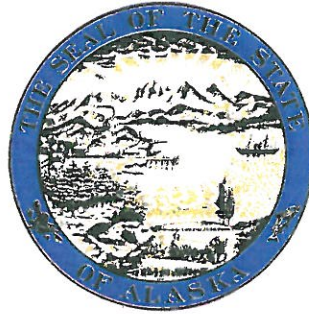


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*** COOK INLET REGIONAL CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL *
* 25TH ANNIVERSARY ***

The members of the Twenty-ninth Alaska State Legislature are pleased to honor the Cook Inlet Regional Citizens Advisory Council (CIRCAC) for 25 years of service and accomplishments in citizen representation, environmental monitoring, and oil spill prevention programs.

Since 1990, CIRCAC has successfully formed partnerships and encouraged consensus decision-making, bringing stake holders together to create environmental monitoring and oil spill prevention programs to fulfill its mission of promoting the safe production and transportation of oil in the Cook Inlet.

For 25 years, CIRCAC has worked to advance our knowledge and promote safer navigation of Cook Inlet through programs, projects, and initiatives such as: being a catalyst for the first comprehensive Navigational Risk Assessment of Cook Inlet; developing Geographic Response Strategies (GRS), which led to a statewide Alaska program; analyzing hundreds of water, sediment and tissue samples to assess potential impacts of oil facility operations; leading the Alaska portion of the National Coastal Assessment for Southcentral Alaska; developing a forum and process for public review of oil spill contingency plans; introducing a ShoreZone mapping program for Alaska; developing the Cook Inlet Response Tool, a data portal that assists in planning and emergency response; and creating an ice-camera network to provide real-time, remotely accessed imagery of ice conditions for NOAA's ice forecasters.

Congress created CIRCAC under the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA 90) as a mechanism to combat complacency, which was identified as an underlying cause of the *Exxon Valdez* oil spill. CIRCAC has earned U.S. Coast Guard recertification without exception since its creation.

As mandated by OPA 90, CIRCAC represents the region's citizens and stakeholder groups on its Board of Directors, including the Cities of Kodiak, Kenai, Seldovia, and Homer; the Kodiak Island and Kenai Peninsula Boroughs, and Municipality of Anchorage; the Alaska State Chamber of Commerce and Alaska Native, environmental, and recreational groups; and aquaculture associations and commercial fishing organizations.

For its achievements on behalf of Cook Inlet's citizens, waters, natural resources and wildlife, the Twenty-ninth Alaska State Legislature is pleased to honor and congratulate CIRCAC on its 25th anniversary.




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