

North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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March 9, 2015

Fedeosia Balluta, Mayor
City of Newhalen
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Dear Mayor Balluta:

On behalf of Chairman Dan Hull and the North Pacific Fishery Management Council, I am responding to your February 11 letter and your Resolution 15-05, which requests that the City of Newhalen be included in the Community Development Quota (CDQ) program.

While the North Pacific Council designed the original CDQ program in the early 1990s, including the original list of eligible communities organized within six CDQ organizations, this program has since been codified in federal statute by the U.S. Congress (see Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, Section 301(i)(1)). Eligible communities are now specifically listed as part of that Congressional statute and cannot be changed by the Council. While we understand the rationale underpinning Resolution 15-05, the Council is not able to consider your request, as this is now within the purview of the U.S. Congress and can only be changed through Congressional action.

Respectfully,



Chris Oliver
Executive Director

cc: Senator Lisa Murkowski
Congressman Don Young
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February 11, 2015

North Pacific Management Council
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Dear Chairman Dan Hull:

Enclosed is a resolution 15-05 from the City of Newhalen that was passed during our February 10, 2015 meeting. We are requesting that our community be included in the Community Development Quota (CDQ) program under the Magnuson Steven Act through the North Pacific Management Council.

We are requesting to be placed on your April 2015 Meeting agenda to testify on the City of Newhalen's resolution 15-05.

Our community is located on the West side of Lake Iliamna with a population of 214 and we are currently in the 85% poverty rate. Our community is under the Kvichak River escapement for the State of Alaska and the Kvichak has the highest return of sockeye which makes our lakes and tributaries the largest sockeye spawning grounds in the world. Our community has migrated toward Bristol Bay each summer to commercial fish in Bristol Bay. We had a total of 44 drift and setnet permits for the Bristol Bay fishery but due to attrition, we now have a total of 18 drift and setnet permits in our community. Most of residents would migrate toward Bristol Bay in the summer and only a handful would stay back and watch the village. We have people who can show that they have Native Allotment selection sites for their summer camps in Bristol Bay and they can show they have ownership.

We have tried to be in the CDQ program but we do not meet the criteria of being within the 50 nautical miles of the Bering Sea. We believe that we are not represented in the selection criteria since we migrate towards the Bering Sea by going to Bristol Bay each summer months.

In Good Fishing,



Fedosia Balluta, Mayor
City of Newhalen

Cc:
Secretary of Commerce, Penny Pritzher
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Resolution # 15-05

A Resolution requesting North Pacific Fish Management Council to include Newhalen community members into the Community Development Quota (CDQ) program.

WHEREAS, the City of Newhalen is the governing body of the community of Newhalen which is a municipality under the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, current funding for fisheries related activities that are provided by the Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation (BBEDC) is beneficial to the community of Newhalen; and

WHEREAS, the Community of Newhalen is not enrolled in the Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation/CDQ program; and

WHEREAS, education, employment and training and also, Community grants and economic growth and opportunities are not provided to the City of Newhalen community members; and

WHEREAS, the effects of this lack of above stated opportunities will have a long-term negative effect on the community members of the City of Newhalen; and

WHEREAS, the City of Newhalen residents live within the Southwest Alaska which has the highest unemployment and suicide rate in the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, on a house to house survey, the City of Newhalen has a 85% poverty rate; and

WHEREAS, the community of Newhalen would like to be enrolled in the Community Development Quota program.

FURTHER RESOLVE, that the City of Newhalen is hereby authorized to negotiate, execute, and administer any and all documents, contracts, agreements required to be included in the Community Development Quota program.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVE, that the City of Newhalen hereby authorizes North Pacific Fish Management Council or its representative to include the community of Newhalen in the Community Development Quota program.

The undersign, hereby certify that the Newhalen City Council is composed of 7 members of whom _____ were present and that the foregoing resolution is PASSED AND APPROVED by the Newhalen City Council on this _____ day of February 2015.

