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Bryant Hammond
City of Nome
PO Box 281
Nome, AK 99762

Dear Bryant:

The Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development is pleased to announce availability of the **FY 2024 Shared Fisheries Business Tax Program**. The purpose of the program is to allocate a share 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 \$1.3 million based on 2022 fisheries activity as reported by fish processors on their fish tax returns. Details of how the program works are included in the application under Program Description.

Your municipality is located within a fisheries management area, **FMA 11: Norton Sound** with a total allocation of \$4,000 or less, therefore you have been provided a Short-Form Application. I have attached a separate sheet that details the communities that are in your FMA, in addition to the anticipated payment. If the determination of the municipalities' allocation is \$50.00 or less, the department will determine that the amount of the effects from fisheries business activities is negligible and the department will not distribute the allocation to the applicant. This will be determined by the applications received within your FMA.

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF COMPLETED APPLICATION IS
FEBRUARY 15, 2024**

Applications can be scanned and emailed to caa@alaska.gov with the subject line "**Nome, FY24, SFBT**". If you have any questions about the program or require assistance in completing the application, please contact me at zoe.olson@alaska.gov or call (907) 263-2156.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Zoe Olson in black ink.

Zoe Olson
Grants Administrator 2

Enclosure

DCCED
Shared Fisheries Business Tax Program
FY24 Short-Form Application For
FMA 11: Norton Sound



APPLICATION MUST BE SUBMITTED TO DCCED
NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 15, 2024

State of Alaska
Mike Dunleavy, Governor

Department of Commerce, Community, and
Economic Development
Julie Anderson, Commissioner

Division of Community and Regional Affairs
Sandra Moller, Director

FY24 SHARED FISHERIES BUSINESS TAX PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The purpose of the Shared Fisheries Business Tax Program is to provide for an annual sharing of fish tax collected outside municipal boundaries to municipalities that can demonstrate they suffered significant effects from fisheries business activities. This program is administered separately from the state fish tax sharing program administered by the Department of Revenue which shares fish tax revenues collected inside municipal boundaries.

Program Eligibility

To be eligible for an allocation under this program, applicants must:

1. Be a municipality (city or borough); and
2. Demonstrate the municipality suffered significant effects as a result of fisheries business activity that occurred within its respective fisheries management area(s).

Program Funding

The funding available for the program this year is equal to half the amount of state fisheries business tax revenues collected outside of municipal boundaries during calendar year 2022.

Program funding is allocated in two stages:

1st Stage: Nineteen Fisheries Management Areas (FMAs) were established using existing commercial fishing area boundaries. The available funding is allocated among these 19 FMAs based on the pounds of fish and shellfish processed in the whole state during the 2022 calendar year. For example, if an area processed 10% of all the fish and shellfish processed in the whole state during 2022, then that area would receive 10% of the funding available for the program this year. These allocations are calculated based on Fisheries Business Tax Return information for calendar year 2022.

2nd Stage: If the total funding available for a Fisheries Management Area (FMA) is less than the long-form threshold value (the value determined by multiplying the number of municipalities in an area by \$4,000), then one half of the allocation is divided equally among the eligible applicants in that area. The other half of the area allocation is distributed among the eligible applicants proportionate to the populations of all the eligible applicants in the area. This is known as the short-form method*.

** Because your municipality is located within a Fisheries Management Area with a total allocation less than the long-form threshold value, you have been provided a Short-Form Application.*

FY24 SHARED FISHERIES BUSINESS TAX PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Short-Form Application Method: In order to receive funding under the Short-Form Application Method, an applicant must have suffered significant effects during the program base year from fisheries business activities that occurred within its respective fisheries management area(s).

Some important definitions: The Shared Fisheries Business Tax Program provides for a sharing of State Fisheries Business Tax with municipalities that can demonstrate they suffered *significant effects* during the *program base year* from *fisheries business activity* in their respective fisheries management area.

For the purposes of this program, "fisheries business activity" means:

- activity related to fishing, including but not limited to the catching and sale of fisheries resources;
- activity related to commercial vessel, moorage, and gear maintenance;
- activity related to preparing fisheries resources for transportation; and,
- activity related to processing fisheries resources for sale by freezing, icing, cooking, salting, or other method and includes but is not limited to canneries, cold storages, freezer ships, and processing plants.

And, "significant effects" means:

- municipal expenditures during the program base year demonstrated by the municipality to the department to be reasonable and necessary that are the result of fisheries business activities on the municipality's:
 - population;
 - employment;
 - finances;
 - air and water quality;
 - fish and wildlife habitats; and,
 - ability to provide essential public services, including health care, public safety, education, transportation, marine garbage collection and disposal, solid waste disposal, utilities, and government administration.

