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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 Cook Inlet Fisheries Management Area (FMA 14). The municipalities located in this area include Homer, Kachemak, Kenai, Kenai Peninsula Borough, Seldovia, Seward, Soldotna, Mat-Su Borough, Houston, Palmer, Wasilla and the Municipality of Anchorage. The FY 17 program allocation to be shared within this area is estimated to be \$44,083.27.

The fisheries management areas where the program allocation is less than \$4,000 multiplied by the number of municipalities in the area, program regulations provide for a "short-form" application. In your area, the threshold value equals \$48,000, (12 municipalities x \$4,000) and you are therefore receiving the attached Short-Form Application. 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 14: Cook Inlet Area**

Alternative Method*	Business Tax Total allocation: <b>\$44,083.27</b>	50% Divided \$22,041.64	50% per capita \$22,041.64	Landing Tax Total allocation <b>\$0.00</b>	TOTAL Estimated Payment
MOA	298,908	\$1,836.80	\$13,345.04	\$0.00	\$15,181.85
Homer	5,153	\$1,836.80	\$230.06	\$0.00	\$2,066.86
Kachemak	483	\$1,836.80	\$21.56	\$0.00	\$1,858.37
Kenai	7,229	\$1,836.80	\$322.75	\$0.00	\$2,159.55
KPB	57,763	\$1,836.80	\$2,578.89	\$0.00	\$4,415.69
Seldovia	226	\$1,836.80	\$10.09	\$0.00	\$1,846.89
Seward	2,740	\$1,836.80	\$122.33	\$0.00	\$1,959.13
Soldotna	4,319	\$1,836.80	\$192.83	\$0.00	\$2,029.63
MSB	100,178	\$1,836.80	\$4,472.55	\$0.00	\$6,309.35
Houston	2,096	\$1,836.80	\$93.58	\$0.00	\$1,930.38
Palmer	6,135	\$1,836.80	\$273.90	\$0.00	\$2,110.71
Wasilla	8,468	\$1,836.80	\$378.06	\$0.00	\$2,214.87
<b>Totals</b>	<b>493,698</b>	<b>\$22,041.64</b>	<b>\$22,041.64</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$44,083.27</b>
Community Count	12				

\*All municipalities share 50% of allocation equally; share remaining 50% on a per capita basis.