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Rear Admiral Michael F. McAllister Commander – 17th Coast Guard District United States Coast Guard 709 W. 9th Street Juneau, AK 99801

Attn: Lt. Jonathan Dale

RE: Cook Inlet Regional Citizens Advisory Council Recertification (Docket: USCG-2017-0289)

Dear Admiral McAllister:

As Mayor of the Kenai Peninsula Borough, I am writing to express my support for the recertification of the Cook Inlet Regional Citizens Advisory Council (CIRCAC).

Since its inception in 1990, CIRCAC has been an effective organization for promoting programs to prevent spills, enhance safety in both marine transportation and oil facilities operations, and protect Cook Inlet's waters, shorelines, cultural, natural and wildlife resources. CIRCAC has long been recognized for its objectivity, technical expertise and credibility, and has achieved significant accomplishments in the areas of environmental monitoring and oil spill prevention, response and preparedness.

CIRCAC continues to foster long-term partnerships with industry, government, and coastal communities to address environmental concerns that may impact the Cook Inlet.

I strongly urge the U.S. Coast Guard to recertify CIRCAC so that it can continue to build on its work and positively impact the future of Cook Inlet. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely.

Mike Navarre

Mayor