



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

*National Marine Fisheries Service
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Dear Registered Crab Receiver:

Regulations revising a number of Federal groundfish, crab, and halibut requirements, including Registered Crab Receiver (RCR) reporting for Crab Rationalization (CR) cost recovery fees, are effective January 14, 2009. Details are included in the Federal Register notice: 76 FR 76136, December 15, 2008; you can view the document at our web site: <http://www.alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/frules/73fr76136.pdf>.

Among the changes is a new reporting requirement for all RCRs to submit an annual "Ex-vessel Volume and Value Report" detailing the amount and total value (whether in dollars, good and services, and including "retro" and bonus payments) of CR crab purchased: by month, port, fishery, species, and CR program type (Adak, CDQ, or IFQ). You must submit a report for each RCR permit for which you reported landings of crab not processed at sea. This report replaces use of prices reported at time of landing as the basis for our cost recovery fee liability estimates.

Your first new annual report is due May 15, 2009 for the current crab fishing year; thereafter, reports are due May 15th each crab fishing year. You may submit data all at once, or in increments at any time prior to close of business May 15. This report must be completed on-line using a form accessible on our web site (below) after logging in with the RCR's NMFS ID and password.

Access to all online services, including reporting systems and account and landings data and this new Ex-vessel Volume and Value Report data entry form, is available from the main NOAA Fisheries, Alaska Region main web address: <http://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov>

For questions about this new cost recovery report contact RAM 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.

Sincerely,

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