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Members

Alaska State Chamber of Commerce

Alaska Native Groups

Environmental Groups

Recreational Groups

Aquaculture Associations

Fishing **Organizations**

City of Kodiak

City of Kenai

City of Seldovia

City of Homer

Kodiak Island Borough

Kenai Peninsula Borough

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Cook Inlet RCAC Installs New and Returning Directors

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At the Annual Meeting of the Cook Inlet Regional Citizens Advisory Council (Cook Inlet RCAC) on March 30, 2012, the Executive Committee accepted the elections or appointments of five (5) new or returning members of the Council Board to three (3) year terms.

Board members installed at the 2012 Annual Meeting are:

- Gary Fandrei, Aquaculture Associations
- Rob Lindsey, City of Kodiak
- Paul Shadura, Commercial Fishing Organizations
- Carla Stanley, City of Homer
- John Williams, City of Kenai

In a related action, the term of Kodiak Island Borough appointee Elizabeth Chilton, has been extended to June, pending receipt of a replacement appointment by the Borough Mayor.

In addition, the Council elected Officers for 2012. These are:

- John Williams, President
- Grace Merkes, Vice President
- Gary Fandrei, Secretary/Treasurer

Appointments to the Cook Inlet RCAC's Committees were also made at the Annual Meeting. A full list of these Council member and public member appointments will soon be posted on the website, www.circac.org, or is available by contacting the Cook Inlet RCAC.

Council Board members are either appointed or elected by the Cook Inlet Stakeholder group they represent. These thirteen Stakeholder organizations are specifically identified by the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA 90), passed by Congress following the Exxon Valdez oil spill. Terms of the thirteen (13) member Board are staggered.

Cook Inlet RCAC is the Federally-mandated citizens' organization, formed under the Federal Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA90). Its Mission is to represent the citizens of Cook Inlet in promoting environmentally safe marine transportation and oil facility operations in Cook Inlet. We engage in environmental research and monitoring, oil spill prevention and contingency planning. For more information about this announcement, or the Cook Inlet Regional Citizens Advisory Council and its programs, contact:

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