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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 Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (AOGCC), we would like to express our support for the recertification of the Cook Inlet Regional Citizens Advisory Council (Cook Inlet RCAC).

AOGCC's mission is to protect the public interest in exploration and development of Alaska's valuable oil, gas, and geothermal resources through the application of conservation practices designed to ensure greater ultimate recovery and the protection of health, safety, fresh ground waters and the rights of all owners to recover their share of the resource.

Their organization is recognized for its objectivity, technical expertise and credibility. Cook Inlet RCAC has achieved significant accomplishments in the areas of environmental monitoring and oil spill prevention, response, and preparedness. This is the result of a concerted effort by Cook Inlet RCAC to foster and develop a partnership with industry, local, state, and federal governments, and the citizens of Cook Inlet. We work closely and collaboratively with Cook Inlet RCAC on Cook Inlet crude oil issues.


Cook Inlet RCAC is well-respected for the contributions they have made through their coastal habitats, biological and chemical monitoring, oil behavior, and physical oceanography programs. They are generous with data sharing and represent a valuable resource for state and federal regulatory agencies, as well as for their diverse groups of stakeholders and partners.

Cook Inlet RCAC has commented on a number of AOGCC regulations during the Commission's review process. We appreciate the perspective Cook Inlet RCAC provides as they represent the Citizens of the Cook Inlet region.

We look forward to continuing this positive relationship and respectfully request the Coast Guard approve Cook Inlet RCAC's application for recertification.

Sincerely,

  
Cathy P. Foerster, Chair

  
Daniel T. Seamount, Jr., Commissioner