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Scientists, mariners hold conference this week

Scientists doing research on physical oceanography in **Cook Inlet** meet in Homer this Monday and Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Alaska Islands and Ocean Visitor Center. Sponsored by the Alaska Ocean Observing System, the **Cook Inlet Regional Citizens Advisory Council** and the Kachemak Bay Research Reserve, the **Cook Inlet** Physical Oceanography Workshop brings together scientists doing research with the people who use their information.

Researchers from KBRR, the University of Alaska Fairbanks and other organizations speak on topics like Ocean Observing Systems and Modeling, but the conference is geared toward the layperson, said Terry Thompson, KBRR education director. Mariners, fishermen and others who work and play in **Cook Inlet** are invited to attend and exchange ideas on research needed.

"The people who need to know that information are the best ones to tell us," Thompson said.

The conference is open to the public, but advance registration is requested. To register, call Thompson at 226-4656. An agenda is posted at the AOS Web site at www.aos.org and at www.circac.org.