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Dear Members,

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From the looks of our brown and gold hillsides, and the white stuff seen clinging to the tops of the mountains, this fall will be a short one. The PWSK Board hopes that everyone has had the opportunity to fill their freezers and pantries with the bounty of the land and the sea and is ready to settle in for the cold months ahead.

PWSK will be working throughout the winter to further our program goals by seeking funding opportunities and providing our Board with a Strategic Planning session to determine the best direction for our organization to take in the next few years. PWSK seeks to avoid duplication of effort with other like-minded environmental organizations; instead we are focusing on creating collaborative opportunities to pool resources and funding, and on our core goals of advocacy and education on water quality issues for Prince William Sound residents and resource users.

PWSK Joins EarthJustice petition to U.S. EPA on Chemical Oil Dispersant Rulemaking

EarthJustice is representing a coalition of conservation, wildlife and public health groups in the Gulf region and in Alaska in a citizen suit under the provisions of the federal Clean Water Act to compel the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to issue a rule on chemical oil dispersants. EPA's current rules - which during the 2010 Gulf oil disaster failed to ensure that dispersants would be used safely - do not fulfill requirements mandated by the Clean Water Act. Currently, regulations dictating dispersants eligible for use in oil spills require minimal toxicity testing and no threshold for safety. For more information on this case go to:

http://earthjustice.org/our_work/cases/2012/chemical-oil-dispersant-rulemaking

October Is Membership Renewal Month

We want to take a moment to thank you for your membership and continued support of Prince William Soundkeeper! We hope very much that you will take a moment to renew your membership today. To renew your membership online, click here:

www.pwsoundkeeper.org

Together, Prince William Soundkeeper and its members can and do make a difference in maintaining the water quality of the Sound for all its users. Most importantly, our members support PWSK's work to ensure a positive lasting legacy for Prince William Sound.

Best Regards,

Kate McLaughlin, President/Executive Director