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Nathan A. Moore Rear Admiral United States Coast Guard Commander 17th Coast Guard District

Re: **CIRCAC Recertification Docket USCG-2023-0392**

Admiral Moore,

July 17, 2023

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Division of Oil and Gas, State Pipeline Coordinator's Section (SPCS) supports the recertification of the Cook Inlet Regional Citizens' Advisory Council (CIRCAC). The efforts of the CIRCAC have continued to support work to ensure the safe and responsible transport of Alaska's petroleum resources. CIRCAC works with industry and regulators to ensure response readiness, evaluate risks, and propose solutions.

CIRCAC monitors and reports on many components of the oil transport process, spill response preparedness, weather, and potential environmental impacts. They have developed public outreach programs to communicate the measures that ensure the protection of Cook Inlet as well as the responsible production and transport of Cook Inlet oil.

The programs executed by CIRCAC as well as the detailed environmental research assist the Department to ensure the achievement of goals set by the industry, regulators, and the people of Alaska. The SPCS hopes you will recertify CIRCAC as the citizens' advisory group for the Cook Inlet.

Sincerely,

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