**ESTIMATED TIME** 

1 HOUR

## MEMORANDUM

TO:

Council, SSC and AP Members

FROM:

Chris Oliver

Acting Executive Director

DATE:

January 30, 2001

SUBJECT:

Gulf of Alaska Ecosystem Research

## **ACTION REQUIRED**

Receive Report from the Prince William Sound Science Center.

## **BACKGROUND**

The Prince William Sound Science Center is an independent research and education institution. Its mission is threefold: 1) to contribute to the comprehensive description, sustained monitoring, and ecological understanding of Prince William Sound, the Copper River, and the North Pacific; 2) to promote the goal of maintaining long-term self-regulating biodiversity, productivity and sustainable use of natural resources; and 3) to educate and inform the youth and general public about the critical interdependence of the biology and regional economies of Alaska. Dr. Gary Thomas, president, will present an overview of research conducted by the Prince William Sound Science Center. Note that in addition to being on the SSC agenda, Gary will also give his report on Wednesday evening at 6 pm; those interested should plan on attending.