



**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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**To: *Federal Fisheries Permitholders
Federal Processor Permitholders***

Dear Permitholders:

Enclosed are the application materials necessary for renewal of your Federal Fisheries or Federal Processor permit(s). Your current Federal Fisheries Permit (FFP) or Federal Processor Permit (FPP) expires **December 31, 2011**.

The enclosed form(s) must be completed, signed, and returned to our office for processing; you cannot commence fishing or processing activities until you have received your new permit. **Please allow at least ten working days for processing of applications.** Please note that we may request evidence supporting any changes to vessel ownership, processing plant ownership, or vessel characteristics such as length overall. If you are a new owner of a processing plant, or if your vessel has been modified, please provide evidence supporting the requested changes with your application to avoid processing delays.

As you complete your renewal application, please note that proposed regulations may limit the amendment or re-issuance of certain Federal Fisheries Permits that have specific endorsements. For more information on these proposed regulations, please go to the NOAA Fisheries, Alaska Region website at: <http://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/prules/76fr13331.pdf> and <http://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/prules/76fr44700.pdf>

Because this is a renewal year we anticipate we will be receiving several hundred applications for processing before January 1, 2012. Therefore, we urge you to submit your application early rather than waiting until right before you intend to fish to ensure that you receive the new permit on time. You may FAX your permit application to us at (907) 586-7354. Unfortunately, we are unable to FAX the permit back to you since it is required by law that you have the original permit on board when you are fishing, or receiving or processing fish.

If you need application assistance, please contact RAM at 1-800-304-4846 (select option #2) or via facsimile at 907-586-7354. NMFS permit applications and instructions are available from RAM or on our Internet web site at <https://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/>.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

