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Mr. Stan Stanley
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Dear Mr. Stanley:

Your request for recertification of the Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council (RCAC) as the alternative voluntary advisory group in lieu of council for Prince William Sound, Alaska is approved effective July 1, 1994, through June 30, 1995.

Your application for recertification was evaluated in accordance with the policy statement published in the Federal Register on July 7, 1993, (58 FR 36505). The policy statement advised that the Coast Guard would solicit and consider comments from industry and government, as well as the general public, in its evaluation process. The comments received indicate the RCAC's relationship with industry and government in the past has been tenuous, and the RCAC has only recently begun to seriously work toward establishing the partnership mandated by the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA 90), Section 5002. We expect you to continue in this vein, and to make significant gains in alleviating both real and perceived communication barriers during the coming year. Your efforts in this area will have considerable impact on future recertifications of the RCAC.

The Coast Guard is willing to assist you in whatever manner possible in achieving this goal. We have also received commitments from both industry and the State, to assist you in working toward establishing the long-term partnership envisioned by Congress in OPA 90.

Sincerely,

Gear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard Chief, Office of Marine Safety,

Security and Environmental Protection