



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

*National Marine Fisheries Service
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Dear Sablefish Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) Permit Holder:

On March 6, 2008, it came to the attention of the NOAA Fisheries Service that the 2008 sablefish total allowable catch (TACs) were incorrectly specified as 1,950 mt in the West Yakutat and 3,390 mt in the Southeast Outside Districts of the Gulf of Alaska in the document "2008 and 2009 Harvest Specifications for Groundfish in the GOA" (73 FR 10562, February 27, 2008). As a result, the fixed gear (non-trawl) allocations of those TACs were incorrect, as were all of the sablefish IFQ permits the Restricted Access Management Program recently issued for those two Districts.

To address this issue, the Alaska Regional Administrator corrected the TACs and fixed gear Individual Fishing Quota allocations through a notice both filed in the Federal Register and effective on March 14, 1008. The correction reduces the 2008 (all gear) TAC in the Southeast District by 170 mt and increases the TAC in the West Yakutat District by that same amount. **The net effect of the change is that the number of pounds on all IFQ permits issued for Southeast decreased, and pounds issued on all IFQ permits for West Yakutat increased.** The following table shows the revised data:

District	Revised TAC (all gears) in metric tons	Revised Fixed Gear (IFQ) TAC Allocation in metric tons	Revised Fixed Gear (IFQ) TAC Allocation in round pounds	Revised Ratio (Quota Share Units:Annual IFQ Pounds)
Southeast	3,220	3,220	7,089,812	9.3143
West Yakutat	2,120	1,853	4,085,124	13.0391

Please note that as a result of the revision, the 2008 vessel cap for the Southeast District also has decreased and is now 70,988 round weight equivalent pounds.

Your revised 2008 IFQ permit(s) is enclosed with this letter and is effective immediately.

If you have questions about your IFQ permits contact the Restricted Access Management Program by telephone at (800) 304-4846 (opt 2) or (907) 586-7202 (opt 2), by fax at (907) 586-7354, or by email at ram.alaska@noaa.gov For assistance with landings, contact your local NMFS Enforcement Office.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure(s)

