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Mr. Jon Kurland  
Regional Director, Alaska Region  
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Ms. Julie Sande  
Commissioner, Alaska Department of Community and Economic Development  
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Dear Mr. Kurland and Commissioner Sande:

Aleutian Pribilof Island Community Development Corporation (APICDA) submits this letter to the National Marine Fisheries Service and the State of Alaska as our 2023 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 2023 consistent with the provisions of Section 305(i)(1)(E)(iii) and (iv) of the MSA.

The attached APICDA Resolution 24-1 verifies approval of this statement by APICDA's Board of Directors.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Luke Fanning, CEO

Attachment:

APICDA 24-1 Resolution  
APICDA 2024 CDP



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RESOLUTION NO. 24 – 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 2023.

**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 2023.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the APICDA Board of Directors having been advised of the investment activities of APICDA during 2023 and after reviewing the proposed letter of the APICDA CEO to Mr. Jon Kurland, Regional Director, Alaska Region, and Commissioner Julie Sande, 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 2023.

**CERTIFICATION**

The undersigned hereby certify that this Resolution 24-1 passed this 31st day of May 2024 by a vote of 7 for and 0 against.

Mark Snigaroff, Chair



# Community Development Plan January 1, 2024

## APICDA

**Introduction:** The Aleutian Pribilof Island Community Development Association (APICDA) is one of six groups eligible to participate in the Western Alaska Community Development (CDQ) Program. APICDA represents six communities in the Aleutian and Pribilof region, including: Akutan, Atka, False Pass, Nelson Lagoon, Nikolski and St. George.

This Community Development Plan (CDP) is developed in accordance with standards established under the Magnusen Stevens Act and further outlined in the CDQ Panel Rule/Resolution 2012-04 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 and pot gear, and some trawl gear.
- 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 majority of the longline harvest of Pacific cod will typically occur at the beginning of both A and B seasons but may occur year-round. The trawl portion of the harvest will occur throughout 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, if open, 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 in the trawl, longline and pot fisheries; as non-directed harvest taken incidentally while prosecuting other directed fisheries and, as incidental catch of prohibited species (PSC), such as crab, halibut, and salmon which are discarded at sea as required.

APICDA will address both PSC and other bycatch species as follows:

- APICDA's CDQ agreements allocate prohibited species for each of our target fisheries. Limited allotments are provided to encourage vessel managers to operate in a way that minimizes bycatch and our quota manager maintains close communication with harvest partners and monitors NMFS data throughout the fisheries. In addition, the CDQ harvesting agreements generally contain harvest guarantees that require the harvesting partner to pay APICDA a royalty for a fixed percentage of the quota allotment regardless of whether the quota is fully utilized. In doing so, 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 CDQ groups in the development and implementation of a cooperative Chinook bycatch reduction and minimization program (CDQ Chinook Salmon Agreement). This program works in coordination with the bycatch management and reduction program developed and implemented by the At-Sea Processors Association.
- APICDA strongly discourages the discard of edible non-PSC species fish by its partners.