

Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

MEMORANDUM

TO: Kelly Cooper, Assembly President
Members, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

FROM: Willy Dunne, Assembly Member
Kelly Cooper, Assembly President

DATE: February 13, 2020

RE: Resolution 2020-015, Supporting the Current Laws and Regulations of the State of Alaska Regarding Oil Spill Prevention and Response (Dunne, Cooper)

The Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly has participated in both the Cook Inlet and Prince William Sound Regional Citizens Advisory Councils since their inception with borough appointed members to each organizations' board of directors. We are currently represented by Grace Merkes on the CIRCAC board and Mako Haggerty on the PWS RCAC board.

Both CIRCAC and PWS RCAC continue to be the eyes and ears of the public when it comes to oversight and recommendations for safe transport of oil in the waters of and adjacent to the Kenai Peninsula Borough.

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation is soliciting input regarding the regulations that protect our citizens and economic activities which could be harmed by oil spills. The existing regulations have been developed over several decades with participation from industry and the public. This resolution supports CIRCAC and PWS RCAC in their role as public watchdogs and asks the State of Alaska to retain the existing rigorous rules for oil spill contingency plans and other protections that benefit the citizens of the borough.

Your support is appreciated.