



# Coastal Villages Region Fund

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## Alaska Organizations Partner to Move 22,500+ Pounds of Salmon from Bristol Bay to CVRF Communities

*Ryan Air, Alaska Marine Lines, King Salmon Ground Services, SeaShare and CVRF provided residents with salmon to support subsistence lifestyle this winter*

ANCHORAGE, Alaska – 9/23/2021– For the first time in many years, the Department of Fish and Game closed subsistence fishing in Chevak, Hooper Bay, and Scammon Bay leaving many unable to fill their freezers and fish racks for the winter. Today, [Coastal Villages Region Fund \(CVRF\)](#) announces that in collaboration with Alaska organizations including [Alaska Marine Lines](#), [Ryan Air](#), [King Salmon Ground Services](#) and [SeaShare](#), more than 625 households in CVRF’s largest communities were provided salmon in mid-August.

As a result of this collaborative effort, residents were able to receive more than 22,500 of salmon secured by CVRF, of which 6,000 pounds were donated by Ekuk Fisheries and distributed via SeaShare.

This fish delivery from Bristol Bay would not have been possible without the support of all organizations involved. King Salmon Ground Services stored the fish, while Alaska Marine Lines provided freight services to move the product from Ekuk Fisheries to King Salmon. Then Ryan Air provided air freight services for the fish from King Salmon to Hooper Bay, Scammon Bay and Chevak.

“We’re pleased to work with Alaska Marine Lines, Ryan Air, King Salmon Ground Services, SeaShare to assist our residents in this time of need. Each organization was instrumental in the success of this program,” said Eric Deakin, CEO of CVRF.

“Community members were extremely thankful when we delivered the salmon to them; some were crying tears of joy,” said Max Green, a CVRF Community Service Representative. “All of us were happy to support the communities through this innovative program. The next day, we were sore and tired from the physical work, but it was very rewarding to be able to participate.”

Cynthia Paniyak, a Chevak resident, said, “I thawed one right away and baked it! Sooo good! Quyana Cakneq.”

For more information on CVRF and its innovative programs and partnerships, please visit <https://coastalvillages.org/>.



*Jason Lazore of King Salmon Ground Services posing with the stored salmon.*



*CVRF staff distribute salmon in communities.*

**About Coastal Villages Region Fund**

*Coastal Villages Region Fund (CVRF) uses Bering Sea fishing rights granted to it by the Community Development Quota (CDQ) program to foster sustainable and diversified local economies in western Alaska. CVRF is organized as a 501(c)(4) Alaska non-profit corporation and operates in 20 member communities located along the west coast of Alaska, from Scammon Bay to Platinum. CVRF generates the money to fund its programs by harvesting fish in the Bering Sea with its own fleet of vessels.*

*CVRF is dedicated to creating sensible, tangible, and long-term economic development opportunities that generate hope for the more than 9,300 residents of its communities. It is governed by a Board of Directors consisting of one member democratically elected from each community. CVRF one of the largest Alaskan-owned seafood company in history and the first CDQ group to own and control the vessels that harvest the vast majority of its CDQ allocations.*

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