Signed Fedorcia Balluta
Mayor

Attest Susanna Roselli
City Clerk

North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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March 2, 2015

Mr. Peter Christopher, Sr., President
New Stuyahok Traditional Council
P.O. Box 49
New Stuyahok, AK 99636

Dear Mr. Christopher:

On behalf of Chairman Dan Hull and the North Pacific Fishery Management Council, I am responding to your February 6 letter and your Traditional Council Resolution #2015-03, which requests that the community of New Stuyahok be included in the Community Development Quota (CDQ) program as part of the Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation (BBEDC) CDQ Group.

While the North Pacific Council designed the original CDQ program in the early 1990s, including the original list of eligible communities organized within six CDQ organizations, this program has since been codified in federal statute by the U.S. Congress (see Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, Section 301(i)(1)). Eligible communities are now specifically listed as part of that Congressional statute and cannot be changed by the Council. While we understand the rationale underpinning Traditional Council Resolution #2015-03, the Council is not able to consider your request, as this is now within the purview of the U.S. Congress and can only be changed through Congressional action.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chris Oliver". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Chris" being more prominent than the last name "Oliver".

Chris Oliver
Executive Director

cc: Senator Lisa Murkowski
Congressman Don Young
Senator Dan Sullivan
Secretary of Commerce Penny Pritzker
Governor Bill Walker
Lieutenant Governor Byron Mallott
Mayor Randal A. Hastings

CITY OF NEW STUYAHOK

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February 10, 2015

North Pacific Fisheries Management Council (NPFMC)
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Chairman Dan Hull,

The City of New Stuyahok and its Council in the recent monthly council meeting met with residents of the community to discuss the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council (NPFMC) and the Community Development Quota (CDQP), there have been many discussions of the (NPFMC) and (CDQP) programs and the community sent in past years requesting to be included with the (NPFMC) and (CDQP).

New Stuyahok is located on the Nushagak River within the Bristol Bay Region and is one of the 17 villages that depend on subsistence and commercial fishing as a major source of income and commercial fishing have been here for centuries and New Stuyahok is located in the heart of the five species of salmon that spawn here in the Nushagak River.

The City New Stuyahok and other entities here in the community are dependent on funding sources coming from state and federal governments and now these funds are declining and this will put a burden these entities and residents of this community, the (NPFMC) and (CDQP) will be very beneficial for this community now and in the future for better sustainable and diversified local economy.

The City of New Stuyahok is interested in attending the next North Pacific Fisheries Management Council meeting in the month of April 2015 and request to be added to the agenda to further discuss the attached Resolution #15-03

Any Question Please contact the City of New Stuyahok, contact information listed above.

Sincerely, 

Mayor- Randal A. Hastings

cc's on the following page

cc Continued:

U.S. Secretary of Commerce-Penny Pritzker

U.S. Senator-Lisa Murkowski

U.S. Senator-Dan Sullivan

U.S. Congressman-Don Young

Alaska Governor-Bill Walker

Alaska Lieutenant Governor of Alaska-Byron Mallott

NPFMC Member-Jim Balsiger

NPFMC Member- Sam Cotten

NPFMC Member- Craig Cross

NPFMC Member- Ed Dersham

NPFMC Member-Duncan Fields

NPFMC Member-John Henderschedt

NPFMC Member-Dan Hull

NPFMC Member-Roy Hyder

NPFMC Member-Simon Kinneen

NPFMC Member-David Long

NPFMC Member-Bill Tweit

**CITY OF NEW STUYAHOK
RESOLUTION # 15-03**

THIS RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NEW STUYAHOK, NEW STUYAHOK, ALASKA RECOGNIZING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT QUOTA (CDQ) PROGRAM AND,

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING NORTH PACIFIC MANAGEMENT COUNCIL TO INCLUDE CITY OF NEW STUYAHOK AND ITS RESIDENTS INTO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT QUOTA PROGRAM.

