



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

National Marine Fisheries Service
P.O. Box 21668
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Dear IFQ/CDQ Halibut Registered Buyer:

A legible copy of your valid Registered Buyer (RB) permit must be present at the location of an IFQ landing or a CDQ halibut landing and must be made available by an individual representing the Registered Buyer for inspection on request of any authorized officer, on the vessel(s) or at the shore side location specified on your application. If you have a permit and change your operation type, you will need to update your permit at the time your operation changes.

❖ **Permits and online services:**

- Current active Registered Buyer Permits expire on December 31, 2012.
- RAM has discontinued use of plastic cards. IFQ and CDQ halibut permit holders, and Hired Masters are issued paper permits.
- Access to all online services, including reporting systems and account and landings data, is available from the NOAA Fisheries, Alaska Region main web address: <http://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov>
- All Alaska Regional online services, including account balances, ledger reports and other sensitive business data are accessed with the permit holder's NMFS ID and password. **Registered Buyers do NOT need an IFQ holder's or Hired Master's password to complete landing reports, either in eLandings or using RAM's legacy internet reporting system. NMFS will not release passwords except directly to the permit holder.** Sharing your password, even for your own convenience, may compromise your data's confidentiality.

❖ **Registered Buyer recordkeeping and reporting obligations:**

- Buyers must report landings of IFQ fish or of CDQ halibut electronically. Use the Interagency Electronic Reporting System's "eLandings" web-based application (client software is available for catcher/processor vessels). Alternatively, for the time being you may still use NOAA's older, web-based electronic reporting system. **Again, Registered Buyers do NOT need a permit holder's password to complete landing reports.**
- If you are conducting activities as a shoreside processor, you will be sent an Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) RB Ex-Vessel Volume and Value Report to complete for the period October 1, 2009, through September 30, 2010. This report is needed for the IFQ fee (cost recovery) program and completion is required under record keeping and reporting regulations at 50 CFR § 679.5. The report is required to be submitted annually and due at RAM no later than 4:30 p.m., Alaska Time, October 15th each year. This form may be submitted by mail, fax, or via Internet.

For questions about your Registered Buyer permit 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. For assistance with landings, contact your local NMFS Enforcement Office. For assistance with the CDQ program, contact the NMFS Sustainable Fisheries Division by telephone at (800) 304-4846 (opt 3) or (907) 586-7228.

Sincerely,

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Restricted Access Management

