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Toksook Bay, a member community in the CDQ group with Coastal Villages Region Fund, benefits economically from the CVRF programs. Unlike other communities in or around urban areas with economic bases like tourism and natural resources, the community of Toksook Bay lacks such.

Toksook has 2020 Census population of 658, median age at 24.6 years, employment rate at 48.9%, poverty rate of 27.03%, 211 households, median household income of \$52,019, 134 total housing units. Per 247wallst, the cost of living for a single adult living in Toksook Bay is \$46,788 which is greater than the annual cost of living for Alaska of \$45,372 and greater than the national figure of \$38,433. Per Alaska Economic Trends Magazine, the price of heating oil fuel in January 2024 was \$7.48 while the U.S. average was at \$3.99.

Elders 60 years of age or older comprises 13% of the population; Elders benefit from the Heating Oil program. The cars and trucks are not very reliable to own and maintain in the remote and isolated regions of Alaska. The People Propel program supported our residents' subsistence lifestyles and food security with the acquisition of reliable modes of transportation like All-Terrain-Vehicles, outboard motors, and snowmachines. Youth ages 10-19 years comprises 18% of the population; youth benefit from the Youth-To-Work program which is designed to prepare youth to work in CVRF communities in the future.

CVRF pollock fishery has the technology that aids in collection of scientific data on bycatch, thus having low numbers in bycatch compared to other fisheries. CVRF, as our primary source of economic development in fisheries, let CVRF continue to and maintain its slogans Pollock Provides and Work, Fish, Hope. Our residents depend on and benefit from CVRF.

Thank you,

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