



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

National Marine Fisheries Service

P.O. Box 21668

Juneau, Alaska 99802-1668

**Crab Fishing Year 2010-2011**

Dear Registered Crab Receiver:

Enclosed is your Registered Crab Receiver (RCR) permit. This permit is required to be on the premises when you are receiving unprocessed crab harvested under the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Crab Rationalization Program (CR crab); or on board the catcher/processor vessel when harvesting or processing CR crab. This permit is only valid for the crab fishing year beginning July 1, 2010, and ending June 30, 2011; you must re-apply for this permit annually. To change your operation type, you will only need to update a valid permit at any time during the year for which the permit is valid.

As an RCR you have certain recordkeeping and reporting obligations, including:

- Reporting all landings of CR crab via the Interagency Electronic Reporting System's "eLandings" web-based application (or seaLandings is available for CP vessels that do not have internet access).
- Submit an annual "Ex-vessel Volume and Value Report" detailing the amount and total value (whether in dollars, goods and services, and including "retro" and bonus payments) of CR crab purchased: by month, port, fishery, species, and CR program type (Adak, CDQ, or IFQ). Crab harvested and processed at sea does not need to be reported. **This completed report is due May 15, 2011.** However, you may update this report throughout the year as many times as necessary to ensure the final correct data are reported by May 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Collecting and submitting up to 3% of the ex-vessel values of all CR crab harvested as part of the CR crab cost recovery program. The fee percentage for the 2010-2011 crab fishing year will be announced in the Federal Register sometime during the first quarter of the crab fishing year.

Each person holding an RCR permit is required to collect one half of the fee percentage from the harvester. The RCR then matches the harvesters percentage to ensure submission of the full fee percentage of the ex-vessel value of all CR crab reported under your RCR permit. This includes all crab harvested under the quota fisheries, the golden king crab allocation to the community of Adak, and the rationalized CDQ fisheries. These fees must be submitted to the Government by July 31, 2011; and you will be sent additional information on the fee collection process in the spring of 2011.

- Filing a Crab Monitoring Plan (CMP) with NOAA Fisheries (required by RCRs operating as shoreside or stationary floating processors). An example



of a CMP can be found at:

[www.alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/sustainablefisheries/crab/rat/scales/cmpex.pdf](http://www.alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/sustainablefisheries/crab/rat/scales/cmpex.pdf).

A checklist is provided with your RCR permit to aid in preparing for the equipment and operational requirements. For questions regarding the CMP requirements for an RCR, contact Jennifer Watson by telephone at: (907) 586-7537; or, by e-mail at: [Jennifer.Watson@noaa.gov](mailto:Jennifer.Watson@noaa.gov).

Please note that federal regulations regarding custom processing of crab harvested under the BSAI Crab Rationalization program have been updated. You can find the most current regulations on the web at: <http://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov>.

If you have questions regarding this permit, the electronic reporting system, or the BSAI Crab program in general, feel free to contact RAM by telephone at: (800) 304-4846 (option 2) or (907) 586-7202 (option 2), by fax at: (907) 586-7354, by e-mail at: [RAM.Alaska@noaa.gov](mailto:RAM.Alaska@noaa.gov) or see information on our Regional NMFS web site at: [alaskafisheries.noaa.gov](http://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov). For assistance with landings and other reports, contact your local NMFS Enforcement Office. For assistance with the CDQ program, contact the NMFS Sustainable Fisheries Division by telephone at: (800) 304-4846 (option 3) or (907) 586-7228.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



Jessica Gharrett  
Program Administrator  
Restricted Access Management

Enclosures