

**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY****Coast Guard**

[USCG-2010-0121]

**Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council (PWSRCAC) Charter Renewal****AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.**ACTION:** Notice of recertification.

**SUMMARY:** The purpose of this notice is to inform the public that the Coast Guard has recertified the Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council (PWSRCAC) as an alternative voluntary advisory group for Prince William Sound, Alaska. This certification allows the PWSRCAC to monitor the activities of terminal facilities and crude oil tankers under the Prince William Sound Program established by statute.

**DATES:** This recertification is effective for the period from March 1, 2010 through February 28, 2011.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** LCDR Ken Phillips, Seventeenth Coast Guard District (dpi), by telephone at (907) 463-2821, or by mail at P.O. Box 25517, Juneau, Alaska 99802.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Background and Purpose**

As part of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, Congress passed the Oil Terminal and Oil Tanker Environmental Oversight and Monitoring Act of 1990 (the Act), 33 U.S.C. 2732, to foster a long-term partnership among industry, government, and local communities in overseeing compliance with environmental concerns in the operation of crude oil terminals and oil tankers.

On October 18, 1991, the President delegated his authority under 33 U.S.C. 2732(o) to the Secretary of Transportation in Executive Order 12777, section 8(g) (see 56 FR 54757; October 22, 1991) for purposes of certifying advisory councils, or groups, subject to the Act. On March 3, 1992, the Secretary re delegated that authority to the Commandant of the Coast Guard (see 57 FR 8582; March 11, 1992). The Commandant re delegated that authority to the Chief, Office of Marine Safety, Security and Environmental Protection (G-M) on March 19, 1992 (letter #5402).

On July 7, 1993, the USCG published a policy statement, 58 FR 36504, to clarify the factors that shall be considered in making the determination as to whether advisory councils, or groups, should be certified in accordance with the Act.

The Assistant Commandant for Marine Safety and Environmental Protection (G-M), re delegated recertification authority for advisory councils, or groups, to the Commander, Seventeenth Coast Guard District on February 26, 1999 (letter #16450).

On September 16, 2002, the Coast Guard published a policy statement, 67 FR 58440, which changed the recertification procedures such that applicants are required to provide the USCG with comprehensive information every three years (triennially). For each of the two years between the triennial application procedures, applicants submit a letter requesting recertification that includes a description of any substantive changes to the information provided at the previous triennial recertification. Further, public comment is not solicited prior to recertification during streamlined years, only during the triennial comprehensive review.

The Alyeska Pipeline Service Company pays the PWSRCAC \$2.9 million annually in the form of a long-term contract. In return for this funding, the PWSRCAC must annually show that it "fosters the goals and purposes" of OPA 90 and is "broadly representative of the communities and interests in the vicinity of the terminal facilities and Prince William Sound." The PWSRCAC is an independent, nonprofit organization founded in 1989. Though it receives Federal oversight like many independent, non-profit organizations, it is not a Federal agency. The PWSRCAC is a local organization that predates the passage of OPA 90. The existence of the PWSRCAC was specifically recognized in OPA 90 where it is defined as an "alternate voluntary advisory group."

Alyeska funds the PWSRCAC, and the Coast Guard makes sure the PWSRCAC operates in a fashion that is broadly consistent with OPA 90.

**Recertification**

By letter dated February 24, 2010, the Commander, Seventeenth Coast Guard District, certified that the PWSRCAC qualifies as an alternative voluntary advisory group under 33 U.S.C. 2732(o). This recertification terminates on February 28, 2011.

Dated: February 24, 2010.

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*Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard Commander, Seventeenth Coast Guard District.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY****National Communications System**

[Docket No. NCS-2010-0001]

**President's National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee****AGENCY:** National Communications System, DHS.**ACTION:** Notice of open advisory committee meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The President's National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee (NSTAC) will hold its annual meeting on May 6, 2010. The meeting will be open to the public.

**DATES:** May 6, 2010, from 2:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will take place at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, 1615 H Street, NW., Washington, DC. If you desire meeting materials, please contact Ms. Sue Daage at (703) 235-4964 or by e-mail at [sue.daage@dhs.gov](mailto:sue.daage@dhs.gov) by 5 p.m. April 29, 2010. If you desire to submit comments regarding the May 6, 2010, meeting, comments must be identified by Docket No. NCS-2010-0001 and may be submitted by one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *E-mail:* [NSTAC1@dhs.gov](mailto:NSTAC1@dhs.gov). Include docket number in the subject line of the message.

- *Mail:* Office of the Manager, National Communications System, Government Industry Planning and Management Branch, Department of Homeland Security, 245 Murray Lane, SW., Washington, DC 20598-0615.

- *Fax:* (866) 466-5370.

*Instructions:* All submissions received must include the words "Department of Homeland Security" and NCS-2010-0001, the docket number for this action. Comments received will be posted without alteration at <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided.

*Docket:* For access to the docket, background documents or comments received by the NSTAC, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Sue Daage, Government Industry Planning and Management Branch, at (703) 235-4964, e-mail: [sue.daage@dhs.gov](mailto:sue.daage@dhs.gov), or write to the Deputy Manager, National Communications System, Department of Homeland Security, 245 Murray Lane, SW., Washington, DC 20598-0615.