ALASKA COMMUNITY QUOTA ENTITY (CQE) PROGRAM OMB CONTROL NO. 0648-0665 (Expiration Date: 02/29/2016)

It is time to renew the Alaska Community Quota Entity (CQE) Program OMB information collection. Could you please take a few moments and provide comments on this program, specifically on the forms you are familiar with in this collection:

- Application for a Non-profit Corporation to be Designated as a Community Quota Entity (CQE)
- <u>Application for Transfer of QS to or from a CQE</u>
- Application for a CQE to transfer IFQ to an eligible community resident or non-resident
- <u>Application for a CQE to Receive a Non-trawl Groundfish LLP License</u>
- <u>Application for Community Charter Halibut Permit (CCHP)</u>
- <u>Application for Transfer Between IFQ and GAF by a CQE</u>
- CQE Annual Report
- CQE LLP Authorization letter

Please comment on the forms; does the form have:

- Public utility of the information we collect from you,
- Clarity of instructions,
- Accuracy of the time estimate, and
- Any other aspect of this information collection.

If you really have no comments, please just say "no comment", since this will count as a comment!

Please e-mail your responses to me at <u>patsy.bearden@noaa.gov</u> by January 29, **2016**.

Please call me at 907-586-7008 if you have any questions or need more information. Thanks in advance for your help.

Respectfully,

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