



## ANCHORAGE WATERWAYS COUNCIL

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Mathew T. Bell, Jr.  
Rear Admiral  
United States Coast Guard  
Commander 17<sup>th</sup> Coast Guard District

Dear Admiral Bell,

The Anchorage Waterways Council herein supports the recertification of the Cook Inlet Regional Citizens Advisory Council. CIRCAC has shown a long history of promoting spill prevention programs and other activities that protect Cook Inlet's waters and natural resources.

CIRCAC has promoted effective regulatory and safety oversight in the region, and they have engaged in a wide range of processes to monitor public involvement and contingency plan development. In this region, CIRCAC has been the prime organization over the years for mitigating marine related risks. An example is the recently developed Cook Inlet Pipeline Integrity Assessment.

CIRCAC also has a science program that develops and provides data on coastal and estuarine habitats and any potential oil behavior. It continually reviews oil spill contingency plans and any suggested updates. CIRCAC has always worked to develop partnerships with regional stake holders including the AWC.

We urge the U.S Coast Guard to recertify CIRCAC to enable it to continue its admirable activities in Cook Inlet.

Sincerely,

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Cherie Northon Ph.D.,  
Executive Director

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Isaac Watkins,  
Board President