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TO: Mayor O'Neill and Members of the Valdez City Council

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RE: Letter of Intent to Renew Appointment to the Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council (PWSRCAC) Board of Directors

Mayor O'Neill and Council Members,

At the upcoming PWSRCAC Board of Directors meeting in May 2019, my term serving for the City of Valdez on the Board of Directors will end. I would like to thank you for the current opportunity of serving on the board and express my interest in renewing my appointment to the board.

In the last 2 years I have attended all six Board of Directors meetings in Valdez, Whittier, Seldovia and Anchorage. I have also served as the President of the Board for the last 2 years as well. I have served on the board for a total of 6 years, with the last 5 as President. I currently serve on the Executive Committee, the Finance Committee, the Terminal Operations and Environmental Monitoring Committee, the Port Operations and Vessel Traffic System Committee and the Valdez Marine Terminal Oil Discharge Prevention and Contingency Plan Review team.

I have found that serving on the PWSRCAC Board of Directors is more interactive and demands more time than any other I have sat on. It is very rewarding to be a part of such a process. I would really appreciate the opportunity to continue to work on the projects I am now a part of and hopefully participate in new ones in the future.

Thank you for considering me as a representative.

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Objective

Letter of Intent to Renew Appointment to the Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council (PWSRCAC) Board of Directors Representing the City of Valdez.

Experience

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Public Advisory Committee September 2008 - Current

I have been an active member of the EVOSPAC representing Commercial Tourism since 2008.

Vessel Captain, Stan Stephens Cruises May 1995 - Current

I have been employed by Stan Stephens Cruises in Valdez, Alaska for 24 years. We operate glacier and wildlife cruises in the summer months in Prince William Sound, Alaska.

Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council May 2011 - Current

I represent the City of Valdez, Alaska on the Board of Directors for the Prince William Sound Regional Citizens Advisory Council (PWSRCAC). I have been the Board President since May of 2013. The creation of the PWSRCAC was mandated by the US Congress in the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 following the grounding of the T/V *Exxon Valdez*. The PWSRCAC mission is: citizens promoting environmentally safe operation of the Alyeska Pipeline marine terminal in Valdez and the oil tankers that use it.

Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation February 2010 - Current

I represent the City of Valdez on the Board of Directors for the Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation (PWSAC). PWSAC is a non-profit corporation founded in 1974 by a local fisherman's organization to optimize Alaska's wild salmon resources. PWSAC operates five salmon hatcheries for commercial, sport, personal use and subsistence fisheries in Prince William Sound and Copper River regions.

Valdez Marine Safety Committee April 2010 - Present

The Valdez Marine Safety Committee (VMSC) is a forum for planning, assessing and communicating operational measures that promote safe and efficient use of Prince William Sound and the Port of Valdez. The VMSC is chaired by the United States Coast Guard and is comprised of representatives from all industries in Prince William Sound.

Economic Diversification Commission, City of Valdez September 2014- September 2016

I represented fishing, both recreational and commercial, on the Economic Diversification Commission, which is a seven-member advisory commission to the City Council on issues and activities related to economic development and diversification in Valdez. During my term I served as Chair of the commission.

Education

Prince William Sound Community College

August 1995 - May 1997

I attended Prince William Sound Community College and was a member of Phi Theta Kappa.

Skills

Having worked for Stan Stephens Cruises for 24 years, I have become very knowledgeable in regard to commercial tourism, not only in Prince William Sound, but statewide as well. I am a frequent visitor to and have worked with other tourism operators in the communities of Cordova, Whittier, Tatitlek and Seward Alaska, all areas affected by the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill. I spend 100 days a year in the exact waters where the T/V *Exxon Valdez* ran aground and know the area and ecosystem intimately.

My position on the Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council requires review and revisions of technical and scientific reports, as well as developing the programs to produce those reports.

My representation on the Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation has given me knowledge of the commercial fishery in Prince William Sound, which was negatively affected by the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill.