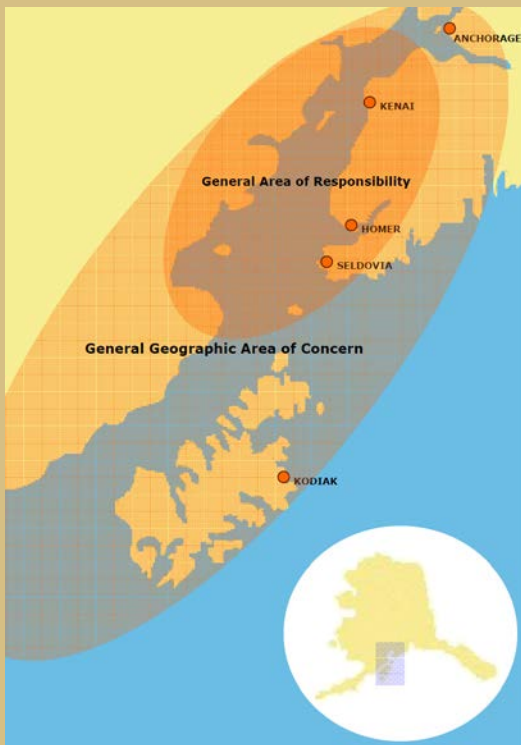


# COOK INLET REGIONAL CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL CIRCAC 1990-2015



**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.

## **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*



*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.*





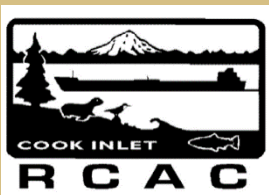


**Strategic Plan:** To meet OPA 90 mandates, we established a framework of long-term programs under which we can develop specific projects and partnerships. CIRCAC's current programs are:

- 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 AOOIS*
- *Created ice-camera network to provide real-time, remotely accessed imagery of ice conditions for ice forecasters*



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