



## New Opportunities for Permits in Confirmation of Permit History (CPH)



Existing regulations require that a permit holder update address and other vessel permit and CPH information within 15 days of any change. Providing timely updates is not just required by these regulations; it ensures that NMFS can provide you with important updates to management programs.

Recent changes to Northeast fisheries regulations have made this even more important. Beginning March 1, 2010, the Limited Access General Category (LAGC) Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) program was implemented, and permits held in CPH may sell or lease IFQ. Beginning May 1, 2010, Northeast (NE) multispecies permits held in CPH may participate in several programs from which they have previously been prohibited. Maintaining up-to-date contact information associated with a permit in CPH is important for your participation in, and the successful administration of, these programs.

### **There are several benefits to maintaining up-to-date CPH permit information for the Northeast multispecies fishery:**

- Sector management is new and will undergo adjustments over time. Permit holder letters are frequently mailed to inform you of:
  - Applicable exemptions and regulations
  - Changes in fishery requirementsYou may not know about these adjustments if you do not provide us with your correct address. Some of these changes could be critical to your future participation in these fisheries.
- Potential Sector Contributions (PSCs) will be updated for fishing year 2011, based on requested corrections. Without a correct address, you will not be informed of your updated PSC.
- If you hold a multispecies permit in CPH, you are allowed to participate in the days-at-sea (DAS) Leasing and Transfer Programs. NMFS may not be able to process these requests, and you may not receive confirmation of transfers or leases, if you do not provide us with your correct address information.
- NMFS currently provides contact information for all permits eligible to lease DAS to potential lessors on its DAS Multispecies Vessel Baseline Information website ([http://www.nero.noaa.gov/amend13/das\\_baseline.htm](http://www.nero.noaa.gov/amend13/das_baseline.htm)). Without correct address information, NMFS cannot help owners contact you to negotiate leases or transfer that could provide financial benefits to you.

### **There are also several benefits to maintaining up-to-date CPH permit information for the LAGC IFQ Program:**

- The scallop IFQ program is new and will undergo adjustments over time. Permit holder letters are frequently mailed to inform you of changes in scallop fishery requirements. You may not know about these adjustments if you do not provide us with your correct address. Some of these changes could be critical to your future participation in the IFQ fishery.
- IFQs will be updated annually. Without a correct address, you will not be informed of your updated IFQ.
- You are allowed to transfer IFQ out of CPH. NMFS may not be able to process transfer requests, and you may not receive confirmation of IFQ transfers, if you do not provide us with your correct address information.
- NMFS will be providing information through its website to help scallop IFQ owners find other IFQ owners to transfer IFQ to or from. Without correct address information, NMFS cannot help such owners link up with you to negotiate IFQ leases or transfer that could provide financial benefits to you.

**Without a correct address, this critical information may not reach you. If you have a Northeast multispecies or LAGC IFQ permit in CPH, please contact the Sustainable Fisheries Division at (978) 281-9315 to verify or update your current contact information.**