

<p><b>APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF                  USE OF NON-CDQ HARVEST REGULATIONS</b></p>	<p>U.S. Dept. of Commerce/NOAA                  National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)                  Sustainable Fisheries Division                  P.O. Box 21668                  Juneau, AK 99802-1668                  Fax: 907-586-7465, Tel: 907-586-7228</p>	
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**NOTE: When submitting this application, attach a copy of the voluntary cooperative contract or affidavit and a list of vessels associated with the cooperative or affidavit as required by § 679.32(e)(3).**

<i><b>TYPE OF APPLICATION</b></i>
<p>Indicate type of application:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> New Application                 <span style="margin-left: 200px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Amended Approval</span> </p>

<i><b>BLOCK A – VOLUNTARY FISHERY COOPERATIVE INFORMATION</b></i>		
1. Name of Voluntary Cooperative:	2. Name of Cooperative’s Representative:	
3. Permanent Business Mailing Address:		
4. Business Telephone Number:	5. Business Fax Number:	6. Business E-mail Address:

<i><b>BLOCK B – APPLICANT INFORMATION</b></i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if applicant is the same as the entity/person identified in Block A. <b>If YES</b> , proceed to Block C.		
1. Name of Organization:	2. Name of Organization’s Representative	
3. Permanent Business Mailing Address:		
4. Business Telephone Number:	5. Business Fax Number:	6. Business E-mail Address:



**Instructions**  
APPLICATION FOR  
APPROVAL OF NON-CDQ HARVEST REGULATIONS

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

The Western Alaska Community Development Quota (CDQ) Program is an economic development program associated with Federally managed fisheries in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area (BSAI). The purpose of the program is to provide western Alaska communities the opportunity to participate and invest in BSAI fisheries, to support economic development in western Alaska, to alleviate poverty and provide economic and social benefits for residents of western Alaska, and to achieve sustainable and diversified local economies in western Alaska.

The CDQ Program was developed to redistribute some of the BSAI fisheries' economic benefits to adjacent communities by allocating a portion of commercially important BSAI fisheries species to such communities. The CDQ Program was incorporated into the Magnuson-Stevens Act in 1996 through the Sustainable Fisheries Act (Public Law 104-297).

NMFS will allow vessels that are fishing for groundfish CDQ, while operating in a voluntary fishery cooperative, to submit to NMFS an application for the use of non-CDQ regulations when the CDQ regulations are more restrictive than the regulations otherwise required for participants in non-CDQ groundfish fisheries. This application may be submitted to NMFS at any time. Upon NMFS' approval, the use of non-CDQ harvesting regulations is effective. An approval is effective until the voluntary cooperative is no longer in effect, or until there is a change in the membership of the voluntary cooperative, whichever occurs first.

NMFS will approve an application to use non-CDQ harvest regulations when it determines that

- ◆ All of the information submitted with the application complies with the requirements of 50 CFR part 679.32(e)(2) and (3),
- ◆ The vessels listed on the application form represent a majority of vessels participating in an applicable sector, and
- ◆ The relevant CDQ harvest regulations are more restrictive than the non-CDQ regulations for the applicable sector.

**Additionally**

Retain a copy of completed application for your records.

Submit the completed application via one of the following means:

Electronically to [SF\\_Division@noaa.gov](mailto:SF_Division@noaa.gov), using a NMFS-approved format

By fax to 907-586-7465

By mail to Sustainable Fisheries Division  
NMFS Alaska Region  
PO Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668

**NOTE:** Attach a copy of the voluntary cooperative contract, as well as a list vessels associated with the cooperative, or affidavit as required by 50 CFR part 679.32(e)(3).

If you have any questions, or if you need any assistance in completing the application, please call NMFS Sustainable Fisheries at **907-586-7228**.

### ***COMPLETING THE APPLICATION***

Submit the following information on this form:

#### **TYPE OF APPLICATION**

Indicate whether this application is for a new application or an amended approval.

#### **BLOCK A – VOLUNTARY FISHERY COOPERATIVE INFORMATION**

1. Name of the voluntary cooperative.
2. Name of the cooperative's representative.
3. Permanent business mailing address.
4. Business telephone number.
5. Business fax number
6. Business email address.

#### **BLOCK B – APPLICANT INFORMATION**

If applicable, check box denoting that information in Block A is the same as that requested in Block B. If the Cooperative and the Applicant are not the same, enter the following:

1. Name of the applicant's organization.
2. Name of the organization's representative.
3. Permanent business mailing address.
4. Business telephone number.
5. Business fax number.
6. Business email address.

#### **BLOCK C – CERTIFICATION**

Enter the Representative's printed name, signature, and date signed.

**BLOCK D – COOPERATIVE VESSEL IDENTIFICATION** (*Attach additional sheet if necessary.*)

List the name, Federal Fisheries Permit (FFP) number, and License Limitation Groundfish (LLG) license number of each vessel

**ATTACHMENTS -- COOPERATIVE DOCUMENTATION**

The applicant must submit a copy of the current voluntary cooperative contract in effect for the vessels and fisheries for which the use of non-CDQ harvest regulations is requested.

The contract must contain the printed names and signatures of each vessel owner who is a member of the cooperative, and the name, FFP number, and LLG license number for each vessel that is participating in the voluntary cooperative.

The contract also must describe the target species, processing mode, gear types, and management area(s) associated with the voluntary cooperative's federal fishing operations.

Alternatively, the applicant may submit an affidavit describing the voluntary cooperative and its fishing operations (as noted above), and that affirms that each vessel listed in the application form is a member of a voluntary cooperative.

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***PUBLIC REPORTING BURDEN STATEMENT***

Public reporting burden for this collection-of-information is estimated to average 5 hours per response, including the time for reviewing the instructions, searching the existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to Assistant Regional Administrator, Sustainable Fisheries Division, NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668.

***ADDITIONAL INFORMATION***

Before completing this form, please note the following: 1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection-of-information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, unless that collection-of-information displays a currently valid OMB Control Number; 2) This information is mandatory and is required to manage commercial fishing efforts under 50 CFR part 679 and under section 402(a) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act (16 U.S.C. 1801, *et seq.*) as amended in 2006; 3) Responses to this information request are confidential under section 402(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act. They are also confidential under NOAA Administrative Order 216-100, which sets forth procedures to protect confidentiality of fishery statistics.

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