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Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council Attn: Dr. John S. Devens, Executive Director 3709 Spenard Road, Suite 100 Anchorage, Alaska 99503 ANC received

Dear Dr. Devens:

After review of the certification package submitted by the Prince William Sound Regional Citizen's Advisory Council (PWSRCAC), and correspondence received through the public comment process, I certify the PWSRCAC as an alternative voluntary advisory group permitted under Subsection 5002(0) of the Oil Pollution Terminal and Oil Tanker Environmental Oversight and Monitoring Act of 1990 (the Act). This certification terminates on February 28, 2009.

All of the 16 comments received during the public comment period were supportive of recertification and noted the positive efforts, good communication, and broad community representation demonstrated by PWSRCAC as it carries out its responsibilities as intended by the Act.

My staff and I look forward to continued work with you on our common goal of improving the safe and environmentally sound transport of oil in Prince William Sound and surrounding communities.

Sincerely,

Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard

Commander, Seventeenth Coast Guard District

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