And, "program base year" means:

- calendar year 2022.

FY24 SHARED FISHERIES BUSINESS TAX PROGRAM

SHORT-FORM APPLICATION

For

FMA 11: NORTON SOUND

Name of Municipality: City of Nome

Mailing Address: PO Box 281 Nome AK 99762

Contact Person: Angie Nguyen

Title: Executive Assistant

Email Address: anguyen@nomealaska.org

Phone Number: 907-443-6600

Return with attached resolution:

E-mail

caa@alaska.gov

Subject Line

“Municipality Name, FY24, SFBT”

Or

Mail

State of Alaska DCCED

Shared Fisheries Business Tax Program

550 W 7th Ave, Suite 1650

Anchorage, AK 99501

FY24 Shared Fisheries Business Tax Program
Short Form Method Resolution

(City or Borough)

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THAT THE MUNICIPALITY DID SUFFER SIGNIFICANT EFFECTS DURING THE PROGRAM BASE YEAR FROM FISHERIES BUSINESS ACTIVITIES THAT OCCURRED WITHIN THE FMA 11: NORTON SOUND FISHERIES MANAGEMENT AREA.

WHEREAS, AS 29.60.450 requires that for a municipality to participate in the FY24 Shared Fisheries Business Tax Program, the municipality must demonstrate to the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development that the municipality suffered significant effects during calendar year 2022 from fisheries business activities; and,

WHEREAS, 3 AAC 134.060 provides that if the allocation available for a fisheries management area is less than the long-form threshold value, a municipality may demonstrate that it suffered significant effects during the program base year from fisheries business activities that occurred within that fisheries management area through a resolution of the municipality's governing body; and

WHEREAS, The _____ is located within a fisheries management
(City or Borough)
area with an allocation less than the long-form threshold value; and

WHEREAS, 3 AAC 134.120 provides that this resolution satisfies the Short-Form Application resolution requirements under the FY24 Shared Fisheries Business Tax Program;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The _____ by this
(Governing Body)
resolution certifies that the _____ did suffer significant effects during
(City or Borough)
calendar year 2022 from fisheries business activities that occurred within the FMA 11: Norton Sound fisheries management area and wishes to apply for funding under the FY24 Shared Fisheries Business Tax Program.

PASSED and APPROVED by a duty constituted quorum of the _____ this _____ day
of _____, 20____.
(Governing Body)

SIGNED _____
Mayor

ATTEST _____
Clerk

FMA 11: Norton Sound					FY 22 Landing Tax Allocation	Reference
					\$0.00	Number
Total allocation:		50% Divided	50% per capita			
54.45		\$27.22	\$27.22			
Community	Population	50% divided share	50% per capita share	Calculated Allocation	Calculated Allocation	Total Distribution
City of Brevig Mission	437	\$1.94	\$1.35	\$3.30	\$0.00	24-SF11-01 \$ 3.30
City of Elim	354	\$1.94	\$1.09	\$3.04	\$0.00	24-SF11-02 \$ 3.04
City of Gambell	629	\$1.94	\$1.94	\$3.89	\$0.00	24-SF11-03 \$ 3.89
City of Golovin	190	\$1.94	\$0.59	\$2.53	\$0.00	24-SF11-04 \$ 2.53
City of Koyuk	312	\$1.94	\$0.96	\$2.91	\$0.00	24-SF11-05 \$ 2.91
City of Nome	3,469	\$1.94	\$10.72	\$12.67	\$0.00	24-SF11-06 \$ 12.67
City of Saint Michael	446	\$1.94	\$1.38	\$3.32	\$0.00	24-SF11-07 \$ 3.32
City of Wales	113	\$1.94	\$0.35	\$2.29	\$0.00	24-SF11-08 \$ 2.29
City of Savoonga	833	\$1.94	\$2.58	\$4.52	\$0.00	24-SF11-09 \$ 4.52
City of Shaktoolik	234	\$1.94	\$0.72	\$2.67	\$0.00	24-SF11-10 \$ 2.67
City of Stebbins	629	\$1.94	\$1.94	\$3.89	\$0.00	24-SF11-11 \$ 3.89
City of Teller	234	\$1.94	\$0.72	\$2.67	\$0.00	24-SF11-12 \$ 2.67
City of Unalakleet	722	\$1.94	\$2.23	\$4.18	\$0.00	24-SF11-13 \$ 4.18
City of White Mountain	205	\$1.94	\$0.63	\$2.58	\$0.00	24-SF11-14 \$ 2.58
Totals	8,807	\$27.22	\$27.22	\$54.45	\$0.00	\$ 54.45
Community Count	14					

* All municipalities receive an equal share of the allocation.