

We can't do the high quality work we do without the dedicated volunteers who serve on Cook Inlet RCAC's Board of Directors and committees. Our volunteers contribute to the strength and effectiveness of our programs and initiatives. They help us fulfill our mandates under the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA 90), which charge us to protect Cook Inlet's waters and shores from the effects of oil pollution. In return, our volunteers are given opportunities to grow. We encourage their participation and support their attendance at symposiums, facilities and vessel tours, and educational events and demonstrations. Are you interested in making a difference in Cook Inlet's future?

We are currently looking for candidates to fill vacancies on two committees: the Prevention, Response, Operations and Safety Committee (PROPS), and the Environmental Monitoring Committee (EMC). Both committees formulate advice and recommendations for the Cook Inlet RCAC Board of Directors. Terms are for three years.

The primary focus of the PROPS Committee is to develop work plans, as well as projects, studies and recommendations designed to minimize oil spill risks in Cook Inlet. The secondary focus of the Committee is to review and monitor spill response efforts and the use of the best available technology. Committee members and staff work together to advance projects and facilitate communications among citizens, regulatory groups, special interest groups, and industry. Members of the PROPS committee often apply their experience with the regulatory process, oil facility operations, or maritime issues and to address related issues.

The EMC is tasked by OPA 90 to conduct a monitoring program that provides early detection of any environmental effects due to oil industry operations in Cook Inlet and to determine whether oil industry operations are causing adverse impacts to Cook Inlet's ecosystem. The Committee members generally have a background in science and work together with staff to advance projects and facilitate communications among citizens, regulatory groups, special interest groups, and industry.

If you are interested in contributing your expertise as a member of one or both of these committees, please contact Jerry Rombach, Director of Administration, by phone at 907-283-7222, or by email at JerryRombach@circac.org. To learn more about Cook Inlet RCAC's committees, projects and programs, [click here](#).