



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

National Marine Fisheries Service

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Ragnar Alstrom
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Dear Mr. Alstrom:

This purpose of this letter is to remind the Community Development Quota (CDQ) entities of the requirement in section 305(i)(1)(E)(v) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), which states the following:

(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.

The requirement to submit the annual statement of compliance is one of several eligibility requirements in section 305(i)(1)(E) that were added to the Magnuson-Stevens Act through the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act on July 11, 2006.

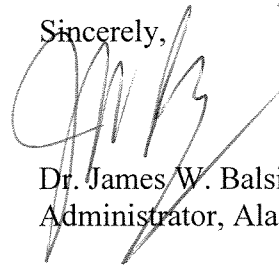
NMFS is assessing all of the eligibility requirements to determine what regulations might be needed to further interpret these requirements or to define terms, specify information requirements, or establish submission deadlines. In the meantime, however, the CDQ entities must comply with the requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Act. The requirement for submission of the annual statement of compliance is clearly stated in the Magnuson-Stevens Act and, while additional clarifications in regulations may be desirable, such regulations do not prevent the statutory requirements from being effective and binding on the CDQ entities. The statute contains specific requirements for the information that must be submitted to the Secretary of Commerce and the State of Alaska.

Therefore, we request that you submit an annual statement of compliance as described in section 305(i)(1)(E)(v) for 2007 as soon as practicable. In addition, although the Magnuson-Stevens Act specifies that the annual statement of compliance must be submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, please submit it to the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), Alaska Regional Office at the address below, because NMFS acts on behalf of the Secretary to fulfill responsibilities under the Magnuson-Stevens Act.



If you have any further questions, please contact Sally Bibb at (907) 586-7389.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JWB', written over the printed name and title.

Dr. James W. Balsiger
Administrator, Alaska Region

cc: WACDA
Joe Austerman, State of Alaska

Please submit the annual statement of compliance to:

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