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May 10, 2019

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Ms. Julie Andersen
Commissioner, Alaska Department of Community and Economic Development
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Dear Dr. Balsiger and Commissioner Andersen:

Aleutian Pribilof Island Community Development Corporation (APICDA) submits this letter to the National Marine Fisheries Service and the State of Alaska as our 2018 annual statement of compliance, as required in Section 305(i)(1)(E)(v) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act.

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 purpose 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 APICDA made investments in 2018 consistent with the provisions of Section 305(i)(1)(E)(iii) and (iv) of the MSA.

The attached APICDA Resolution 19-1 verifies approval of this statement by APICDA's Board of Directors.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Luke Fanning, CEO

Attachments:

APICDA 19-1 Resolution
APICDA 2019 CDP

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RESOLUTION NO. 19 – 1

Confirming the Aleutian Pribilof Island Community Development Association's (APICDA's) Compliance with Provisions of the Magnuson –Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act during Calendar Year 2018.

WHEREAS, APICDA is formed as a non-profit corporation under the laws of the State of Alaska and is the management organization for the member communities of Akutan, Atka, False Pass, Nelson Lagoon, Nikolski, and St. George under the Western Alaska Community Development Quota (CDQ) Program; and

WHEREAS, APICDA's member communities are eligible to participate in the CDQ program; and

WHEREAS, Section 305(i) (1)(E)(v) of the Magnuson-Steven Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 2006 (Hereinafter "MSA") states that "…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 purpose for which it made investments under the clauses (iii) and (iv) during the preceding year…"; and

WHEREAS, clauses (iii) and(iv) of Section 305(i)(1)(E) of the 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, APICDA has received a request from the Administration of the Alaska Region, National Marine Fishery 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 calendar year 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the APICDA Board of Directors having been advised of the investment activities of APICDA during 2017 and after reviewing the proposed letter of the APICDA CEO to Dr. James Balsiger, Regional Director, Alaska Region, and Commissioner Julie Andersen, confirms in all respects the information provided in the letter and APICDA's compliance with the restrictions on CDQ investments established in Section 305(i)(1)(E) of the MSA for calendar year 2018.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned hereby certify that this Resolution 19-1 passed this 9th day of May, by a vote of 7 for and 0 against.

Mark Snigaroff, Chair

Community Development Plan
January 1, 2019

Introduction: This Community Development Plan (CDP) is developed in accordance with the CDQ Panel Rule Resolution 2008-03. The rule provides two CDP options. APICDA has selected the Minimum CDP Standards option, which states the "CDP shall include the following information for each target CDQ fishery: 1) the type(s) of gear that will be used for harvest, 2) the general time period of such harvest, and 3) its bycatch avoidance plans with respect to the harvest of its share of fishery resources."

Section 1: Types of Gear Used

The types of gear that will be used in APICDA's target CDQ fisheries will consist of the following:

- Pollock, Atka Mackerel, Flatfish (all species), and Pacific Ocean Perch: trawl gear.
- Pacific Cod: predominantly longline gear, but some trawl gear as well.
- Halibut: longline gear.
- Sablefish: pots and/or longline gear.
- Crab: pots.

Section 2: Timing of Fishery

The timing of each target CDQ fishery may vary from one year to the next due to a variety of conditions, however they should generally occur as follows:

- Pollock: The pollock fishery will occur during the A Season and the B Season.
- Atka Mackerel and Pacific Ocean Perch: The Atka mackerel and POP fisheries will normally occur in concert, usually in the winter and fall.
- Flatfish (all species): These fisheries may occur at any time of the year.
- Pacific Cod: The longline harvest of Pacific cod will occur in late winter and early spring, and then in the fall. The trawl portion of the harvest will be scattered through the year.
- Halibut: The halibut CDQ fishery in Area 4 B will normally commence in June of each year and may run through September depending upon the year. The Area 4C halibut CDQ fishery will normally commence in June of each year and may run through October depending upon the year.

- Bering Sea Sablefish: The Bering Sea sablefish CDQ fishery will normally begin in the spring and may run through October depending upon the year.

- Bristol Bay Red King Crab: The Bristol Bay red king crab fishery will occur in the fall of each year.

- St. Matthew's Blue King Crab: The St. Matthew's blue king crab fishery will occur in the fall.

- Opilio Tanner Crab: The Bering Sea opilio Tanner crab fishery will occur in the winter.

- Bairdi Tanner Crab: The Bering Sea bairdi Tanner crab fishery will normally occur in the winter.

- East Aleutian Islands Golden King Crab: The East Aleutian Islands golden king crab fishery will normally occur in the fall.

Section 3: Bycatch Avoidance Plans

Bycatch occurs in two instances: as an incidental harvest of prohibited species, such as crab, halibut and salmon in the trawl, hook and line, and pot fisheries; or, as the harvest of non-target species in any particular fishery. Discards are either mandated for prohibited species, or economic in the case of non-target species. APICDA will address bycatch as follows:

- Our CDQ agreements allocate prohibited species for each of our target fisheries. The allocation is set low to encourage the vessel operator to manage their fishing operation to minimize bycatch. If a prohibited species bycatch allocation is exceeded, the contract allows APICDA to charge for additional prohibited species bycatch to further encourage clean fishing. In addition, the CDQ harvesting agreements generally require the harvesting partner to pay APICDA a royalty whether it harvests all of the target allocation or not; hence, our partners have a vested economic interest in minimizing bycatch.

- For Chinook salmon bycatch in the target pollock CDQ fishery, APICDA has joined the other five CDQ groups in the development and implementation of a cooperative Chinook bycatch reduction and minimization program. This program was implemented January 1, 2011, and works in coordination with the bycatch management and reduction program developed and implemented by the At-Sea Processors Association at the same time.

- With regard to the bycatch of non target/non-PSC species, APICDA strongly discourages the discard of edible fish by its partners.