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Rear Admiral Daniel B. Abel
Commander, 17th Coast Guard District
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 Abel,

The Marine Exchange of Alaska supports the recertification of the Cook Inlet Regional Citizens Advisory Council (Cook Inlet RCAC).

The Cook Inlet RCAC is proactively addressing the environmental protection issues envisioned by OPA-90 through the conduct of risk assessments, monitoring of operations in the region and engaging with the Coast Guard, State, residents of the region and the maritime industry on maritime safety issues. They have also been advocates and promoters of applying emerging technologies, including but not limited to AIS, to further enhance maritime safety.

In light of the above, we recommend the Coast Guard's approval of Cook Inlet RCAC's application for recertification.

Regards,

Captain Ed Page, USCG (Ret)
Executive Director