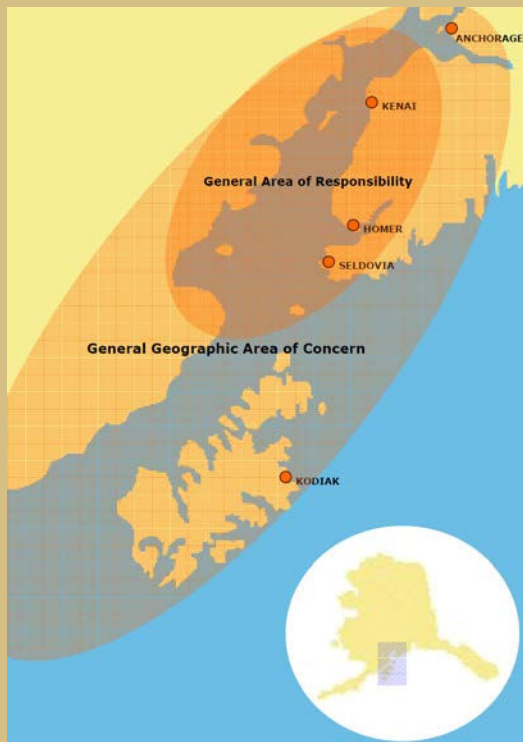


COOK INLET REGIONAL CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL

CIRCAC 1990-2015



Formation: In the wake of the 1989 Exxon Valdez Oil Spill, Congress passed the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA 90), establishing the Cook Inlet Regional Citizens Advisory Council (CIRCAC) to create an avenue for public participation in the oversight of the Cook Inlet oil industry.



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



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.

Membership:

City of Kodiak

City of Kenai

City of Seldovia

City of Homer

*Kodiak Island
Borough*

*Kenai Peninsula
Borough*

*Municipality of
Anchorage*

*Tourism
Group*

*Alaska
Native Group*

*Environmental
Group*

*Recreational
Group*

*Aquaculture
Associations*

*Fishing
Organizations*





Strategic Plan: To meet OPA 90 mandates, we established a framework of long-term programs under which we can develop specific projects and partnerships. CIRCAC's current programs are:

- Biological and Chemical Environmental Monitoring
- Coastal Habitat Mapping
- Physical Oceanography
- Oil Fates and Effects
- Technical Review
- Contingency Plan Reviews
- Geographic Response Strategies
- Risk Assessment
- Prevention and Response
- Public Involvement

Notable CIRCAC Milestones:

- *Led efforts to complete first comprehensive Navigation Risk Assessment for Cook Inlet*
- *Developed Geographic Response Strategies (GRS), which led to state-wide program*
- *Analyzed hundreds of sediment and tissue samples to assess potential impacts of oil industry operations*
- *Led Alaska portion of National Coastal Assessment for south central Alaska*
- *Introduced ShoreZone Mapping system for Alaska*
- *Developed Oil Spill Response Tool (CIRT) through oceans portal at AOOS*
- *Created ice-camera network to provide real-time, remotely accessed imagery of ice conditions for ice forecasters*



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