



Coastal Villages Region Fund

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Representative Bob Herron
State Capital, Room 411
Alaska Legislature
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Bob,

Thank you for making time today to discuss our concerns regarding our hair crab permits in the Bering Sea.

Coastal Villages Region Fund (CVRF) has interests in two Korean Hair Crab permits that are subject to possible cancellation by Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC), if the Alaska Legislature fails to support a new sunset provision. We therefore respectfully request that you file the companion bill in the Alaska House of Representatives to SB54.

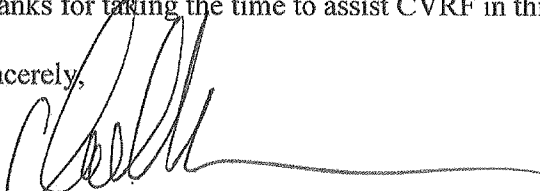
CVRF has significant economic interests in the Bering Sea which are providing jobs and benefits to the 9,300 residents of our twenty member villages along the coast from Scammon Bay down to Platinum. In 2006 we invested in two vessels with history in the hair crab fishery, including two hair crab permits. We believe that extending the sunset provision for another five year period is the proper resolution and course of action at this time.

We are hopeful that CVRF may be able to harvest Korean hair crab in the future. The utilization of these permits could provide additional jobs for our village residents. We are already providing tremendous job opportunities for our residents aboard our vessels in the Bering Sea king crab and opilio crab fisheries.

I understand that SB 54 is scheduled for hearing on March 4, 2013 at 3:30 PM. CVRF will be monitoring the hearing and we are available any time if you need more information. Henry Mitchell will be CVRF's contact person on this issue. Henry's e-mail is mitchellak@aol.com

Thanks for taking the time to assist CVRF in this endeavor.

Sincerely,


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Executive Director