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Dear Sound Keeper Member;

Prince William Sound Keeper is now in our 8th year. Still in our grassroots stages, we are building the foundation towards our mission's goals to monitor, protect, and enhance the waters of Prince William Sound through active stewardship, research, monitoring and fact-based education.

As the country experienced an economic downturn, PWSK suffered with the rest of the environmental non-profit community with reduced availability of funding sources for program continuation and expansion. Nevertheless, PWSK is still here, alive and viable, and we wouldn't be without the personal support of individual members such as you. On behalf of the Board of Directors for Prince William Sound Keeper, thank you.

Work plan 2012

Citizen's Environmental Monitoring Program (CEMP)

Working in partnership with the Prince William Sound Science Center (PWSSC) and the Copper River Watershed Association, the CEMP will continue to work with the Cordova public school to bring water quality monitoring education to the kids, and bring the classroom to the field – instilling a sense of self-determination for their local environments, as well as a basic appreciation for science - and will continue to take baseline water quality data on Eyak Lake. We hope to expand this program in 2012 by including the Native Village of Chenega Bay in the CEMP program.

Clean Harbors Initiative

Working with the local harbor masters and citizens, PWSK will work to encourage a cooperative effort to monitor and cleanup harbor practices around Prince William Sound. A summer intern position in Cordova will be developed to help assist harbor users in utilizing the harbor facilities effectively and to educate vessel operators on how to prevent spills and water quality degradation. The intern will be responsible for monitoring activities at the Cordova small boat harbor, and will perform education and outreach activities to show citizens the methods and materials that can help keep our harbors clean.

Prince William Sound Keeper will continue to advocate for water quality and will be the eyes and ears of the Sound on your behalf. If you have any questions, would like to volunteer your time, or have a concern regarding water quality issues in Prince William Sound, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Thank you again for your continued support of Prince William Sound Keeper.

Sincerely,

Kate McLaughlin, President
Prince William Sound Keeper