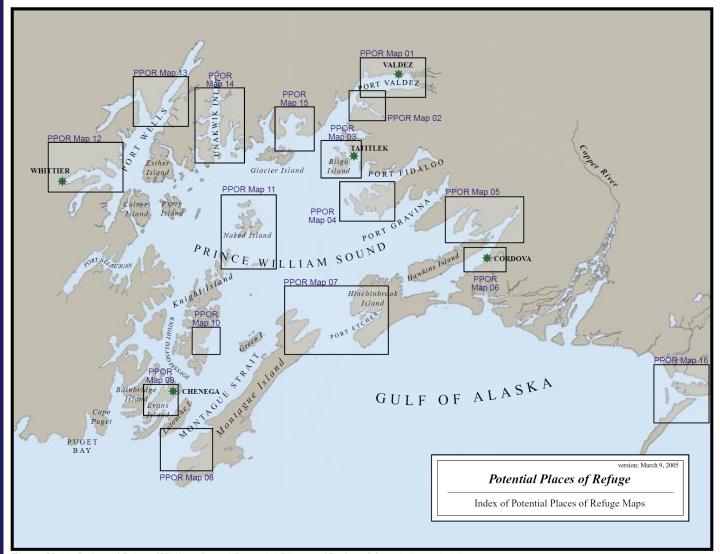
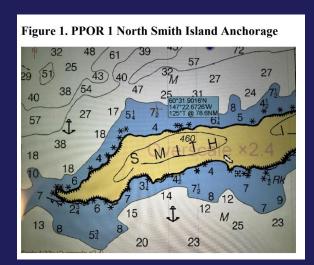
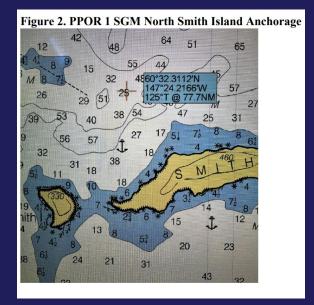


Figure H-11. Index of Prince William Sound Potential Places of Refuge Maps 1 through 16.

Prince William Sound SCP: PPOR, Part One

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