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Mr. John Devens
Executive Director
Prince William Sound Regional Citizen's Advisory Council
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Dear Mr. Devens:

Your request for recertification as the alternative voluntary advisory group in lieu of council for Prince William Sound, Alaska, is approved. The approval, pursuant to the provisions of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA 90), Section 5002 (o), is effective June 1, 1997 through May 31, 1998. A notice of the recertification will be published in the Federal Register.

Your application for recertification was evaluated in accordance with the policy statement published in the Federal Register on July 7, 1993, (58 FR 36505), which clarified the factors that the Coast Guard would consider in making its determinations as to whether advisory groups should be certified in accordance with OPA 90, as outlined in Section 5002, the Oil Terminal and Oil Tanker Environmental Oversight and Monitoring Act (the Act). 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 information provided with your request for recertification indicates that the Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council (PWSRCAC) is working toward fulfilling the mandates of OPA 90 as outlined in the Act. That is, "to foster the general goals and purposes of the Act, and assure that the Council is broadly representative of the communities and interests in the vicinity of the terminal facilities and crude oil tankers operating in Prince William Sound.

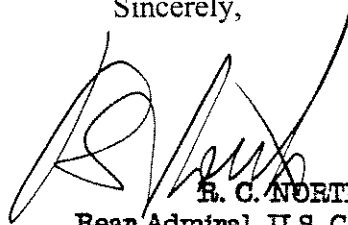
Comments received from industry, government and the general public in Prince William Sound were favorable, and supported your request for recertification. These are enclosed for your information and any necessary action. I believe they are worthy of the Council's consideration. Please review them and provide your response to us. Your application for recertification next year should include documentation of the resolution of these issues.

We have watched the Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council evolve into an organization which is committed to its' purpose. Reflect on the issues raised during this

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recertification period and address them in the vein of strengthening your organization and continuing the growth you have demonstrated. We appreciate PWSRCAC's endeavor to provide oversight and monitoring of the terminal facilities and tanker operations in Prince William Sound, Alaska and look forward to working with you during the coming year.

Sincerely,



R. C. NORTH
Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard
Assistant Commandant for Marine
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Encl: (1) Comments received on PWSRCAC Recertification

