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“EVOS: A Time of Creative Opportunities”

Alaska SeaGrant College Program

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Herring Restoration Panel

Prince William Sound Science

Center/Oil Spill Recovery Institute
Scott Pegau
R.J. Kopchak
Nancy Bird

Demonstration of Alaska Ocean Observing

Modeling system
NOAA/AOOS
Scott Pegau

Prevention and Response Then and Now

Alyeska/SERVS
Mike Meadors

Alaska Sealife Center

Pam Tuomi
Darryl Schaefermeyer

Citizens' Advisory Cook Inlet RCAC
Trent Dodson

March 24, 2009
8:30 am-6:00pm

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20th Anniversary of the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill

Twenty years have passed since the Exxon Valdez oil tanker struck Bligh Reef, resulting in over 11 million gallons of spilled North Slope crude. The spill fouled beaches and marine life from Prince William Sound to the Alaska Peninsula, devastating communities and sending local economies into a tailspin.

Much has changed in the past twenty years with safety improvements reducing the likelihood of such a spill ever happening again.

Most tankers have double hulls and are escorted out of Port Valdez to the Gulf of Alaska by two powerful tugs. Detailed contingency plans for preventing and cleaning up spills are now mandatory.

Citizens now have a place at the table and a mandated voice in advising in ways to create safer transportation of oil in Prince William Sound and Cook Inlet.



Photo by Bill Rome

Join us on **March 24, 2009** for a multi community commemoration with venues held in a number of the Exxon Valdez oil spill affected communities. Events will be connected by video conferencing.

Join us:

Anchorage
Dena'ina Civic & Convention Center

Cordova
Forest Service Building

Homer
Pratt Museum
Bunnell Street Art Center

Kenai
Challenger Learning Center

Seward
UAF Seward Marine Center

Valdez
Civic & Convention Center

Art Show & Books

March 24: The Pratt Museum in Homer hosts an art show “Reflections of a Spill” with a reception from 5pm-7pm, followed by a candlelight

procession to the Bunnell Street Arts Center for a reception “Spill” featuring artists, music and readings.

Barnes and Noble will feature a table with books on the Exxon Valdez oil spill region during the month of March.

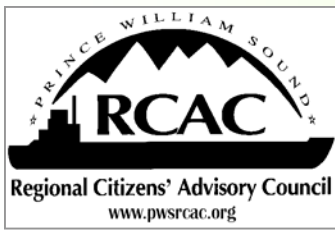
March 21: The Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge will hold a book signing at its visitor center.

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Agenda

Videoconferencing is available in Anchorage, Cordova, Kenai, Seward and Valdez.
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8:30—9:00 in Anchorage: Then & Now: The Alaska Oil Spill at 20 film

**9:00—10:30 Anchorage—Reunion of the Alaska Sea Grant Legal Research Team (Research Team)
Dena'ina Center, 600 W. 7th Avenue, K'enaKatnu Executive Board Room**

The national team was recruited in 1989 by then-Alaska Sea Grant director, Ronald Dearborn, to study how the State of Alaska might improve its oversight of oil transportation. The legal analysis was provided to the Alaska Oil Spill Commission (AOSC), which used the information to help craft its 1990 report which helped guide the Congress in the development of OPA90 and the Alaska Legislature in enacting new legislation governing the marine transport of crude oil and other hazardous substances. Walt Parker, then-director of the AOSC, will lead the panel discussion. Panelists will recount the critical role played by the AOSC, review Alaska's pre-spill regulatory system and how it changed with the help of Alaska Sea Grant's research, and what might be done today to further ensure the safe transport of hazardous substances at sea. Three of the four Research Team members will participate, including Zygmunt Plater, professor of environmental law, Boston College School of Law; Harry Bader, former University of Alaska Fairbanks professor of natural resource policy and Alaska Department of Natural Resources official; and Alison Rieser, Department of Geography and Graduate Ocean Policy Program, University of Hawaii; Charlie Cole and John Havelock, both former Attorney Generals and currently in law practice will participate as well.



