

**North Pacific Fishery Management Council**  
**CDQ Motion – April 8, 2005**

The Community Development Quota (CDQ) Program has grown to be a major source of revenue, employment and stability in western Alaska fishery dependent communities. The growth of the program and the diversity of its effects have been rapid and widespread. While the program has provided many positives, many concerns have been raised by members of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) about the program as it continues to mature. The Department of Commerce Community and Economic Development has presented its initial recommendations for the next phase of CDQ allocation, including the two new species for Eastern golden king crab and Adak red king crab. The Council recognizes that these recommendations are only initial. The Council encourages the State of Alaska to take the following action to ensure that the CDQ program continues to grow and operate in a manner that provides the maximum benefit to western Alaska:

The Council strongly encourages the Governor of Alaska to establish a small “blue ribbon” committee which, after a review of the CDQ program in its entirety, will provide a report (including any recommendations) to the Governor with special attention to the following:

- Thorough review of the CDQ regulations to ensure that all regulations continue to fit the program as it evolves
- Thorough and independent financial review of the CDQ investments and procedures and commitments
- Prioritize the goals of the CDQ program with regard to the following:
  - Investment in local community infrastructure (i.e., Amendment 71)
  - Improvement in basic needs for community residents
  - Development of sustainable business ventures in the CDQ regions
  - The need to expand the opportunities for CDQ investment and development outside fishery businesses
  - Other items identified by the Governor