



*“The mission of the Council is to represent the citizens of Cook Inlet in promoting environmentally safe marine transportation and oil facility operations in Cook Inlet.”*

## **Members**

*Tourism Group*

*Alaska Native Group*

*Environmental Group*

*Recreational Group*

*Aquaculture Associations*

*Commercial Fishing Group*

*City of Kodiak*

*City of Kenai*

*City of Seldovia*

*City of Homer*

*Kodiak Island Borough*

*Kenai Peninsula Borough*

*Municipality of Anchorage*

24 June, 2019

Rear Admiral Matthew Bell  
Commander 17<sup>th</sup> Coast Guard District  
United States Coast Guard  
P.O. Box 25517  
Juneau, AK 99802-5517

RE: Cook Inlet Regional Citizens Advisory Council  
Recertification Application for 1 September, 2019 to 31 August, 2020

Admiral Bell:

The Cook Inlet Regional Citizens Advisory Council is pleased to provide you with our Application for Recertification as the alternative advisory group for Cook Inlet, pursuant to the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA 90), Section 5002(o). Our recertification request observes the revised U.S. Coast Guard guidelines that establish a streamlined application process without full public comment period for two years out of every three; this is a year for the streamlined process. The guidelines require a description of Council actions, programs and projects undertaken since the last recertification application submitted in April 2018.

Admiral Bell, we were able to schedule our customary pre-submittal conference with Coast Guard personnel in advance of the preparation of this application. We have had the good fortune of working with LCDR Jonathon Dale the past two years; we knew his guidance through the process this year would be extremely beneficial.

We appreciate your thorough review of this recertification request, report and accompanying documents. The passionate commitment and excellent performance of our volunteer leaders and staff are demonstrated on every page of this document, and we believe they will be obvious to you, your staff, and all who review it.

Please don't hesitate to contact our office should you have any questions or require additional materials or supporting information on any of our programs. Thank you for your consideration of our request for recertification.

Sincerely,

Michael Munger  
Executive Director

Enclosures