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**Project Proposal:**

Request for **\$6,500** to support a total program cost of **\$18,250** for the installation of the 2014 Navigational Buoy and Stake Program (CDFU Buoy Fund).

**Date of Project Completion:**

Markers will be installed before the 2014 Copper River season opener.

CR/PWSMA's support of this program will strengthen cooperative partnerships and support quality enhancement, directives stated in both the organization's governing bylaws and strategic priorities.

For the last 18 years, CDFU has administrated contracting and funding for the annual installation of the navigational stakes and buoys that mark two channels inside the Copper River Delta barrier islands, Pt. Whittshed to Egg Island & Steamboat to Pete Dahl and in recent years has seen substantial increases in program costs.

CDFU expanded funding asks to community stakeholders creating a cooperative partnership that ensures successful continuation of this valuable program. Current funding sources include individual fleet contributions, in the form of additional donations with annual CDFU membership, direct dollar contributions from the CR/PWSMA and local processors as well as CDFU's staff & resources for program promotion and administration.

Harvesters and tenders utilize these navigational aids annually, as they promote safe and efficient navigation to and from the Copper River commercial fishing grounds, which ensures prompt delivery of an optimum quality product.

An increase in CR/PWSMA's direct dollar contribution to \$6,500, in combination with continued support from local processors and CDFU administration preserves the strength of community partnerships. The proposed increase is equivalent to each S03E permit holder contributing approximately \$12.00 to this program and would distribute overall program costs as illustrated in the table below.

**Cost Estimate including Partner Contributions:**

CDFU Contract Admin	\$5,500
CR/PWSMA – Goal	\$6,500
Local Processors – Goal	\$6,750
<b>Program Total</b>	<b>\$18,250</b>

Thank you for your careful consideration of this proposal and expanded partnership opportunity. Please feel free to contact me directly if I may be of further assistance or answer any questions you may have in formulating your decision.