

## **United Cook Inlet Drift Association**

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Attention:

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RE:

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United Cook Inlet Drift Association (UCIDA) represents 585 commercial salmon drift gillnet permit holders in the Upper Cook Inlet area of Alaska. Please accept these comments on behalf of UCIDA in support of the reauthorization of Cook Inlet Regional Citizens Advisory Council (CIRCAC).

CIRCAC has been a protector of the Cook Inlet habitat, wildlife and marine life for 24 consecutive years, without exception. UCIDA appreciates the ability of CIRCAC to work with diverse user groups and bring knowledge of the importance of the Cook Inlet Watershed to every Alaskan.

We support the recertification and thank CIRCAC for the past years of service. We look forward to a long working relationship in the future.

Sincerely,

David R. Martin
UCIDA President