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Re: December 2010 Agenda Item C-4(a)

## Initial Review Draft

Regulatory Impact Review for a Regulatory Amendment to Allow Community Quota Entities in Area 3A to Purchase D Category Halibut Quota Share

The Yakutat Community Holding Corporation acts as the Community Quota Entity for the City and Borough of Yakutat. We submit this letter on behalf of the board.

We have read the review draft of the proposed regulatory change requesting class D shares be made available for purchase for CQE's. We offer the following points of clarification in opposition to this change.

- 1.) The original intent of D-share IFQ was to foster small boat fisheries, common in the qualifying CQE communities.
- 2.) D-shares are typically in smaller blocks allowing entry level fishermen an opportunity to grow into the fishery
- 3.) D-shares are cheaper then other IFQ classes reducing capital costs when entering the longline fishery

The purpose of creating fishing quota for boats less than 35 feet is that it reserves quota for entry-level fisherman. Local fishermen typically diversify into several fisheries utilizing small boats for longlining, crabbing, shrimping, gillnetting and trolling to make ends meet in small villages. All of these fisheries can be conducted nearshore out of small vessels. Allowing competition for over a third of D-class shares will make purchasing class-D IFQ's more expensive and harder to come by

Instead we wish to stay with the original program and purchase C-class IFQ which is both more abundant and in larger blocks. We understand that it will be difficult to raise

funding for the more expensive C Class IFQ's, but in the end, the goal of the CQE program is to infuse larger amounts of IFQ's back into coastal communities where the fishermen pay for schools, electricity and maintain the general economic welfare of remote villages.

Creating competition for D-class IFQ will hinder overall economic growth in Yakutat therefore we unanimously oppose this motion.

Respectfully,

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