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SENATOR PETER A. MICCICHE

07/14/2014

Rear Admiral Daniel B. Abel; Commander, 17th Coast Guard District
c/o Docket Management Facility (M-30)

DISTRICT O

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U.S. Department of Transportation

Clam Gulch

West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140

Cohoe

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, D.C. 20590-0001

Re: USCG-2014-0414; Cook Inlet RCAC Recertification

Diamond Ridge

Dear Admiral:

Fox River

I would like to express my support for the recertification of the Cook Inlet Regional Citizens Advisory Council (CIRCAC).

Fritz Creek

Funny River

Since its inception, CIRCAC has been improving Cook Inlet's navigational safety and oil spill prevention and response capabilities, as well as advancing our scientific understanding of the region's environment to better enable us to protect its wildlife and natural resources; a result of healthy partnerships with industry, local, state and federal governments and the citizens of Cook Inlet.

Halibut Cove

Happy Valley

Homer

Kachemak City

We value the organization's successful assembly of diverse stakeholder and our relationship with CIRCAC has been important toward enhancing our understanding of the region. My District O constituents are among the many beneficiaries of the research provided through CIRCAC's coastal habitats, monitoring, oil behavior, and physical oceanography programs. As reviewers of Oil Discharge Prevention and Contingency Plans (ODPCP) for crude oil exploration, production, and transportation facilities, Cook Inlet RCAC proves its tremendous value on an ongoing basis.

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Kalifornsky

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Nikolaevsk

Ninilchik

We welcome opportunities to work with the folks from CIRCAC to ensure safe oil facility operations and marine transportation in Cook Inlet and we look forward to continuing this positive relationship. I respectfully request the Coast Guard approve CIRCAC's recertification.

Razdolna

Sincerely,

Ridgeway

Seldovia

Soldotna

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "P.A. Micciche".

Voznesenka

Senator Peter A. Micciche