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Rear Admiral Michael F. McAllister  
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Attn: Lt. Jonathan Dale

Re: Docket Number USCG-2017-0289

Dear Admiral McAllister:

On behalf of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM), I would like to express our support for the recertification of the Cook Inlet Regional Citizens Advisory Council (CIRCAC).

The Mission of BOEM is to manage development of U.S. Outer Continental Shelf energy and mineral resources in an environmentally and economically responsible way. Over the years, BOEM has worked with CIRCAC on a number of scientific research studies in Cook Inlet in support of our shared responsibilities of promoting environmentally safe oil and gas development activities. Research topics have included physical oceanography, biological and chemical monitoring, potential fates and effects of oil discharged into Cook Inlet, and ShoreZone mapping of coastal habitats.

Since its inception under the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, CIRCAC has continuously worked to form meaningful partnerships with industry, local, tribal, state and federal entities and Cook Inlet's citizens. Through this process, CIRCAC brings stakeholders together to create environmental monitoring and oil spill prevention programs to promote safe production and transportation of oil in Cook Inlet.

We look forward to supporting them in their efforts and working with them on future projects, and respectfully request the Coast Guard approve CIRCAC's application for recertification.

Sincerely,

Dr. James (Jim) Kendall  
Regional Director