



# NW Pacific & Arctic Fisheries: Revenue, Workforce, and Infrastructure Panel

**Western Alaska Community Development  
Quota (CDQ) Program Benefiting Local  
Economies**

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# CDQ Program

## Purpose:

- To provide eligible Western Alaska villages with the opportunity to participate and invest in fisheries in the Bering Sea and Aleutian islands management area.
  - Support economic development in Western Alaska.
  - Alleviate poverty and provide economic and social benefits for residents of Western Alaska.
  - Achieve sustainable, diversified local economies.
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- 10% of BSAI Quota allocated between six groups.
  - 80% of all CDQ investments must be fisheries-related.
  - Board of Directors are members of CDQ communities.

Toksook Bay

# Statutory Authority

The 65 communities in the CDQ program are identified in statute and were selected based on several criteria:

- Proximity to the Bering Sea (<50 miles) and BSAI fisheries.
- Recognition as a Native village.
- Lack of previously developed commercial fishing or processing capacity.

The CDQ program was made permanent under a 1996 bill reauthorizing the Magnuson-Stevens Fisheries Conservation and Management Act (MSA).

St. Paul Island



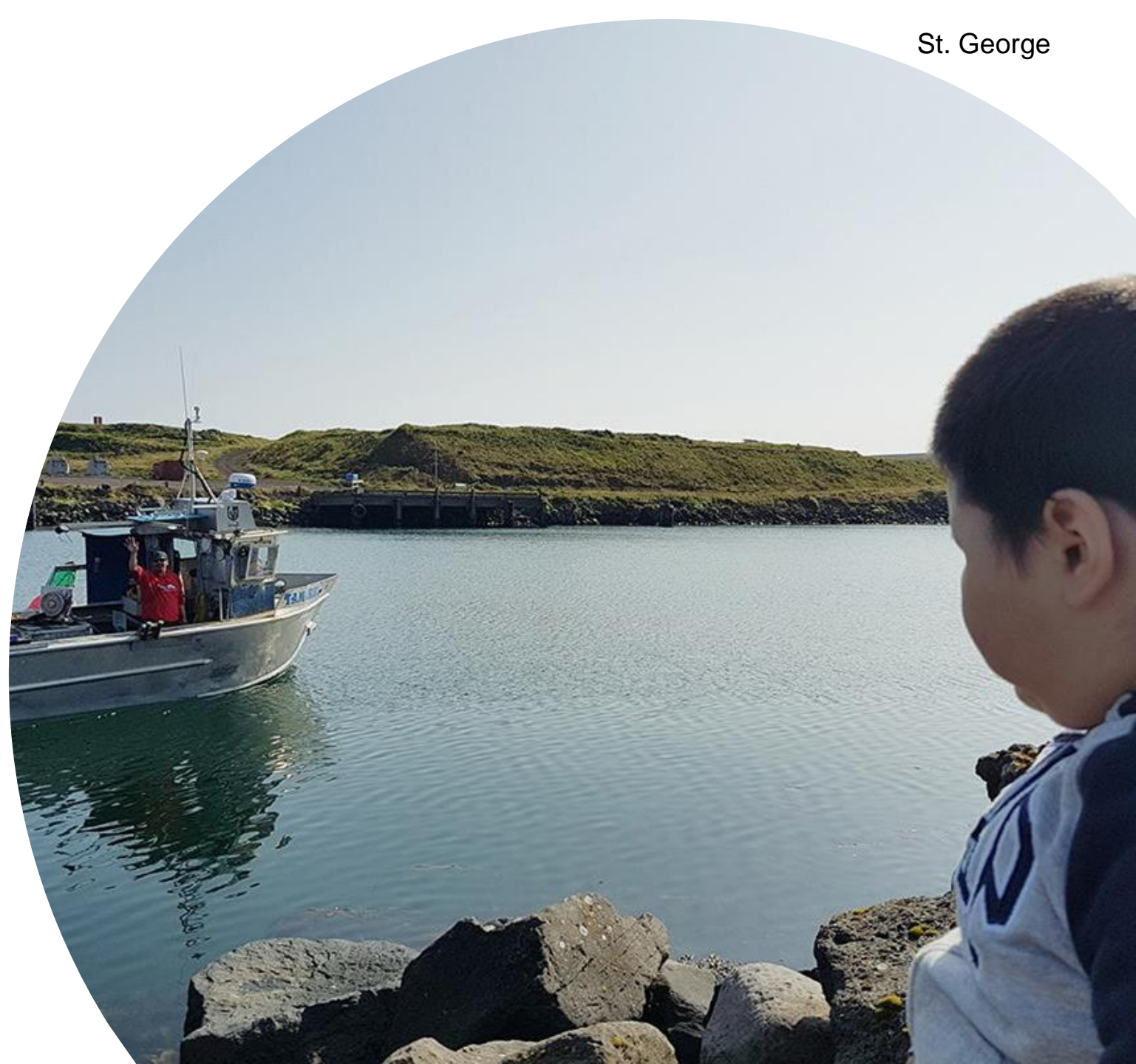
# Employment

- Providing employment opportunities is the primary economic initiative of several groups.
- Approximately **5,000 jobs** and **\$260 million** in annual labor income can be attributed to CDQ groups, including all aspects of the program (BSAI industry jobs, jobs associated with development programs and multiplier effects). More than **2,300** of these positions are in-region.



