



MEMORANDUM

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Resolution 26-009, a Resolution of the City Council of Homer, Alaska Supporting the Recertification of the Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council by the United States Coast Guard Through PWSRCAC Recertification Docket USCG-2026-0070 As the Regional Citizens' Advisory Council for Prince William Sound and Entities affected by the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill.

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Prepared For: Mayor Lord and Homer City Council
Date: January 15, 2026
From: Councilmember Aderhold

BACKGROUND:

The Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council (PWSRCAC) was established as one of two RCACs mandated in the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA 90); the other is Cook Inlet RCAC. The City of Homer is a member and has board representation of both Councils. The US Coast Guard (USCG) reviews the certification of both organizations annually, and during each third-year review, USCG seeks public comment along with a more extensive application process. **Comments on PWSRCAC's review are due on February 15, 2026.** Typically, there is an online portal for public comment, but it has been delayed this year. Comments should be emailed to:

LT Case Kuikhoven at case.a.kuikhoven@uscg.mil and copied to brooke.taylor@pwsrac.org.

Robert Archibald, the City of Homer's representative on the PWSRCAC Board and the Board's current President, can provide information to the city regarding the opening of the online comment portal.

PWSRCAC provides critical public and transparent oversight of the Valdez Marine Terminal and shipping route and tankers that transit Prince William Sound. The resolution of support includes just a few of their many functions and activities. I believe that is important for the City of Homer to continue to support the work of PWSRCAC.