WHEREAS: The City of New Stuyahok is the governing body for the residents whom reside within the City of New Stuyahok Boundaries, and further has the authority to work cooperatively together with the residents for the health and welfare of the residents in the community; and,

WHEREAS: The City of New Stuyahok is located within the Bristol Bay Region and is also located in the five species of salmon that spawn on the Nushagak River; and,

WHEREAS: Residents migrate down to Lewis point during the summer season to harvest salmon and commercial fisherman are closer to the commercial fishing areas and Lewis Point is located 12 miles from Dillingham, Alaska; and,

WHEREAS: The City of New Stuyahok lack the funding resources other than from the State of Alaska; and,

WHEREAS: Funding for fish and non-fish activities are provided by Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation (BBEDC) is beneficial to the City of New Stuyahok and its residents

WHEREAS: The City of New Stuyahok and its Council is not enrolled in the Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation Program and the Community Development Quota Program: and,

WHEREAS: Education, employment, and training also community grants and economic growth including other opportunities are not provided to the residents of this community; and,

WHEREAS: The effects of the above stated opportunities will have the long term effects for the residents of this community without the benefits from the Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation Program and the Community Development Quota Program; and,

WHEREAS: The City of New Stuyahok residents live Southwest Alaska which has the highest unemployment and suicide rate in the State of Alaska; and,

WHEREAS: The City of New Stuyahok residents are part of the 138 homeless people of the Bristol Bay Region that residing in the streets of Anchorage, Alaska; and,

WHEREAS: To be enrolled into the Community Development Quota/Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation. The survival of the residents of this community for beneficial purposes will hinge upon your decision.

FURTHER RESOLVE; That the City of New Stuyahok and its council is hereby authorized to negotiate, execute, administer all documents, contracts and agreements required to include the City of New Stuyahok in the Community Development Quota and the Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation Programs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that the New Stuyahok City Council authorizes the North Pacific Management Council and or its representatives to include the City of New Stuyahok and the residents of this community to be in the Community Development Quota and the Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation Programs.

The undersigned, hereby certify that the New Stuyahok City Council is Composed of 7 members of which 7 were present and that the foregoing resolution was PASSED and APPROVED by the NEW STUYAHOK CITY COUNCIL on this 10th day of FEBRUARY 2015.

Signed by Randal A. Hastings
City of New Stuyahok-Mayor- Randal Hastings

ATTEST: Petricia Chunak
City of New Stuyahok-Clerk- Petricia Chunak

New Stuyahok Traditional Council

Date: Feb. 6, 2015

P.O. Box 49

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North Pacific Management Council

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Dear Chairman Dan Hull,

Enclosed is a resolution 15-03 from New Stuyahok Traditional Council that was passed during our February 5, 2015 meeting. We are requesting to be included to North Pacific Management Council which is community development Quota program.

We are requesting to be placed on your April 2015 meeting and to do testimony on New Stuyahok Traditional Council Resolution 15-03.

Our community of New Stuyahok is on the north side of Nushagak River, which is river of origin that produces 5 species of wild salmon that migrate back out to Bering Sea. The predicted forecast of Bristol Bay 53.98 million for 2015. The residents of New Stuyahok depend on those five species of salmon for subsistence, commercial, and sport fishing

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Christopher Sr.', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Peter Christopher Sr.

President New Stuyahok Traditional Council

cc:

Secretary of Commerce

Penny Pritzher

Senator

Lisa Murkowski

Senator

Dan Sullivan

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Dersham, Duncan Fields and Dave Hanson**

New Stuyahok Traditional Council

Resolution # 2015-03

A Resolution requesting North Pacific Management Council to include New Stuyahok members into the Community Development Quota (CDQ) program.

WHEREAS: New Stuyahok Traditional Council is the governing body as a recognized tribe, and further has the authority to work cooperatively together for the betterment of the members of New Stuyahok Traditional Council;

WHEREAS: Lack of assurance that the current funding sources from State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS: Current funding for fisheries related activities that are provided by Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation (BBEDC) is beneficial to the Community of New Stuyahok; and

WHEREAS: The New Stuyahok Traditional Council is not enrolled in the Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation/CDQ program; and

WHEREAS: Education, employment, and training also Community grants and economic growth and opportunities that are not provided to the New Stuyahok Traditional Council members; and

WHEREAS: The effects of this lack of above opportunities will have long-term effects on the members of New Stuyahok Traditional Council; and

WHEREAS: The New Stuyahok Traditional Council members live in Southwest Alaska which has the highest unemployment and suicide rate in the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS: The New Stuyahok Traditional Council members are part of the 138 homeless people of the Bristol Bay Region that reside on the streets of Anchorage, Alaska; and

WHEREAS: To be enrolled into the Community Development Quota/Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation. The survival of the community members will hinge upon your decision.

