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Rear Admiral Daniel B. Abel
Commander, 17th 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,

I would like to express my support for the re-certification of the Cook Inlet Regional Citizens Advisory Council (Cook Inlet RCAC).

I have been impressed with Cook Inlet RCAC's effectiveness in identifying critical marine safety and environmentally beneficial projects in the Cook Inlet, promoting them, and then seeing them through to completion. Many of these projects will and have had positive, far-reaching implications for our region.

As a prime example of the RCAC's effectiveness, Cook Inlet RCAC was instrumental in identifying the need and securing the funding for a Cook Inlet Navigational Risk Assessment. As a member of the Risk Assessment's Management Team, I have had many opportunities to interact with Cook Inlet RCAC's staff and board members; Cook Inlet RCAC has done an admirable job of managing the project. They readily accepted responsibility for implementing one of our first recommendations to reduce risk: to initiate the creation of an area-wide harbor safety committee.

I am happy to provide my support for Cook Inlet RCAC, and urge the Coast Guard to approve their 2014 application for re-certification.

Sincerely,

Bryan Hawkins
Port Director/Harbormaster