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Coastal Villages Announces New Staff Appointments

ANCHORAGE, AK – Coastal Villages Region Fund (CVRF) announced today the addition of two new team members to its community benefits staff – Lang Van Dommelen and Lena Aloysius. Both Lang and Lena join CVRF to continue the unprecedented success in providing benefits and economic development in CVRF's 20 member villages in Western Alaska.

"We are excited to welcome two talented professionals to our team," said Nathaniel Betz, CVRF's community benefits manager. "Both of these individuals come to us with valuable experience, mission-driven energy, and strong connections to our communities. The quality of our programs team directly impacts our ability to deliver world-class community development programs in our communities, and these hires put us in a great position to do that well into the future."

Lang Van Dommelen will fill the position of Community Information Coordinator. Having grown up in rural Alaska, Lang holds a degree in political science and environmental studies from the University of Alaska Anchorage. He has worked as a research professional at the Institute of Social and Economic Research, Alaska Energy Authority, Alaska Center for Energy and Power, and Intelligent Energy Systems, a renewable energy company providing services to villages in rural Alaska, including the CVRF region.

Lena Aloysius will fill the position of Community Program Coordinator. She grew up in Holy Cross and holds an undergraduate degree in political science from Pacific University and an education graduate degree in curriculum and instruction from the University of Denver. Lena's passion is education – she has worked as an instructor at a creative arts academy in Colorado and at Mt. Edgecumbe in Sitka where she attended high school. Most recently, she served as a shareholder outreach manager for Doyon Universal Services where she specialized in designing and implementing workforce development programs to advance the careers of shareholders.

“CVRF gives a heartfelt welcome to Lang and Lena to the Coastal Villages family,” said CVRF’s executive director, Morgen Crow. “We look forward to new and fresh ideas for building the economic independence of our 20 member communities for the next seven generations and beyond.”

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CVRF is a 501(c)(4) Alaska non-profit corporation whose 20 member villages are along the west coast of Alaska from Scammon Bay to Platinum. CVRF is believed to be the largest Alaskan-owned seafood company in history and is governed by a 20-member Board of Directors elected by the residents of its 20 member communities. CVRF is dedicated to providing economic development in its 20 member communities by creating sensible, tangible and long-term opportunities that generate Hope for residents who want to Fish and Work. CVRF is the largest jobs provider in its member villages and is the first CDQ group to own and control the vessels that harvest its CDQ allocations.

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