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November 22, 2013

Members

*Alaska State
Chamber of
Commerce*

Kelly Hammerle, Five Year Program Manager
Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
Room 3120
381 Elden St.
Herndon, VA 20170

*Alaska Native
Groups*

SUBJECT: 2013 Annual Progress Report on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Oil and Gas Leasing Program, 2012-2017

*Environmental
Groups*

Dear Ms. Hammerle:

*Recreational
Groups*

The Cook Inlet Regional Citizens Advisory Council (Cook Inlet RCAC) submits these comments on the 2013 Annual Progress Report on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Oil and Gas Leasing Program, 2012-2017.

*Aquaculture
Associations*

Cook Inlet Regional Citizens Advisory Council (RCAC) is a nonprofit corporation organized under the provisions of Section 5002 of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990. Cook Inlet RCAC consists of 13 members from Cook Inlet communities, as well as Alaska Native groups, commercial fishing and aquaculture, tourism, recreational and environmental interest groups that have a significant stake in the environment and resources at risk from oil production and transportation in the region.

*Fishing
Organizations*

Cook Inlet RCAC is firmly committed to its mission to represent the citizens of Cook Inlet in promoting environmentally safe marine transportation and oil facility operations in Cook Inlet. Understanding and, at times, seeking to inform state and federal policies governing these operations is a critical element of our effort to achieve this mission.

City of Kodiak

City of Kenai

Cook Inlet RCAC appreciates the efforts of the Bureau of Ocean and Energy Management (BOEM) to enhance the transparency of offshore oil and gas operations by releasing this Annual Progress Report publicly and seeking public comments. We also appreciate that an analysis of the comments will be shared with the Secretary of the Interior upon submittal of the final Annual Progress Report.

City of Seldovia

City of Homer

We request that BOEM continue to provide progress reports, information on lease sales, mitigation measures, environmental research, and other related issues with the public and, importantly, continue to invite opportunities for meaningful public comment.

*Kodiak Island
Borough*

If you have any questions or wish to discuss this further, I can be reached at (907) 283-7222 or via email at munger@circac.org.

*Kenai Peninsula
Borough*

Sincerely,

Michael Munger
Executive Director

*Municipality of
Anchorage*