

United States Senate

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Rear Admiral Michael F. McAllister
Commander – 17th Coast Guard District
United States Coast Guard
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Juneau, AK 99802-5517

Subject: CIRCAC Recertification

Dear Admiral McAllister:

I am writing in support of the application for recertification of the Cook Inlet Regional Citizens Advisory Council (CIRCAC).

The CIRCAC was established after the Exxon Valdez oil spill and has since developed programs to enhance the safety of marine transportation and oil facilities' operations as well as provides protection for Cook Inlet's shorelines and wildlife from oil spills.

I believe the CIRCAC plays a valuable role in mitigating risks and conducting regulatory oversight for safety operations in the Cook Inlet Region. CIRCAC provides risk assessments, public engagement, reviews of oil spill contingency plans and regulations, while also developing concrete recommendations and response strategies. I encourage you to recertify CIRCAC as the citizens' advisory group for the Cook Inlet.

Sincerely,



DAN SULLIVAN
United States Senator