FURTHER RESOLVE, that New Stuyahok Traditional Council is hereby authorized to negotiate, execute, and administer and all documents, contracts and agreements required to include in enrollment to the Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation/CDQ program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council hereby authorizes North Pacific Management Council or its representatives to include the New Stuyahok Traditional Council members in the Community Development Quota program/Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation.

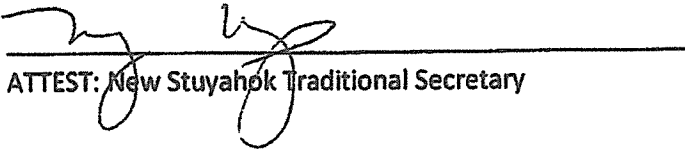
The undersigned, hereby certify that the Council is composed of 7 members, of whom 7 were present and that the foregoing resolution was PASSED AND APPROVED by the Council on this 5th day of February, 2015.

Vote: 7 Yeas 0 Nays

Signed



New Stuyahok Traditional Council President



ATTEST: New Stuyahok Traditional Secretary

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March 20, 2015

AlexAnna Salmon
President, Igiugig Tribal Village Council
P.O. Box 4008
Igiugig, AK 99613

RE: Request for North Pacific Fishery Management Council support to add Village of Igiugig to CDQ program

Dear Ms. Salmon:

On behalf of the North Pacific Council, and Chairman Dan Hull, I am responding to your request for our consideration of inclusion of Igiugig to the Western Alaska CDQ program. While the North Pacific Council designed the original CDQ program in the early 1990s, including the original list of eligible communities organized within six CDQ organizations, this program has since been codified in federal statute by the U.S. Congress (see Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, Section 301(i)(1)). Eligible communities are now specifically listed as part of that Congressional statute and cannot be changed by the Council.

Your letter requests (1) that the North Pacific Council support amending the Magnuson-Stevens Act to allow the inclusion of Igiugig (or other communities) in the CDQ program, and (2) that this issue be placed on the Council's April meeting agenda for consideration. With respect to your first request, the North Pacific Council is prohibited from directly lobbying Congress, though we can respond to Congressional requests for our positions on legislation that is introduced for consideration by Congress. The Council has commented on many aspects of proposed legislation once it has been introduced in Congress for consideration, and when specifically requested to do so. Unless and until such legislation has been introduced, and we have been requested by Congress to express our position, the North Pacific Council is unable to express a position on this matter.

With regard to your second request, and for the reasons stated above, we are not able to place your request on the Council's April agenda for consideration. Additionally, we are required by law to finalize, and publish in the Federal Register, our meeting agenda at least 23 calendar days prior to the meeting. For public notice reasons, additions to that agenda can only be made for emergency situations, or for minor, informational items. As your request would represent a major policy issue for the Council, this further precludes us from placing this on our meeting agenda in April. However, I will make the Council aware of your request (as well as similar requests we have recently received from other Alaska communities), and the reasons that we cannot add this issue to our April agenda.

Respectfully,



Chris Oliver
Executive Director



IGIUGIG TRIBAL VILLAGE COUNCIL

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Date: March 11, 2015

North Pacific Fishery Management Council

ATTN: Dan Hull, Chairman

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Re: Request for Participation in the Western Alaska Community Development Quota Program

Dear Chairman Hull,

Igiugig Tribal Village Council passed Resolution No. 15-17, authorizing members to petition the North Pacific Fishery Management Council to consider supporting an amendment to the Magnuson Stevens Act to allow Igiugig Tribal Village Council and the residents of the Village of Igiugig to join the Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation and participate in the Western Alaska Community Development Quota (CDQ) Program.

