



CENTRAL BERING SEA FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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May 8, 2008

Mr. Doug Mecum
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National Marine Fisheries Service
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Mr. Emil Notti
Commissioner, Alaska Department of Community and Economic Development
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Dear Mr. Mecum and Commissioner Notti:

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 2007 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 2007 consistent with the provisions of Sections 305(i)(1)(E)(iii) and (iv) of the MSA.

The attached CBSFA Resolution 08-01 indicates approval of this statement by CBSFA's Board of Directors.

Please call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Phillip Lestenkof', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Phillip Lestenkof, President
Central Bering Sea Fishermen's Association

RESOLUTION 08-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE CENTRAL BERING SEA FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATION (CBSFA) BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONFIRMING COMPLIANCE WITH PROVISIONS OF THE MAGNUSON-STEVEN'S FISHERY CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT ACT DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR 2007.

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

WHEREAS, CBSFA has received a January 29, 2008 request from the Administrator, Alaska Region, National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) that it confirm to NMFS and the State of Alaska that it has complied with the restrictions on CDQ investments established in Section 305(i)(1)(E) during the calendar year 2007.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CBSFA Board of Directors having been advised of the investment activities of CBSFA during 2007 and after reviewing the proposed letter of CBSFA President to Doug Mecum, Acting Assistant Administrator, Alaska Region, and Commissioner Emil Notti, confirms in all respects the information provided in the letter and CBSFA's compliance with the restrictions on CDQ investments established in Section 305(i)(1)(E) of the MSA for calendar year 2007.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY A DULY CONSTITUTED QUORUM OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CENTRAL BERING SEA FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATION THIS 8th DAY OF MAY 2008, BY A VOTE OF 8 FOR AND 0 OPPOSING AND 0 ABSTENTION(S).


Myron Melovidov, Chairman


Rena Kudrin, Secretary