



**MEDIA STATEMENT
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“A new bill introduced by Rep. Peltola raises many questions about the future of sustainable pollock fishing in the Bering Sea, which accounts for more than 70% of the revenues of CDQs like Coastal Villages Region Fund. In a search for solutions to a true crisis of low salmon abundance, the bill as written could introduce a second crisis in Western Alaska communities that depend on CDQs, while favoring Seattle based crabbing companies and pushing pollock vessels into areas of higher salmon bycatch.”

“Fisheries are highly complex, which is why Congress created regional councils to issue regulations based on deep understanding of the facts and science. We will continue working with Rep. Peltola and her office to assure her bill protects Western Alaska communities and the critical programs that are funded by CDQ pollock fishing.”

Eric Deakin, CEO, Coastal Villages Region Fund

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