



CIRCAC's science program provides valuable data about coastal habitats, physical oceanography and oil behavior. Current research will generate new information about how biological debris interacts with oil as it moves through the water column.

CIRCAC continues to strengthen oil spill contingency plans and recommend substantive changes to ensure facilities are adequately staffed and that the plans are executable.

CIRCAC's accomplishments in the last three years include, but are certainly not limited to:

- Completing multi-year near-shore habitat assessment
- Launching groundbreaking study of marine snow as an oil transporter
- Advocating for a strengthening of oil spill prevention and response regulations
- Increasing public outreach efforts through new, local advertising, exhibits and expanding audiences for its newsletter, website, and social media
- Expanding Geographic Response Information Database (GRID) in scope and accessibility
- Working with regulators to maintain a robust Vessels of Opportunity program
- Upgrading the Cook Inlet Ice Monitoring Camera Network with modern video technology

Since its inception, CIRCAC has formed and strengthened partnerships and encouraged consensus decision-making. Through this process, CIRCAC brings a varied group of stakeholders together to create environmental monitoring and oil spill prevention programs to promote safe production and transportation of oil in Cook Inlet.

Seldovia Village Tribe strongly urges the U.S. Coast Guard to recertify CIRCAC so that it can continue to build on its work and positively impact the future of Cook Inlet.

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