



"The mission of the Council is to represent the citizens of Cook Inlet in promoting environmentally safe marine transportation and oil facility operations in Cook Inlet."

June 12, 2015

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RE: Cook Inlet Regional Citizens Advisory Council Recertification Application
for September 1, 2015 to August 31, 2016

Admiral Abel:

The Cook Inlet Regional Citizens Advisory Council (Cook Inlet RCAC) is pleased to provide you with our Application for Recertification as the alternative advisory group for Cook Inlet pursuant to the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA 90), Section 5002(o). Our recertification request observes the revised U.S. Coast Guard guidelines that establish a streamlined application process for two years out of every three. The guidelines require a full description of Council actions, programs and projects undertaken since the last recertification in 2014.

Admiral Abel, we have had a great working relationship in recent years with Cmdr. Matt Jones, project manager Lt. Tom Pauser, and Lt. Cmdr. Jason Boyle. Our pre-submittal meetings were always most constructive. While we have not had the luxury of a pre-meeting in person with Lt. j.g. Katharine Martorelli or Lt. Erin Cridland, we received great assistance and guidance in a teleconference.

We appreciate your thorough review of this recertification request, report and accompanying documents. I say with confidence that you will find we are meeting all of the requirements of OPA 90. The commitment and excellent performance of our volunteer leaders and staff are demonstrated on each page of this document, and we believe will be obvious to you, your staff, and all who review it.

We encourage you and your staff to contact our office should you have questions or require additional materials or more information on any of our programs. Thank you for your consideration of our request for recertification.

Sincerely,

Michael Munger
Executive Director

Enclosures