

RE: C2 Chum Salmon Bycatch - Initial Review

I am Cheryl Maxie of Napaskiak, I have been the Community Benefits Coordinator for Coastal Villages Region Fund (CVRF) since September 2019. CVRF acts as a gateway to our 20 communities, by providing important resources that strengthen self sufficiency for our people. CVRF offers programs that significantly impact and impacted our communities. The Louis Bunyan Memorial Scholarship, for instance, supports students pursue higher education. The Heating Oil program helps families cope with the harsh winter conditions. The People Propel program assists those in buying vehicles that are essential for subsistence activities. Moreover, our Mechanic Welder Shops help properly maintain the vehicles by keeping vehicles mobile. The Youth to Work Program employs our young individuals with the skills necessary to secure professional employment, that reduces summer unemployment. These services are significant impacts on our 20 communities that are facing economic challenges. Without CVRF, our 20 communities would most likely cope with poverty and limited opportunities to be self sufficient.