



WESTERN ALASKA COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

December 13, 2011

Bruce Botelho
Alaska Sea Party
217 Second Street, Suite 200
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Mr. Botelho,

On behalf of the participants of the Western Alaska Community Development Quota (CDQ) Program, we are writing to express our support for the Alaska Sea Party's efforts to restore a coastal management program in Alaska through its citizens' coastal management initiative.

Collectively, the Western Alaska Community Development Association (WACDA) represents the six CDQ entities, the 65 eligible CDQ communities and over 27,000 citizens who reside along the Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands coast and participate in federal fisheries through the CDQ Program. The CDQ organizations strongly endorse the reestablishment of a coastal management program in Alaska.

An important tool to influence and shape coastal development, a coastal management program gives the state and local communities a meaningful voice in the protection of Alaska's interests and values in the development of our coastal lands and waters. A coastal management program establishes a coordinated review process, balances competing demands and uses of coastal resources, and gives Alaskans the ability to substantially influence federal decisions that impact our resources.

WACDA appreciates the Alaska Sea Party's efforts to promote a ballot initiative to restore a coastal management program in Alaska. In addition to our \$5,000 financial contribution towards this initiative, the six CDQ groups stand ready to do everything possible to secure the necessary signatures before the deadline.

Sincerely,
Western Alaska Community Development Association

Aggie M. Blandford
Executive Director

cc: WACDA Board of Directors/CDQ Panel

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| AKUTAN | CHEVAK | EKUK | GOLOVIN | KONGIGANAK | MEKORYUK | NEWTOK | PILOT POINT | SCAMMON BAY | STEBBINS | TWIN HILLS |
| ALAKANUK | CLARKS POINT | EKWOK | GOODNEWS BAY | KOTIK | MOUNTAIN VILLAGE | NIGHTMUTE | PLATINUM | SHAKTOOLIK | TELLER | UGASHIK |
| ALEKNAGIK | DILLINGHAM | ELIM | GRAYLING | KOVUK | NANNEK | NIKILSKI | PORT HEIDEN | SOUTH NARNEK | TOGIAK | UNALAKLEET |
| ATKA | DIOMEDE | EMMONAK | HOOVER BAY | KWIGILLINGOK | NAPAKAK | NOME | PORTAGE CREEK | ST. GEORGE | TOKSOOK BAY | WALES |
| BREVIG MISSION | EEL | FALSE PASS | KING SALMON | LEVELOCK | HAPASKIAK | MUNAM IQUA | QUINHAGAK | ST. MICHAEL | TUNTUTULIAK | WHITE MOUNTAIN |
| CHEFORIAK | EGEGIK | GAMBELL | KIRLUK | MANOKOTAK | NELSON LAGOON | OSCARVILLE | SAVOONGA | ST. PAUL ISLAND | TUNUNAK | |