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CIRCAC to Host Panel on Seabulk Pride Incident February 24

The Cook Inlet Regional Citizens Advisory Council (CIRCAC) will host a moderated panel discussion regarding the recent Seabulk Pride incident in Nikiski at its Board of Directors Annual Meeting Friday, February 24. The meeting will be held at the Cook Inlet Aquaculture Building in Kenai beginning at 9 a.m.

CIRCAC is expecting participation from representatives of Tesoro Maritime, the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, the U.S. Coast Guard, the Southwest Pilots Association, Seabulk Tankers, and Cook Inlet Tug and Barge.

On February 2, the tanker Seabulk Pride tore away from its mooring lines and ran aground just north of the Rig Tenders dock in Nikiski. With catastrophe narrowly averted and the vessel safely out to sea, CIRCAC turns its attention toward the lessons that will lead to a better understanding of the Seabulk Pride incident and ultimately to changes that will improve vessel safety in Cook Inlet.

The moderated panel discussion will also serve as a prologue to a CIRCAC-sponsored Forum on Navigational Risk being planned for the near future that will include many of these same participants as well as a broad group of stakeholders from the area.

CIRCAC is an independent non-profit corporation whose mission is to represent the citizens of Cook Inlet in promoting environmentally safe marine transportation and oil facility operations in Cook Inlet. Our 13 member Board of Directors represents seven cities and boroughs within the region, along with commercial fishing groups, aquaculture associations, Native interests, recreation groups, state Chamber of Commerce and environmental groups.

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