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Dear Members,

It sure seems like this summer has flown by even faster than usual. Hard to believe that fall is hard on our heels. PWSK has had a productive summer, let me catch you up to date.

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First of all, a great big standing ovation goes out to the hardworking group on the **Cordova Clean Harbor Effort**, part of PWSK's **Clean Harbor's Initiative Program**. An amazing 336 surveys were collected from Cordova harbor users, including tender captains, commercial fisherman, recreational boaters, and charter boats. Thanks goes out to Allen Marquette and his team of dedicated volunteers for their hard work designing and implementing the survey and disseminating the educational materials. And thank you to the organizations who donated office space, staff time, equipment, funding and more: Trident, Copper River Seafoods, CR/PWS Marketing, Alaska Sea Grant, OSRI, CDFU, and the CRWP. These surveys will be analyzed and used to further more Clean Harbor Initiative Projects in the future. PWSK donated \$6,000 towards this project as part of the special bequest from Steve Smith, a PWSK Founder and Board Member who passed away two years ago.

**PWSK welcomes Joe Banta on our Board of Directors**

Joe Banta works as a senior Project Manager for Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council. He has worked for PWSRCAC since 1990 and is currently Project Manager for its Environmental Monitoring Program. He also works closely with the organization's Scientific Advisory Committee. Joe has a background in fishing and fisheries and grew up in Cordova and Prince William Sound. He has a B.S. in biology and an M.A.T. from the University of Alaska Anchorage. Joe lives in Anchorage with his wife and their three sons.

**PWSK supports a YES vote on Ballot Initiative 2 – re-instating AK's Coastal Management Plan.**

The Coastal Management Program originated in federal legislation and the idea was to give local people a voice in development issues that are under federal jurisdiction. Alaska is the only coastal state without a CMP. There are federal requirements for what constitutes a state coastal management program, as well as policy that requires federal agencies to work with state

programs. PWSK feels that a coastal management plan is a very important tool for ensuring coastal Alaskans have an avenue for providing input into development decisions that affect them. For more information on this important voter issue; visit the website of the "Vote Yes" sponsoring organizations: [www.alaskacoastalmanagement.org/](http://www.alaskacoastalmanagement.org/)

### **Japanese Tsunami Marine Debris**

Reports of light floating, wind-driven, JTMD have been coming in all summer. Unusually high quantities of Styrofoam and plastic floats are being found on the beaches throughout the Gulf of Alaska area, ranging from Prince of Wales Island out to Kodiak Island. Especially high densities are being reported by multiple groups in Yakutat, Kayak and Montague Islands, and in multiple locations on the outer coast of the Kenai Peninsula. All of the reports can be accessed at the NOAA website: [disasterdebris@noaa.gov](mailto:disasterdebris@noaa.gov)

### **What to do if you find potential tsunami-related debris:**

NOAA is asking that people report sightings of debris that could be linked to the Japan tsunami to an email address created for the purpose – [disasterdebris@noaa.gov](mailto:disasterdebris@noaa.gov), including as accurate a description as possible of what you saw, and where you saw it, as well as the potential linkage to the tsunami. Including a photo of the object and especially of any identifying or distinguishing marks is very helpful.

### **Membership and Fund-raising**

Remember to think of us when you need to use your online search engine. [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com) contributes a penny to your favorite charity every time you use the Good Search engine. Type in "Prince William Soundkeeper" in the box to choose your charitable organization and your pennies will be donated to our organization.

As always, PWSK thanks you for your continued support.

Kate McLaughlin, President/Executive Director  
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