

LISA MURKOWSKI  
ALASKA

COMMITTEES:

ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
CHAIRMAN

APPROPRIATIONS  
SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERIOR,  
ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES  
CHAIRMAN

HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR,  
AND PENSIONS

INDIAN AFFAIRS

United States Senate  
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-0203

(202) 224-6665

(202) 224-5301 FAX

June 26, 2020

510 L STREET, SUITE 600  
ANCHORAGE, AK 99501-1956  
(907) 271-3735

250 CUSHMAN STREET, SUITE 2D  
FAIRBANKS, AK 99701  
(907) 456-0233

800 GLACIER AVENUE, SUITE 101  
JUNEAU, AK 99801  
(907) 586-7277

44539 STERLING HIGHWAY, SUITE 203  
SOLDOTNA, AK 99669  
(907) 262-4220

1900 FIRST AVENUE, SUITE 225  
KETCHIKAN, AK 99901-6059  
(907) 225-6880

851 EAST WESTPOINT DRIVE, SUITE 307  
WASILLA, AK 99654-7142  
(907) 376-7665

Rear Admiral Matthew Bell  
Commander, 17<sup>th</sup> Coast Guard District  
Attn: LT Ian McPhillips  
United States Coast Guard  
709 W. 9<sup>th</sup> Street  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

RE: Cook Inlet Regional Citizens Advisory Council Recertification Application  
Docket # USCG-2020-0188

Dear Admiral Bell:

I am writing to support recertification of the Cook Inlet Regional Citizens' Advisory Council (CIRCAC). After the Exxon Valdez oil spill, CIRCAC was created by the Oil Spill Pollution Act of 1990 to provide citizens an advisory and oversight role in the activities of the oil industry. This role is extremely important due to the harm and devastation we know a large oil spill can cause.

I believe CIRCAC is crucial for local input and providing coordination between the industry, government and local communities. CIRCAC provides risk assessments, data, tools and strategies that prioritize prevention and promote safety. The Council proactively unifies various stakeholders and promotes consensus decision making, thoughtful risk analysis and the generation of recommendations to addressing those risks.

I join others in support of recertification of the Cook Inlet Regional Citizens' Advisory Council and ask that you please give all due consideration to renewing CIRCAC's charter.

Sincerely,



Lisa Murkowski  
United States Senator

