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Dear Municipal Official,

Attached please find the 2017 Shared Fisheries Business Tax Program application. I am sorry for the delay in getting this distributed to you. There have been many changes in DCRA over the past year, and so along with the changes come learning challenges. Having said that, next year should be smooth sailing!

The purpose of the *Shared Fisheries Business Tax Program (SFBT)* is to provide for a sharing of state fish tax collected outside municipal boundaries with municipalities that have been affected by fishing industry activities. Municipalities around the state will share approximately \$2.60 million based on 2015 fisheries activity as reported by fish processors on their fish tax returns.

The law that created this program requires that program funding be first allocated to fisheries management areas around the state based on the level of fish processing in each area compared to the total fish processing for the whole state. Then the funding is further allocated among the municipalities located within each fisheries management area based on the relative level of impacts experienced by each municipality. Details of how the program works are presented in the application under *Program Description*.

Your municipality is located in the Central Southeast Fisheries Management Area (FMA 18). The municipalities located in this area include Coffman Cove, Edna Bay, Kake, Kupernof, Pelican, Petersburg Borough, Port Alexander, Sitka, and Wrangell. The FY 17 program allocation to be shared within this area is estimated to be \$93,119.28.

The fisheries management areas where the program allocation is greater than \$4,000 multiplied by the number of municipalities in the area, program regulations provide for a "long-form" application. In your area, the threshold value equals \$36,000, (9 municipalities x \$4,000) and you are therefore receiving the attached Long-Form Application. The long-form application provides for a "standard" and an "alternative" method of funding allocation. We encourage your municipality to complete the FY 17 SFBT application as soon as possible. Due to the delay in sending these applications out, the **deadline to return them has been extended to March 17, 2017.**

If you have any questions about the program or require assistance in completing the application, please call me at 465-5541.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Debi Kruse".

Debi Kruse
Community Aid and Accountability Manager

FMA 18: Central Southeast Area									
Alternative Method*	Business Tax	50% Divided	50% per capita	Calculated Allocation	Landing Tax	Estimated Payment			
	Total allocation:	50% Divided	50% per capita		Total allocation				
	\$91,111.72	\$45,555.86	\$45,555.86		\$2,007.56				
Community	Population	50% divided share	50% per capita share	Calculated Allocation					
Coffman Cove	199	\$5,061.76	\$580.42	\$5,642.18					
Edna Bay	47	\$5,061.76	\$137.08	\$5,198.85		\$124.32			\$5,766.50
Kake	620	\$5,061.76	\$1,808.35	\$6,870.11		\$114.55			\$5,313.40
Kupreanof	20	\$5,061.76	\$58.33	\$5,120.10		\$151.38			\$7,021.49
Pelican	101	\$5,061.76	\$294.59	\$5,356.35		\$112.82			\$5,232.91
PB	3,199	\$5,061.76	\$9,330.51	\$14,392.27		\$118.02			\$5,474.37
Port Alexander	62	\$5,061.76	\$180.84	\$5,242.60		\$317.12			\$14,709.39
CBS	8,929	\$5,061.76	\$26,043.17	\$31,104.93		\$115.52			\$5,358.11
CBW	2,442	\$5,061.76	\$7,122.57	\$12,184.33		\$685.37			\$31,790.30
Totals	15,619	\$45,555.86	\$45,555.86	\$91,111.72		\$268.47			\$12,452.80
Community Count	9					\$2,007.56			\$93,119.28
*All municipalities share 50% of allocation equally; share remaining 50% on a per capita basis.									