

	<p>Application For Approval Of Use Of Non-CDQ Harvest Regulations</p>	<p>U.S. Dept. of Commerce/NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Sustainable Fisheries Division P.O. Box 21668 Juneau, AK 99802-1668 Fax: 907-586-7465, Tel: 907-586-7228</p>	
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This application is used to form a voluntary cooperative to fish in the Western Alaska Community Development Quota (CDQ) fisheries under regulations developed for a non-CDQ fishing sector. This application is used when participants are requesting the use of non-CDQ regulations when the CDQ regulations are more restrictive.

NOTE: Attach a copy of 1) the voluntary cooperative contract or affidavit and 2) a list of vessels associated with the cooperative or affidavit as required by 50 CFR 679.32(e)(3).

<i>TYPE OF APPLICATION</i>	
Indicate Type of Application	
<input type="checkbox"/> New Application	<input type="checkbox"/> Amended Approval

<i>BLOCK A – VOLUNTARY FISHERY COOPERATIVE INFORMATION</i>		
1. Name of Voluntary Cooperative:	2. Name of Cooperative’s Representative:	
3. Permanent Business Mailing Address:		
4. Business Telephone Number:	5. Business Fax Number:	6. Business e-mail Address:

<i>BLOCK B – APPLICANT INFORMATION</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if applicant is the same as the entity/person identified in Block A. If YES , proceed to Block C.		
1. Name of Organization:	2. Name of Organization’s Representative:	
3. Permanent Business Mailing Address:		
4. Business Telephone Number:	5. Business Fax Number:	6. Business e-mail Address:

Instructions
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GENERAL INFORMATION

The Western Alaska Community Development Quota (CDQ) Program is an economic development program associated with federally managed fisheries in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area (BSAI). A CDQ representative or cooperative manager may submit to NMFS an application for the use of non-CDQ regulations when the CDQ regulations are more restrictive than the regulations otherwise required for participants in non-CDQ groundfish fisheries. This application may be submitted to NMFS at any time.

Once approved, an application to use alternative CDQ harvest regulations is effective as of the date on which NMFS approves the application. The approval is effective until the requesting entity withdraws its application, or until there is a change in the membership of the voluntary cooperative, whichever occurs first.

NMFS will approve an application to use non-CDQ harvest regulations if—

- ◆ All of the information submitted with the application complies with the requirements of 50 CFR part 679.32(e)(2) and (3),
- ◆ The vessels listed on the application form represent a majority of vessels participating in an applicable sector, and
- ◆ The relevant CDQ harvest regulations are more restrictive than the non-CDQ regulations for the applicable sector.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Retain a copy of the completed application for your records.

Submit the completed application via one of the following means:

By fax to	907-586-7465
By mail to	Sustainable Fisheries Division NMFS Alaska Region P.O. Box 21668 Juneau, AK 99802-1668

If you have any questions, or if you need any assistance completing the application, please call NMFS Sustainable Fisheries at 907-586-7228.

COMPLETING THE APPLICATION

Submit the following information on this form:

TYPE OF APPLICATION

Indicate whether this application is for a new application or an amended approval.

BLOCK A – VOLUNTARY FISHERY COOPERATIVE INFORMATION

1. Name of the voluntary cooperative.
2. Name of the cooperative's representative.
3. Permanent business mailing address.
- 4–6. Business telephone number, Business fax number, and Business e-mail address.

BLOCK B – APPLICANT INFORMATION

If applicable, check box denoting that information in Block A is the same as that requested in Block B. If the Cooperative and the Applicant are not the same, enter the following:

1. Name of the applicant's organization.
2. Name of the organization's representative.
3. Permanent business mailing address.
- 4–6. Business telephone number, Business fax number, and Business e-mail address.

BLOCK C – CERTIFICATION

Enter the Representative's printed name, signature, and date signed.

BLOCK D – COOPERATIVE VESSEL IDENTIFICATION (Attach additional sheet if necessary.)

Name

Federal Fisheries Permit (FFP) number, and

License Limitation Program (LLP) groundfish license number of each vessel

ATTACHMENTS -- COOPERATIVE DOCUMENTATION

The applicant must include either a copy of the current voluntary fishing cooperative contract demonstrating participation in the cooperative by the owners of each of the vessels named on the application form or an affidavit that includes the information required in 50 CFR 679.32(e)(3)(i)(B).

NMFS must be able to determine the following information from the voluntary fishing cooperative contract or the affidavit:

- the name of the authorized representative of the cooperative;
- the printed names and signatures of each vessel owner that is a party to the voluntary cooperative;
- the vessel name, FFP number, and LLP license number for each vessel managed under the cooperative; and
- the target species, processing mode, gear types, and management area(s) associated with the voluntary cooperative's federal fishing operations.

Public Reporting Burden Statement

A Federal agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, nor shall a person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with an information collection subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 unless the information collection has a currently valid OMB Control Number. The approved OMB Control Number for this information collection is 0648-0269. Without this approval, we could not conduct this information collection. All responses to this information collection are required to obtain or retain benefits and are required to manage the commercial fishing effort of the CDQ program in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands management area under 50 CFR part 679 and under section 402(a) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act (16 U.S.C. 1801, *et seq.*) as amended in 2006. Public reporting burden for this information collection is estimated to average 5 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the information collection. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this information collection, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to NOAA, National Marine Fisheries Service, Alaska Region, Attn: Assistant Regional Administrator, Sustainable Fisheries Division, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668.

Privacy Act Statement

Authority: The collection of this information is authorized under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, 16 U.S.C. 1801, *et seq.*

Purpose: NMFS is collecting this information to manage the Western Alaska Community Development Quota (CDQ) Program. NMFS will use this information to determine eligibility of an entity to use non-CDQ regulations or to amend information previously submitted by a CDQ group.

Routine Uses: NMFS approval letter and list of vessels eligible to fish under non-CDQ regulations is a public document and will be released to the public upon request. Disclosure of this information is permitted under the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. Section 552a) to be shared among authorized staff for work-related purposes. Disclosure of this information is also subject to the published routine uses identified in the [Privacy Act System of Records Notice COMMERCE/NOAA-19](#), Permits and Registrations for the United States Federally Regulated Fisheries.

Disclosure: Furnishing this information is required to obtain or retain benefits. Failure to provide complete and accurate information may delay or prevent an entity from receiving approval to use non-CDQ harvest regulations.
