



## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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### ***Arctic Waterways Safety Committee Holds First Public Meeting*** *Committee to begin draft of Waterways Safety Plan*

The Arctic Waterways Safety Committee will hold its first public, full committee meeting at 8:30am on Monday, June 8, 2015 in the K'enakatnu Board Room at the Dena'ina Convention Center in Anchorage, Alaska.

Meeting agenda items include the following topics:

- John Veentjer, President, Puget Sound Harbor Safety Committee:  
Formation and Function of Harbor/Waterways Safety Committees
- Review Draft Elements of an Arctic Waterways Safety Plan
- Role of Alaska Marine Pilots and Aids to Navigation in Arctic Waters
- Current Practices in Lightering in Arctic Waters
- Review Coast Pilot Sections on Marine Mammal Subsistence Hunting
- Review Traffic Management Provisions of the Open Water Season  
Conflict Avoidance Agreement
- Proposed Bathymetric Surveys for the Bering Strait and Northern Waters
- Public Comment
- Comments from U.S. Coast Guard and Overview of Alternative Planning  
Criteria and Related Coast Guard Decision Processes

This meeting is open to the public. One hour will be allotted for public comment.

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**What:** Public Meeting of the Arctic Waterways Safety Committee

**Date:** Monday, June 8, 2015

**Time:** 8:30am – 5:00pm

**Location:** K'enakatnu Board Room, Dena'ina Convention Center

**About AWSC**

The AWSC was established in October 2014 as a self-governing multi-stakeholder group focused on creating best practices to ensure a safe, efficient, and predictable operating environment for all users of the arctic waterways.

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