



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

*National Marine Fisheries Service*

*P.O. Box 21668*

*Juneau, Alaska 99802-1668*

Fishing Year 2009

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.

❖ **2009:** The IFQ, and CDQ halibut seasons open **March 21, 2009**, noon Alaska local time.

❖ ***Permits and online services:***

- Current active Registered Buyer Permits expire on December 31, 2009 and do not need to be renewed at this time. You will receive renewal information from our office in October or November of 2009.
- IFQ, and CDQ halibut permitholders and Hired Masters are no longer issued plastic cards. 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 permitholder'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 permitholder.*** 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 permitholder'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, 2008, through September 30, 2009. 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jessica Gharrett".

Jessica Gharrett  
Acting Program Administrator  
Restricted Access Management