



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

National Marine Fisheries Service

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Dear Quota Share Holder:

As a "non-individual" quota share (QS) holder, you are required to provide information to NOAA Fisheries (NMFS), Alaska Region, Restricted Access Management (RAM) that reveals the name of each owner of your business, as well as the respective percentage of ownership held. Ownership must be disclosed down to the individual person level for any owners that themselves are non-individual entities. This information is required as a condition of issuing your annual Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) permit(s). Enclosed is the Identification of Ownership Interest form for you to complete and submit to our office. **Failure to return the completed Identification of Ownership Interest form may result in delays in the issuance of your 2010 IFQ Fishing Permits.**

Additionally, as a "non-individual" QS holder, you must designate a master (hire a skipper) who is subsequently approved by NMFS to fish your annual IFQ. To expedite this process we are providing you with the enclosed Application for IFQ/CDQ Hired Master Permit. You must complete this application for each hired skipper-vessel combination you wish to designate. Your completed application must include **current** documentation that demonstrates that you, as the IFQ permit holder, own at least 20 percent of the vessel upon which the IFQ is to be harvested (some exceptions to this ownership percentage apply and this requirement does not apply to those permit holders hiring skippers to fish IFQ derived from category "A" quota share). Regulations governing the Pacific halibut and sablefish IFQ Program require you provide the following information with your Application for IFQ/CDQ Hired Master Permit:

- 1) **for documented vessels**, a copy of a current Abstract of Title is required to establish ownership of a vessel.; and
- 2) **for undocumented vessels**, a copy of the State of Alaska license or vessel registration is acceptable evidence of ownership.

Notes:

- RAM defines a "current" Abstract of Title as one was issued within the 12 months preceding the date of the hired skipper application.
- Additional documentation may be required to establish 20% ownership in the vessel if the Abstract of Title or State of Alaska license or registration is not conclusive.

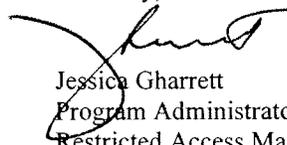
We can accept applications early, but cannot issue Hired Master permits until after the IFQ is issued for any fishing year. We recommend that you gather the required documentation well in advance of submittal of your "Application for IFQ/CDQ Hired Master Permit" so that there are no delays in processing your application. Furthermore, you should not wait until just before your planned fishing trip to submit the Application for IFQ/CDQ Hired Master Permit; depending upon staff workload it may take up to ten working days to process an application. Note that any Hired Masters already authorized to fish for you will not automatically be authorized to fish any new IFQ permits you are issued during the fishing year.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please let us know; we can be contacted as follows:

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Sincerely,



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