

Ivanof Bay Tribal Council

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RESOLUTION 2011-02

Community Quota Entity Funding

This Resolution is entered into by Ivanof Bay Tribe, federally recognized Tribe, representing its tribal members as of the date set forth herein below.

WHEREAS: the community of Ivanof Bay is a remote and isolated community in Southwest

Alaska accessible only by air and water; and

WHEREAS: the community's historic and current economic development activities has been

primarily focused on local participation in the fisheries in the waters off its coast;

and

WHEREAS: the community and its residents are struggling to sustain themselves in the

current economic climate; and

WHEREAS: the Community Quota Entity (CQE) program was created under federal law to

assist coastal communities in the Gulf of Alaska in participating in the fisheries

within the region; and

WHEREAS: the community looks to previous actions by federal and state regulators in

Western Alaska when the Community Development Quota (CDQ) program was established, including the economic advantages provided to that program, and the historic nature in which it ushered in a new and sustainable economic model

for the residents of that region; and

WHEREAS: the members of Ivanof Bay Tribe question why similar substantial efforts and outreach have not been secured on their behalf in and for the benefit of the communities and residents in the Gulf of Alaska; and

WHEREAS: the communities are quickly losing hope in the ability to provide for their longterm futures absent meaningful assistance from the elected leaders in Alaska; and

WHEREAS: the CQE program needs real, non-illusory and substantial financial backing to make it an effective and meaningful program that all Alaskans can be proud of; and

WHEREAS: the CQEs and their sponsoring communities want a "hand up", not a "hand out" when it comes to the type of financial backing necessary to make the CQE program successful; and

WHEREAS: a package has been assembled to establish the basic economic underpinning and long term success of the CQE program that is reasonable and prudent, and that will insure there is a local Alaska owned presence in the related fisheries in perpetuity; and

WHEREAS: it is now time for the Legislature to act to provide said financial backing and access to capital to the CQEs in a program that is real and meaningful;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Ivanof Bay Tribe approves the following actions:

- The Tribal Council of the Ivanof Bay Tribe is authorized and instructed to sign a letter of support to the Governor, its State Senators and Representatives in the Alaska Legislature urging them to introduce, debate, adopt and fund a meaningful CQE loan program along the lines of the package that has been put together for the benefit and viability of the CQE program;
- 2) The Tribal Council of Ivanof Bay Tribe is instructed to provide a copy of this Resolution to our Congressional Delegation in Washington, DC, to informing them of our support for this effort;
- 3) The Tribal Council of Ivanof Bay Tribe is instructed to assist the Gulf of Alaska Coastal Communities Coalition and other regional and local entities and communities in pushing for adoption and funding of the proposed CQE legislative package; and
- 4) The Tribal Council of Ivanof Bay Tribe is instructed to inform the fishermen and residents of Ivanof Bay that a package to fund the CQE program is being offered in

the State Legislature and that they should contact the Governor and their State Senator and Representative urging them to introduce and seek passage of the bill.

CERTIFICATION:

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was passed by the tribal council via a telephone pole on 02/15/11 to be ratified at the March 2011 regularly scheduled council meeting.

There were five FOR, zero AGAINST and ZERO abstentions. Five of five council members were polled.

Signed:

Edgar J.Shangin

President

Signed: Mide D. Cubrera

Nicole D. Cabrera

Tribal Administrator/ Council Secretary

