



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

National Marine Fisheries Service  
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**To: Federal Fisheries Permitholders  
Federal Processor Permitholders**

Dear Permitholders:

The purpose of this letter is to remind you that your current Federal Fisheries Permit or Federal Processor Permit **remains valid January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2011**, to provide you with some reminders about the permit and associated logbooks, and to offer additional materials.

**Changes to Processing Activities or Vessels**

If your processing activities or vessel characteristics change in the future, you will need to complete and submit a new application form. Federal Fisheries and Federal Processor Permit application forms may be obtained by contacting us [NMFS, Restricted Access Management Program at 1-800-304-4846 (select option #2)]. Alternatively, you may download the applications from our website: [alaskafisheries.noaa.gov](http://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov). **Please allow at least ten working days for processing of applications for new permits or revisions to existing permits.**

**Logbook Information**

Operators of all catcher vessels, catcher/processors, and motherships must record information for each day of the calendar year in the appropriate logbook. A new logbook appropriate to your current Federal Fisheries or Federal Processor Permit is enclosed. If you need additional logbooks during the 2010 fishing year, please contact the Sustainable Fisheries (SF) Division, National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), Alaska Region. The SF Division can be reached by mail at P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668; by phone at 800-304-4846 (select option #3) or 907-586-7228; or via FAX at 907-586-7465.

**eLandings Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements:**

Any manager of a Shoreside Processor or Stationary Floating Processor that is required to have a Federal Processor Permit under 50 CFR § 679.4(f) must:

- Use eLandings to submit a production report to report daily processor identification information and all groundfish production data.
- Use eLandings to submit groundfish landing reports containing all groundfish landings information including prohibited species discard or disposition data.
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Under new federal requirements, effective January 14, 2009, any operator of a catcher/processor or a mothership that is issued a Federal Fisheries Permit under § 679.4 and that harvests groundfish must use eLandings to submit a daily groundfish production report including groundfish and prohibited species discard or disposition data. Also under these new federal requirements, all motherships must submit a groundfish landing report after completion of receipt of each groundfish delivery.



If you need additional information on recordkeeping and reporting requirements, please contact the Sustainable Fisheries Division, National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), Alaska Region. The SF Division can be reached by mail at P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668; by phone at 1-800-304-4846 (select option 3) or 907-586-7228.

**Participation in the Aleutian Islands Harvest Limit Areas (HLA) Atka Mackerel Fisheries**

For those wishing to participate in the Aleutian Islands Atka mackerel directed fisheries in the HLAs, be advised that special permitting requirements, and certain deadlines, pertain, as follows:

- If you wish to participate in the “A” season, you must register annually by the first working day after January 1. If you do, you are automatically registered for the “B” season. If you do not wish to participate in the “B” season, you must so notify us.
- If you do not register for the “A” season, but desire to participate in the “B” season, you must register by the first working day after July 1, 2010.

Under Amendment 80 for the Atka mackerel fisheries in the Aleutian Islands three trawl sectors will have separate allocations of HLA Atka mackerel: BSAI trawl limited access sector (trawl gear vessels that are not using an Amendment 80 vessel or an Amendment 80 LLP license), Amendment 80 cooperatives, and Amendment 80 limited access sector. NMFS plans to operate a separate lottery for each sector. Vessels registering to participate in the HLA directed fisheries are prohibited from participating in any groundfish directed fishery, other than Atka mackerel, during the opening of the first HLA directed fishery assigned to the vessel in a season, as specified in 50 CFR § 679.7(a)(19).

**Seabird Avoidance Requirements**

For information about seabird avoidance requirements, and to learn about our progress in reducing seabird incidental catch in fisheries, see our website at: [alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/protectedresources/seabirds/guide.htm](http://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/protectedresources/seabirds/guide.htm) contact Kim Rivera, NMFS’s Seabird Coordinator at 907-586-7424, [Kim.Rivera@noaa.gov](mailto:Kim.Rivera@noaa.gov). Thanks in part to proactive measures taken by fishermen in the Alaska longline fisheries, the short-tailed albatross is one of the only species of albatross in the world to be realizing a population increase.

Remember that free streamer lines for longline vessels are still available. See our website at <http://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/protectedresources/seabirds/streamers.htm> or contact the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission at 503-595-3100 to place your order. The newer light-weight lines are in stock.

Thanks for your careful compliance with these important permitting requirements. Have a safe and productive fishing year.

Sincerely,



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Restricted Access Management

Enclosures