



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

National Marine Fisheries Service

P.O. Box 21668

Juneau, Alaska 99802-1668

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Dear IFQ Permit Holder:

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with your personalized 2008 Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) Fee Liability Summary (bill). You are receiving this letter because you are a person who, according to our records, held a 2008 IFQ halibut and/or sablefish permit against which landings were recorded. Therefore, you have incurred a liability to pay fees based on the ex-vessel value of your IFQ landings.

The 2008 IFQ fee percentage is **1.4 percent** of the ex-vessel value. The National Marine Fisheries Service, Alaska Region (NMFS/AKR), Operations, Management and Information Office (OMI), in coordination with the Restricted Access Management (RAM), determined this percentage by calculating all the expenditures that were directly related to the management and enforcement of the IFQ program for Fiscal Year 2008, dividing that total by the total NMFS/AKR standard ex-vessel value of the entire fishery, and then making other adjustments in accordance with regulations.

General Instructions

With your Summary we are enclosing an IFQ Fee Submission Form and instructions.

If you agree with the amount owed as set out on the Fee Summary, you are not required to submit this form; simply pay the bill using one of the methods explained below.

If you disagree with the Fee Summary and instead choose to pay based on the actual value you received from the sale of your 2008 IFQ fish, **you must submit the completed IFQ Fee Submission Form and attach documentation verifying the actual value you received for your fish.** Pay close attention to the form instructions and enter all required information (including information on any bonuses or retro payments for IFQ fish).

Regardless of whether you pay based on the standard amount NMFS calculated or the actual value you received for your fish, your payment must be postmarked no later than **January 31, 2009**, to be considered timely. Because we will not be sending receipts, we strongly recommend that you keep copies of everything submitted, including your payment.

Payment Options

You may pay in one of the following ways:



- By credit card or electronic check through our secure on-line system at web site <https://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/webapps/ifqaccounts/Login>, entering your NMFS ID and your password, and following the directions. On-line payments are processed through **Pay.gov, a secure system for electronic payments used by many government agencies.**

Reminder: IFQ and CDQ permit holders and Hired Masters access RAM's on-line services by using a unique NMFS ID-password, and Registered Buyers use a Registered Buyer password. If you know your NMFS ID but do not recall your password, you can have your password e-mailed to you from the login page. If you need assistance accessing the on-line services please contact RAM toll free at (800) 304-4846 (select option #2); or

- By check or money order, made payable to the National Marine Fisheries Service or NMFS, and mailed to: **Office of Operations, Management and Information (OMI)**, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802. **Do not mail cash.** Be sure and address your envelope correctly to avoid delays in processing your payment. Your payment must be postmarked by January 31, 2009.

Regardless of your chosen method of payment, if you pay based on your actual value, you must mail your Fee Submission form to NMFS postmarked by January 31, 2009.

Please note that if you fail to pay your fee liability by January 31, 2009, you will be issued an Initial Administrative Determination (IAD), which will make a formal finding that the fee is due and payable; you will have 30 days in which to respond (or appeal). During those 30 days, you will not be able to transfer Quota Shares or IFQ in or out of your name. If you fail to respond in the time allotted, a Final Agency Action will be taken that formally establishes your debt. You will be subject to interest, penalties, and late fees on your account and your QS or IFQ transfer privileges will remain suspended.

Further, every 30 days after Final Agency Action has been taken, you will receive a late notice with additional interest, penalties, and late fees assessed. If you fail to respond to us after 180 days, your account will be turned over to collections.

If you have any questions regarding the Cost Recovery Program or your account, please call the NMFS/Alaska Region toll free at (800) 304-4846 (select option #2) or via facsimile at (907) 586-7354. Alternatively, you can visit our web site at www.fakr.noaa.gov.

Sincerely,

Ray Howard, Regional Budget Officer
Operations, Management and Information

Enclosures:
Fee Submission Form
Fee Summary