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Anchorage Economic  
Development Corporation

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Rear Admiral Daniel B. Abel  
Commander, 17<sup>th</sup> Coast Guard District  
United States Coast Guard  
c/o Docket Management Facility (M-30)  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
West Building Ground Floor  
Room W12-140  
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590-0001

Re: USCG-2014-0414; Cook Inlet RCAC Recertification

Dear Admiral:

On behalf of the Anchorage Economic Development Corporation, I would like to express our support for the recertification of the Cook Inlet Regional Citizens Advisory Council (Cook Inlet RCAC).

AEDC provides industry expertise and economic resources to both large corporations and growing companies interested in locating or expanding their business in Anchorage. We produce trusted employment data and economic research that provides a clear snapshot of the City's economy.

Alaskans place a high value on their natural and wildlife resources and beautiful surroundings. People locate their businesses and move here because of this. Cook Inlet RCAC plays an important role in protecting our region by promoting environmentally safe marine transportation and oil facility operations in the Inlet. The work they do, and partnerships they build, are advancing our oil spill prevention, response and preparedness capabilities; expanding our knowledge of Cook Inlet's biology, chemistry, and habitat; and instilling confidence in stakeholders that protecting our waters and shoreline habitats for people, fish and wildlife is a high priority here.

Cook Inlet RCAC continues to do a stellar job in fulfilling their mandates under the Oil Pollution Act of 1990. We support their work and respectfully request the Coast Guard approve Cook Inlet RCAC's application for recertification.

Sincerely,

William Popp  
President & CEO