According to the NOAA Fisheries website, the Western Alaska CDQ Program was created to provide western Alaskan villages "(i) ...with the opportunity to participate and invest in fisheries in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management area; (ii) to support economic development in western Alaska; (iii) to alleviate poverty and provide economic and social benefits for residents of western Alaska; and (iv) to achieve sustainable and diversified economies in western Alaska." The village of Igiugig is located on Lake Iliamna and the Kvichak River in Bristol Bay and western Alaska. Igiugig is a fishing community currently not included in the Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation or the Western Alaska CDQ Program because the community is located more than 50 nautical miles from the coast.

However, Igiugig residents depend on all the species of wild salmon that migrate from the Kvichak headwaters to the Bering Sea for subsistence, commercial, or sport fishing.

The Western Alaska CDQ Program was designed to help western Alaska residents. Including the Igiugig Tribal Village Council and the village of Igiugig's residents in the program would only further its cause and objectives. Therefore, Igiugig Tribal Village Council respectfully requests that the North Pacific Fishery Management Council include in its April 2015 Agenda the matter of the Western Alaska CDQ including additional communities like Igiugig and allow the Igiugig Village Council to testify on these issues. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Alexandra Salmon

President, Igiugig Tribal Village Council

"Community Development Quota (CDQ) Program." NOAA Fisheries. NOAA, n.d. Web. 08 Mar. 2015.

Igiugig Tribal Village Council
Resolution # 15-17

Subject: A Resolution requesting North Pacific Fishery Management Council to include Igiugig Village Council for eligibility and membership under Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation (BBEDC) and the Western Alaska Community Development Quota (CDQ) Program.

WHEREAS, the Igiugig Tribal Village Council is a federally-recognized tribal entity authorized to cooperatively administer programs and services for the betterment of approximately 70 residents of the Western Alaska Village of Igiugig, within the Bristol Bay region;

WHEREAS, the Village of Igiugig is not located on the Gulf of Alaska coast of the North Pacific Ocean;

WHEREAS, the majority of residents of Igiugig conduct their current commercial or subsistence fishing effort in the waters of the Bering Sea;

WHEREAS, the Western Alaska Community Development Quota (CDQ) Program is an economic development program intended to provide western Alaska communities the opportunity to participate and invest in the federally managed fisheries in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands (BSAI), to support the 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;

WHEREAS, current economic development opportunities in the Bristol Bay region are administered by the Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation (BBEDC), which represents 17 villages in the region that are eligible to participate in the CDQ Program.

WHEREAS, substantially all of the members of least four of the BBEDC villages that are currently participating in the CDQ Program reside in areas outside of Western Alaska;

WHEREAS, Igiugig Tribal Village Council is not a member of BBEDC and is not currently eligible to participate in the CDQ Program because it is located more than 50 nautical miles from the coast, as defined by the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA);

WHEREAS, the Igiugig Tribal Village Council has consistently maintained a strong interest in promoting the traditional Alaska village lifestyle for the residents of Igiugig;

WHEREAS: Igiugig residents would benefit from the education, employment, and training as well as the economic development and growth and opportunities that are available under the CDQ Program, and this is especially true in today's economic climate where state funding sources have become increasingly scarce;

WHEREAS: the Igiugig Tribal Village Council's enrollment in the program would directly promote the CDQ Program goals by supporting economic development within the region, helping to alleviate poverty

and provide economic and social benefits for the residents of Igiugig and promoting a sustainable and diversified local economy in the village;

WHEREAS: the Igiugig Tribal Village Council's economic survival is largely dependent upon its ability to participate in programs such as the CDQ Program.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Igiugig Village Tribal Council is authorized to negotiate, execute, and administer all documents, contracts and agreements required to secure membership in the BBEDC and the CDQ Program;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Igiugig Village Tribal Council hereby authorizes its members to petition the North Pacific Fishery Management Council, the U.S. Secretary of Commerce and the Alaska Congressional Delegation to adopt whatever amendments necessary to render Igiugig Tribal Village Council and the Village of Igiugig's Residents eligible for participation in the CDQ Program and membership in the BBEDC.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above resolution was adopted by the Igiugig Village Council at the regularly scheduled meeting on March 9, 2015 at which a quorum was present, by a vote of

5 IN FAVOR, and 0 AGAINST.

AlexAnna Salmon

AlexAnna Salmon, President

3/9/15

Date

Attest: _____

[Signature]