



**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 unless amended, surrendered, revoked, or otherwise modified, your current Federal Fisheries Permit or Federal Processor Permit **remains valid 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: <http://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov>. **Please allow at least ten working days for processing of applications for new permits or revisions to existing permits.**

**Paper Logbook Information**

Operators of all catcher vessels, catcher/processors, and motherships must record information in the appropriate logbook for each day of the calendar year. A new logbook(s) appropriate to your current Federal Fisheries or Federal Processor Permit is enclosed.

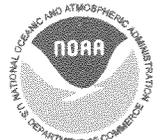
**Electronic Logbook Information**

Under new regulations for Amendment 91 in the Bering Sea, the operator of an American Fisheries Act (AFA) catcher/processor or any catcher/processor harvesting Western Alaska Community Development Quota (CDO) pollock must use an NMFS-approved electronic logbook (ELB) in lieu of using the NMFS-prescribed catcher vessel trawl gear Daily Fishing Logbook (DFL). In the ELB, the operator must enter all of the required information including processor identification information, catch-by haul information, and prohibited species discard or disposition data for all salmon species in each haul. The operator must transmit ELB data to NMFS by 2400 hours, A.l.t., each day to record the previous day's hauls.

**eLandings Information**

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 containing daily processor identification information and all groundfish production data; and
- Use eLandings to submit groundfish landing reports containing all groundfish landings information including prohibited species discard or disposition data.



Any operator of a catcher/processor or a mothership that is issued a Federal Fisheries Permit under 50 CFR 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. All motherships must submit a groundfish landing report after completion of receipt of each groundfish delivery.

### **Requests for Information or Additional Logbooks**

To request additional paper logbooks for the 2011 fishing year, information about the electronic logbook, or information about eLandings, contact

Sustainable Fisheries Division  
National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), Alaska Region.

by mail: P.O. Box 21668  
Juneau, AK 99802-1668

by phone: 800-304-4846 (select option #3) or 907-586-7228

by FAX: 907-586-7465

### **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: <http://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/protectedresources/seabirds/guide.html> or 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.

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

Sincerely,



Jessica Gharrett  
Program Administrator  
Restricted Access Management

Enclosures