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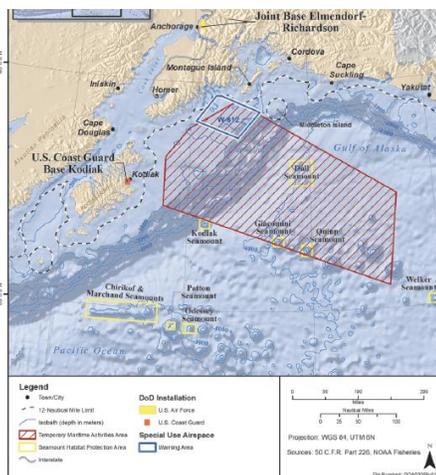
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Our Mission

Grass roots advocacy for preserving water quality in Prince William Sound, Alaska for all users

What's News:

Thank you to the **Norcross Wildlife Foundation** for their support of \$1000 for media development! Check out the new and improved look and feel of the Prince William Soundkeeper website this funding provided: <http://www.pwsoundkeeper.org>. Don't forget to support our work with your donation while there!



The US Navy will be holding war games just outside Prince William Sound in the Gulf of AK this summer. They will be using high-frequency and mid-frequency sonar, live weapons and explosives. They will blow up and sink ships. These activities will cause untold amounts of explosive devices, fuels and debris to be left on our doorstep. These activities disrupt and stress returning salmon and other marine species, release huge amounts of pollutants into the marine environment, and physically harm, or even kill marine mammals. For more information on the Navy's plans: <http://goaeis.com/Home.aspx>

Legislative Actions: You may remember Senate Joint Resolution 25, a motion addressing the lack of State support

for the 1991 Exxon-Valdez Oil Spill Settlement Reopener Clause introduced last year by Senator Gardner. That Resolution was never brought up before committee and so died. Thank you Representative Josephson for reintroducing this idea, now in the form of HJR 12 - Exxon-Valdez Oil Spill Damages/Reopener. Glad to know we aren't the only ones who haven't forgotten what is still owed. We have one year before time runs out to force ExxonMobil to pay up. Please contact the State Legislature and let them know that we haven't, and will never, forget.

HJR12: *"Urging the Alaska Department of Law and the United States Department of Justice to file a motion in United States District Court to compel the ExxonMobil Corporation to honor the commitment to pay additional damages for the Exxon Valdez oil spill under the "Reopener for Unknown Injury" provision of the 1991 Agreement and Consent Decree and to collect the full demand for payment the state and federal government submitted to the ExxonMobil Corporation on August 31, 2006; and urging the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council immediately to initiate subsurface lingering oil restoration work. "*

Events: What happened with the Wet Dog Jet Ski Race? According to the AK Dept. of Natural Resources, the group has a valid permit through May 2015. And though the Wet Dog web site lists Race Day as May 1, 2015, no activity has been noted on the site since 2014 for preparing to hold this race. Since its March, it seems unlikely that this event will take place this year, if at all.



In the continuing feature: **Meet Your Prince William Soundkeeper Board Member** I introduce myself: Kate McLaughlin, President and Executive Director – Chenega Bay

My love for the ocean and the environment began from the moment baby me was set down on the shell-strewn beaches of Sanibel Island, Florida, where I lived until I was 12, before moving to north Georgia. I graduated college with an Associates in Wildlife Biology from Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College and a Bachelors in Zoology from the University of Ga. After graduation, I stopped in Flagstaff, Az. for a few years before making it to Alaska in 1998. I spent a season as a Fisheries Technician for Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corp's AFK Hatchery, then was hired to help run the Native Village of Chenega's Environmental Program. It was in this capacity that I first became involved with Prince William Soundkeeper.

In 2007 I became an independent environmental consultant, and at the same time launched the Chenega Bay Hummingbird Banding Project, the only season-long and northern-most hummingbird banding station in the world. I live year 'round in Chenega with my husband Andy, the Community Health Aide, and our son, Hawken.

Watching my son play on the beach with his friends, I worry about the world these bright faces will inherit. It is on my son's behalf that I work hard for Prince William Soundkeeper, because I know that with concerted effort, will, and dedicated stewardship, we can restore and protect Prince William Sound's water quality and ecosystem for perpetuity, for our future's sake – our children.

Thank you for your continued support.

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