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MEMORANDUM

TO: Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Members

FROM: Kelly Cooper, Assembly President *(K) for K.C.*

DATE: February 2, 2017

RE: Resolution 2017-017, Supporting the Recertification of the Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council (Cooper)

Following the Exxon Valdez oil spill of 1989 numerous studies and congressional hearings were held which concluded in part that citizen participation would contribute to the safety of oil transportation. Pursuant to the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, the US Coast Guard conducts an annual review of the certification for regional citizens' advisory councils. The Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council ("PWSRCAC") represents communities in the Kenai Peninsula Borough and other areas of the state. It has conducted many activities to further its mission which is to promote environmentally safe operation of the Valdez Marine Terminal and the oil tankers that use it.

Each year the US Coast Guard is required to review the certification of PWSRCAC. Every three years this application review process is more extensive and is followed by a public comment period. This is a year for a more extensive review. The PWSRCAC submitted its application for review in December of 2016 and the public comment period is now open. The PWSRCAC has requested that the assembly submit a comment supporting its application for continued certification.

Your support of this resolution would be appreciated.