# Increasing access to fisheries through operational support

- Assistance with vessel, permit and quota purchases (loan programs and pre-season advances)
- Vessel upgrades for quality improvements
- Tender and ice support
- Market Access
- Administrative support
- Small boat halibut and salmon fishery support—the groups purchased raw product from over 400 Western Alaska fishermen in 2020





# Training and Education

The CDQ program invested over **\$25.6 million** in training and education from 2011-2020.

- Scholarships
- Internships
- Vocational training in partnership with state and non-profit entities
- Marine safety and first-aid
- Fisheries education and salmon camp
- Early childhood education funding
- School grants
- Culture Camp support

NSEDC's Commercial Pilot  
Scholarship



# Collaborative Fisheries Research

CDQ groups work with community partners, industry and management agencies to help fund essential science and research.

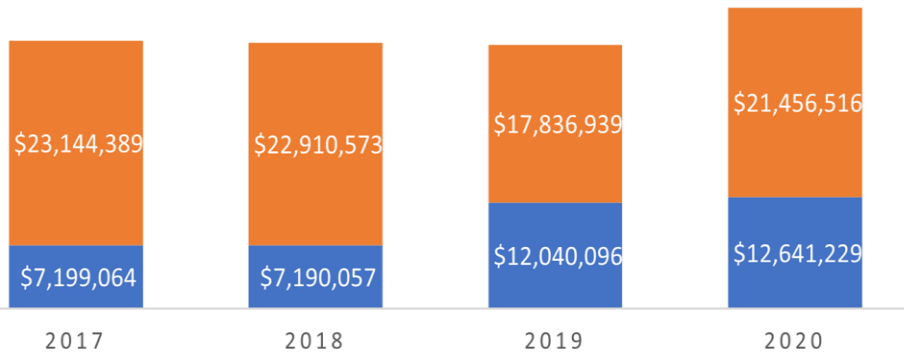
- Norton Sound Fisheries Research and Development
- Bristol Bay Science and Research Institute (BBSRI)
- Yukon Delta Fisheries Development Association Science Program
- Alaska King Crab Research, Rehabilitation and Biology Program (AKCRRAB)

In 2020, CDQ groups invested **\$5.5 million** towards research efforts.

Bristol Bay

# CDQ COMMUNITY CAPITAL INVESTMENTS

■ Infrastructure Projects   ■ Community Benefit Projects



## Infrastructure Development

- Over **\$30 Million** is invested annually in local infrastructure
- Funding leverages state, federal and private resources
- Funding assistance for small boat harbors
- Boat maintenance and haul-out facilities
- Shoreside processing plants
- Fuel Farms
- Critical community support services: water, electricity, and heating
- Community Centers
- **\$5 Million** on average paid annually in state and local taxes

Emmonak, Lower Yukon River Regional Port





# Federal Fishery Investments

- CDQ communities own a combined total of \$1.3 billion in assets. In 2020, CDQ groups leveraged that asset base to generate approximately \$300 Million in total gross revenues to advance community initiatives.
- CDQ has interest in 20% of total BSAI fisheries.
- Strategic partner investments have been critical to helping groups achieve their mission.
- Over the past thirty years, Alaska community interest in the pollock fishery has grown to approximately 30 percent.
- Pollock related revenue supports the majority of CDQ program and benefit work.

# Federal Cod Investments

- CDQ and Alaska Native Corps combined own roughly 40% of the cod freezer longline fishery.
- Low bycatch rates.
- Exceptional quality cod product that captures high market value.

## Aleutian Longline Co.

- Arctic Prowler, Ocean Prowler
- Siberian Sea, U.S. Liberator



# Summary

- CDQ Program provides wide-ranging benefits for 30,000 residents in 65 communities in Western Alaska.
- The CDQ program plays a critically important role in local economies and employment in Western Alaska.
- Tens of millions of dollars are invested annually in essential infrastructure, education, and local fisheries.
- Over the past 30 years the sector has successfully increased community and Alaska ownership in many federal groundfish, crab, and IFQ fisheries to support its mission.



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