



**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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Dear BSAI Crab IFQ/IPQ Permit Holder:

Enclosed with this letter are your annual Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) and/or Individual Processing Quota (IPQ) permits for the Eastern Aleutian Islands golden (EAG) and Western Aleutian Islands golden (WAG) king crab fisheries. These permits identify the IFQ or IPQ that has been issued to you for the 2008-2009 crab fishing year, under the provisions of the Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands Crab Rationalization (CR) Program.

Note that several requirements govern the use of these permits, including:

- A copy of the IFQ permit must be on board the harvesting vessel;
- A copy of the IPQ permit must be present at the facility at which the crab are received;
- All crab harvested under an IFQ permit must be delivered to a person holding a valid Registered Crab Receiver (RCR) permit;
- All Class "A" IFQ (as identified on the permit) must be delivered to an RCR that holds an equal amount of unused IPQ;
- IFQ harvests must be delivered within the region for which the permit is designated, except that Captain/Crew IFQ and catcher/processor IFQ is exempt from this restriction.

A variety of other requirements apply to fishing and processing crab under the CR program; additional information can be obtained on our web site or by contacting our office (see below).

Additionally, some State of Alaska requirements also apply. In particular, questions about permitting requirements may be directed to the State of Alaska, Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission at (907) 789-6150.

Please direct any questions that you may have about these permits to the Alaska Region of NOAA Fisheries Service (NMFS), Restricted Access Management (RAM) Program as follows:

Telephone: 800-304-4846 (press "2")

907-586-7202 (press "2")

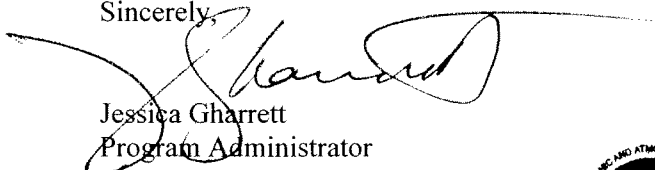
Facsimile: 907-586-7354

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Best wishes for a productive season.

Sincerely,


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Enclosures