**10:30—12:00 Partners in Prevention and Response Since 1989
Dena'ina Center, 600 W. 7th Avenue, K'enaKatnu Executive Board Room**

Industry, agency and citizen group representatives will discuss 20 years of improvements in oil transportation. Mead Treadwell, former Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Conservation will lead the panel discussion.
Donna Schantz, acting Executive Director, Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council
Tim Plummer, President, Tesoro Maritime Company
Anil Mathur, CEO, Alaska Tanker Company
Greg Jones, V.P. Operations, Alyeska Pipeline Service Company
Betty Schorr, Industry Preparedness Program Manager, Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation

EVENTS SCHEDULE

Anchorage

Dena'ina Civic & Convention Center
9:00am-12:00noon
Book signing
12:00-1:00pm

Cordova

Forest Service Building
1:00-2:45 pm

Valdez

Civic & Convention Center
3:00-3:45pm

Seward

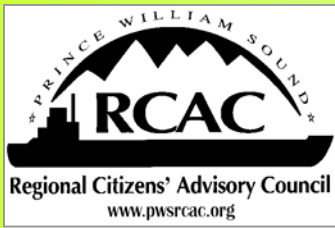
UAF Seward Marine Center
3:45-4:45pm

Kenai

Challenger Learning Center
4:45-5:30pm

Homer

Evening art shows
Pratt Museum
5:00 -7:00 pm
Bunnell Street Art Center
7:30 pm



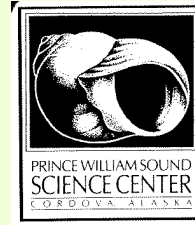
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12:00– 1:00 Book signing: “The Spill: Personal Stories of the

Exxon Valdez Disaster”
Dena’ina Center



1:00—1:45 Herring Restoration Panel
Cordova

Presented by Cordova’s Prince William Sound Science Center and the Oil Spill Recovery Institute, scientists will discuss the current status of herring restoration in Prince William Sound. Nancy Bird, President of the Prince William Sound Science Center, and Director of the Oil Spill Recovery Institute in Cordova will moderate the discussion with Rob Campbell and R.J. Kopchak.



1:45—2:45 Alaska Ocean Observing System (AOOS)
Cordova

Using data collected in 2004, Dr. Scott Pegau of the Oil Spill Recovery Institute will demonstrate the Alaska Ocean Observing System. When fully developed, AOOS will serve as the Alaska regional node for a national network of observing systems, deliver real time information and long term trends about Alaska’s ocean conditions and marine life, and provide public internet access to data on coastal conditions.



2:45—3:00 Break

3:00—3:45 Prevention and Response Then and Now
Valdez, Civic and Convention Center

Mike Meadors, Alyeska Pipeline Service Company/SERVS Director will present "Prevention and Response Then and Now" power point. Alyeska Pipeline will have oil spill prevention equipment on display.



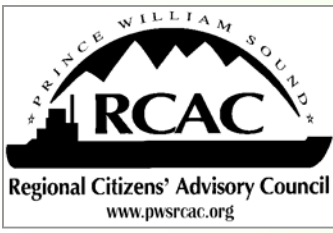
3:45—4:45 Seward, UAF Seward Marine Center, 201 Railway, sponsored by Alaska Sealife Center

Dr. Pam Tuomi who was involved in animal rehabilitation during the spill will discuss that as well as the current state of preparedness. Darryl Schaefermeyer, Seward’s City Manager during the spill will discuss Seward’s experiences at that time.

4:45—5:30 Kenai , Challenger Learning Center, 9711 Kenai Spur Hwy.

Trent Dodson, Director of Public Outreach for the Cook Inlet Regional Citizens’ Advisory Council will give an overview of the council and highlight some of its projects.





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Art and Book Shows

Reflections of a Spill: 20 Years Later

Sponsored by the Pratt Museum, 3779 Bartlett St., Homer

This is an art and science collaborative exhibit that encourages Alaskan artists and scientists to reflect on the impacts of the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill. Reception on March 24th from 5-7 pm followed by a candlelight procession to the Bunnell Street Art Center.

For more information, contact: exhibits@prattmuseum.org

Spill ...20th Anniversary Commemorative Exhibition of the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill

Sponsored by the Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council and the Bunnell Street Art Center, 106 W. Bunnell

This show will feature approximately 30 Alaskan artists of all mediums and backgrounds. A reception on March 24th at 7:30 p.m. will include performing artists and writers. This show will travel to coastal communities including Kodiak (Baranov Museum, April), Cordova (Cordova Historical Museum, May) and Anchorage (MTS Gallery, August).

For more information, contact: www.bunnellstreetgallery.com

Barnes and Noble Exhibit

Sponsored by Barnes and Noble, 200 E. Northern Lights.

For the month of March Barnes and Noble in Anchorage will feature books on the oil spill as well as the region affected by the spill.

Images of the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill on Kodiak Island

Sponsored by Toby Sullivan, Kodiak Maritime Museum.

March 20, 5:00 pm-6:00 pm, Kodiak College.

Oral History book signing

Sponsored by the Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge

March 21st, 10:00 am-2:00 pm, National Wildlife Refuge Visitors Center.



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