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**CITY OF SELDOVIA
ACTION MEMORANDUM 19-08**

Recommending the Appointment of Kirk Zinck as the representative for Seldovia to the Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council (PWSRCAC)

Originator: Heidi Geagel, City Clerk

Agenda of: March 27, 2019

Date: 03/14/2019

Route to:	Department Head	Signature	Date
X	City Clerk	<i>Heidi Geagel</i>	03/19/2019
X	City Manager	<i>Caridi Cameron</i>	3/19/19

Attachment(s):

- Kirk Zinck Letter of Interest

Summary Statement:

The term for the PWSRCAC representative for Seldovia is set to expire May 2019.

The current PWSRCAC representative for Seldovia, Alison Rein, has stated that she will no longer be able to represent Seldovia.

Kirk Zinck expressed an interest in representing Seldovia on the PWSRCAC board when the position was previously posted and has filed a letter of interest with the City of Seldovia upon the new opening.

The term will begin immediately and will be set to expire May 2021.

Administration recommendation: Approve Action Memorandum 19-08.

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March 9, 2019

To Members of the Seldovia City Council:

I am writing to express my desire to represent the interests of Seldovians and other citizens of Kachemak Bay, on the Prince William Sound Regional Citizen Advisory Council.

I am a lifelong Alaskan who remembers well the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill of 1989 and its devastating impact upon the environment, inhabitants (human and animal) and economy of coastal areas affected by this tragedy. In the present, as I interact with Seldovians and other people in a variety of southcentral communities, I still encounter people whose lifestyle and means of making a living was significantly and forever altered by the effects of the 1989 oil spill.

While changes and improvements in transporting oil (and other hazardous cargo) have evolved over the past 30 years, ocean transportation will continue for decades to come. This reality presents an ongoing risk to the environment, lifestyle, and economic well-being of coastal Alaskans. It is a risk our society chooses to accept (and moderate), so we can obtain the benefits of oil production. Through a combination of participatory oversight and good fortune, we have not suffered another large oil spill. Yet we must remain aware and involved in the management and protection that are critical aspects of transporting oil. This is a shared responsibility. Despite the drawbacks and disagreements related to oil production, we all benefit from the production and the use of petroleum products.

In seeking the advisory board position, I anticipate being an informed and active participant in protecting and honoring our coastal areas and ways of life. My participation will allow me to devote time, energy, and knowledge to protecting the environment and preserving the unique lifestyle opportunities afforded to those who live on the coast. It will allow me to "give back" some of the benefits I derive by living here, so that present occupants and future generations may continue to experience and enjoy living and working in coastal Alaska.

I recognize that I must devote time and energy to become well informed about oil transportation in Prince William Sound and the Gulf of Alaska. I expect that I must also get "up to speed" quickly on current plans, problems, and issues, and specific concerns of Seldovia residents. I am willing to devote the necessary time and energy to these tasks. My goals include becoming an informed and influential participant in the advisory process, emphasizing the translation of knowledge and ideas into action (as appropriate), and ensuring that citizens I represent retain a voice in decisions related to oil transportation and environmental preservation.

I believe that I can offer informed, active, and credible service as Seldovia's representative on the Prince William Sound Regional Citizen Advisory Council. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Kirk Zinck, Ph.D.