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Rear Admiral Daniel B. Abel
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Dear Commander Abel:

I am writing to ask you to support recertification of the Cook Inlet RCAC, the subject of USCG Docket #2014-0414. This Docket has been published and is currently in public comment period. As the representative for the City of Kodiak it has been my honor to participate in CIRCAC.

I strongly feel that CIRCAC has achieved the mandate prescribed in O.P.A. 90 as well as establishing a legacy of excellence, innovation and service to the Nation, State of Alaska and citizens affected by Oil Production, transportation and infrastructure in this region.

As a lifetime resident of Kodiak, I was personally deeply affected by the tragedy of the Exxon Valdez. Having spent considerable time in Prince William Sound, as well as a lifetime spent on the waters of the Gulf of Alaska I cannot say how strongly I feel the greatest risk to our environment is pure and simple Apathy. The model of a citizens group made up of a cross section of the citizens is a unique and noble experiment. The Cook Inlet Citizens Advisory Council has met this challenge beyond expectations.

The Council has established a reputation as a bridge builder between industry and regulators; the process allowing all board members unique perspectives and concerns a valid seat at the table. Our accomplishments are numerous, from establishing an Ice Monitoring System, Geographic Response Strategies, and Shore Zone Mapping in the region of Cook Inlet and the Gem of my heart, Kodiak Island.

While I am only a basic Fisherman born in Kodiak, CIRCAC has let me participate in an open and fair manner and any questions or comments I have had regarding the oil industry in this region have been accepted at face value. I strongly urge you to Recertify CIRCAC.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely, Robert B Lindsey

