

# THE CO-OP FARM & GARDEN

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## CASH ACCOUNT – MEMBER

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_

**Our Privacy Statement:** Clallam Co-op respects your privacy. We do not sell, rent, or give identifiable personal information regarding our customers to any third party. Information that you give to us is held with the utmost care and security.

### REQUIRED INFORMATION

#### INDIVIDUAL CONSENT AND CERTIFICATION OF TAXPAYER I.D.

**Members of the Clallam Co-op receive discounts in the store. Members may also receive a yearly dividend. This dividend will be determined by the Board of Directors. \*See page two(2) for explanation.\***

**The following information must be provided to meet IRS requirements.**

_____ Name as shown on account	_____ Taxpayer ID Number (SS# or EIN)
_____ Mailing Address	_____ City State Zip

I hereby consent to include in my gross income, as now or hereafter provided in the federal income tax laws, the stated dollar amount of each written notice of allocation which I receive from **Clallam Cooperative, P.O. Box 608, Sequim, WA 98382**, with respect to my patronage occurring during the current and all subsequent taxable years of this cooperative. This consent shall be revocable by me at any time if in writing.

Certification – Under penalties of perjury, I certify that (1) The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me), and (2) I am not subject to backup withholding because (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding.

Certification Instructions – You must cross out items (2) above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because of under reporting interest or dividends on your tax return. However, if after being notified by the IRS that you were subject to backup withholding you received another notification from the IRS that you are no longer subject to backup withholding do not cross out item (2)

The Internal Revenue Service does not require your consent to any provision of this document other than the certification required to avoid backup withholding.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# Patronage Dividends

Patronage dividends allow us to strengthen our co-op so we can continue to serve our community now and in the future. Every year that the Co-op is profitable, our board **will have the option** of allocating dividends to members with some being retained **as needed** and some being distributed as deemed necessary.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **What is a Patronage Dividend?**

When Co-ops have a surplus (a.k.a. profit) left over at the end of the fiscal year, the Board may vote to declare a share of the surplus to the members as distributable surplus. The surplus is allocated in direct proportion to a co-op member's purchases in that fiscal year and that allocation is called a "Patronage Dividend."

### **Why does the Co-op retain a percentage of the Patronage Dividend?**

The Board of Directors will determine the percentage of the Patronage Dividend that is to be retained. This is done on a yearly basis. This amount will be used by the Co-op to operate, to grow, and to achieve our Ends.

### **What will influence the potential amount of my Patronage Dividend in future years?**

Your dividend is related to how much you shop at the Co-op, how successful we are as a business, and the expenses we face in a given year. The more successful we are, and the more you contribute to that success, the more you could get refunded.

### **How are my purchases recorded?**

In order to record your purchase, the cashier asks for your member number before each transaction. All merchandise rung through under your number is recorded by our system.

### **Do I have to pay income taxes on my patronage dividend refund?**

Patronage dividend refunds are not taxable income unless your purchases were for purposes other than personal use. If this is the case for you, please consult your tax advisor.