



"The mission of the Council is to represent the citizens of Cook Inlet in promoting environmentally safe marine transportation and oil facility operations in Cook Inlet."

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Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly
144 N. Binkley St.
Soldotna, AK 99699

Assembly Members:

I am writing to advise you that the current term of the seat representing the Kenai Peninsula Borough on the Cook Inlet Regional Citizens Advisory Council (CIRCAC) Board of Directors, currently filled by Ms. Grace Merkes, is set to expire in April 2026 at the CIRCAC Annual Meeting.

The Oil Pollution Act of 1990 identifies stakeholder groups to be represented on the Council, and our Policies define a procedure for conducting the stakeholder group election or appointment process. This letter of notification is part of that process.

Other stakeholder groups are being notified today as well. In addition, CIRCAC takes this annual opportunity to advertise to seek membership from individual organizations active in all of the identified stakeholder groups.

Please don't hesitate to reach out should you have any questions or comments regarding this process; please contact me by email (shayloncochran@circac.org) or phone – 907-690-1687.

Speaking on behalf of the Board and staff, we value and appreciate your time and commitment to the mission of CIRCAC.

Sincerely,

Shaylon Cochran
Director of Communications and Public Outreach

Cc: Grace Merkes; Mayor Peter Micciche

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