## CIRCAC Recertified For 27th Consecutive Year

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The Cook Inlet Regional Citizens Advisory Council (CIRCAC) has received U.S. Coast Guard recertification for the 27<sup>th</sup> consecutive year without exception.

In granting recertification, the U.S. Coast Guard endorsed the organization's operations through August 2018. Recertification entails a review of CIRCAC's programs, initiatives, and activities to determine their strict adherence with the mandates set out under the Oil Pollution Act of 1990.

Lynda Giguere with CIRCAC: "We're very proud of our record. U.S. Coast Guard recertification is not only a thorough review of what we do, but how well we do it, how successful we are as a citizens representative."

CIRCAC is a federally mandated citizens' organization, formed under the Federal Oil Pollution Act of 1990. Its mission is to represent citizens in promoting environmentally safe marine transportation and oil facility operations in Cook Inlet.

The Coast Guard reviews reports, committee work, communications, activities and overall CIRCAC's direction and effectiveness in meeting obligations and fulfilling the mission. Every three years, the federal review process is open for public comment.

This year the U.S. Coast Guard received 45 public comments supporting CIRCAC's recertification.