



Central Bering Sea Fishermen's Association

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Mr. Jon Kurland
Regional Administrator, Alaska Region
National Marine Fisheries Service
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Ms. Julie Sande
Commissioner
Alaska Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development
P.O. Box 110800
Juneau, Alaska 99811-0800

Dear Mr. Kurland and Commissioner Sande:

Central Bering Sea Fishermen's Association (CBSFA), the Community Development Quota entity for Saint Paul Island, submits this letter to the National Marine Fisheries Service and the State of Alaska as our 2023 annual statement of compliance, as required in Section 305(i)(1)(E)(v) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (the "MSA").

Section 305(i)(1)(E)(v) of the MSA states:

(v) ANNUAL STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE. – Each year the entity, following approval by its board of directors and signed by its chief executive officer, shall submit a written statement to the Secretary and the State of Alaska that summarizes the purposes for which it made investments under clauses (iii) and (iv) during the preceding year.

Sections 305 (i)(1)(E)(iii) and (iv) of the MSA state:

(iii) OTHER INVESTMENTS. – The entity may make up to 20 percent of its annual investments in any combination of the following:

(I) For projects that are not fishery-related and that are located in its region.

(II) On a pooled or joint investment basis with one or more other entities participating in the program for projects that are not fishery-related and that are located in one or more of their regions.

(III) For matching Federal or State grants for projects or programs in its member villages without regard to any limitation on the Federal or State share, or restriction on the sources of any non-Federal or non-State matching funds, of any grant program under any other provision of law.

(iv) FISHERY-RELATED INVESTMENTS. – The entity shall make the remainder percent of its annual investments in fisheries-related projects or for other purposes consistent with the practices of the entity prior to March 1, 2006.

Please be advised that CBSFA made investments in 2023 consistent with the provisions of Sections 305(i)(1)(E)(iii) and (iv) of the MSA.

The attached CBSFA Resolution 24-02 documents approval by the CBSFA Board of Directors.

Please call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ray Melovidov', written in a cursive style.

Ray Melovidov, President
Central Bering Sea Fishermen's Association

**CONSENT TO ACT WITHOUT A FORMAL MEETING
RECORD OF ACTION
Board of Directors
CENTRAL BERING SEA FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATION**

Pursuant to the provisions of the State of Alaska statutes, AS 10.06.423(a), as amended, the undersigned, being all of the directors Central Bering Sea Fishermen's Association (CBSFA), a non-profit corporation established under the laws of the State of Alaska as the management organization for Saint Paul Island under the Western Alaska Community Development Quota (CDQ) Program, do hereby consent in writing that the following resolution be adopted, and direct that this consent be filed with the official corporate minutes, to have the same force and effect as a unanimous vote of the Board of Directors of CBSFA.

RESOLUTION 24-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE CENTRAL BERING SEA FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATION (CBSFA) BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONFIRMING COMPLIANCE WITH PROVISIONS OF THE MAGNUSON-STEVENSON FISHERY CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT ACT DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR 2023.

WHEREAS, CBSFA is formed as a non-profit corporation under the laws of the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, CBSFA is the management organization for Saint Paul Island under the Western Alaska Community Development Quota (CDQ) Program; and

WHEREAS, CBSFA'S member village, Saint Paul, on Saint Paul Island, AK, is eligible to participate in the CDQ program; and

WHEREAS, Section 305(i)(1)(E)(v) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 2006 (hereinafter "MSA") states that "...[e]ach year the entity, following approval by its board of directors and signed by its chief executive officer, shall submit a written statement to the Secretary and the State of Alaska that summarizes the purposes for which it made investments under clauses (iii) and (iv) during the preceding year..."; and

WHEREAS, clauses (iii) and (iv) of Section 305(i)(1)(E) of MSA provide that a CDQ entity may make, subject to certain restrictions, up to 20% of its annual investments in non-fishery related projects, and the remaining 80% in fishery-related projects, or for purposes consistent with its practices prior to March 1, 2006.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors of CBSFA having been advised of the investment activities of CBSFA during calendar year 2023, confirms in all respects CBSFA's compliance with the restrictions on CDQ investments established in clauses (iii) and (iv) of Section 305(i)(1)(E) of the MSA for calendar year 2023.

PASSED AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY CONSENT TO ACT WITHOUT A FORMAL MEETING BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CENTRAL BERING SEA FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have executed this consent on the 30th day of July, 2024.


Myron Melovidov


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Rena J. Kudrin


Dan Porath, Sr.


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