



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

National Marine Fisheries Service

P.O. Box 21668

Juneau, Alaska 99802-1668

June 2011

Dear Quota Share (QS) or Processing Quota Share (PQS) Holder:

Enclosed is your application for Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) or Individual Processing Quota (IPQ) for the 2011/2012 crab fishing year. Please note that we must receive your application by ***no later than August 1, 2011***. The August 1 deadline will be strictly enforced. The regulations do not provide flexibility; applications received after the application deadline will be denied and no annual IFQ or IPQ will be issued. We regret that we cannot accept applications by e-mail.

In addition to receiving your application by August 1, we must also be able to verify that you have submitted any required Economic Data Reports (EDRs) and paid all NMFS fee liabilities. If you are subject to either requirement, but have not yet fulfilled it, we urge you to do so as soon as possible.

Please note: You are required to complete and submit this application by the August 1 deadline, even if you are joining a crab harvesting cooperative. If you are joining a cooperative, you must note that on your completed application for annual IFQ.

If you have already submitted your annual application, you can verify that NMFS/RAM has received your application through an online report that soon will be accessible on our website at <http://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/sustainablefisheries/crab/crfaq.htm>. **This report will be updated daily. This report is not an indication that the application is complete; only that it was received by NMFS/RAM.**

Your annual application for IFQ/IPQ will not be considered complete if you fail to complete each block of the form, including Block E, Declaration of Affiliation. Failure to complete and sign the form, or discrepancies between your annual application and those submitted by your cooperatives may delay issuance of annual IFQ/IPQ.

Annual IFQ and IPQ permits will be issued for each crab quota fishery after the Total Allowable Catch (TAC) is announced by the State of Alaska, Department of Fish and Game. The first IFQ/IPQ annual permits to be issued will be for the Western and Eastern Aleutian Islands golden king crab fisheries (WAG and EAG, respectively), which are anticipated to open in mid-August. We do not expect to issue the annual IFQ/IPQ for other fisheries until early October.

If you have any questions about the enclosed application or about the Crab Rationalization program generally, please give us a call. We can be reached toll-free at 1-800-304-4846 (select option 2) or via facsimile at 907-586-7354. NMFS permit applications and instructions are available from RAM or on our Internet web site at: <http://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov>. Our e-mail address is RAM.Alaska@noaa.gov.

Sincerely,

Jessica Gharrett
Program Administrator
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Dear Federal Crab Vessel Permit Holder:

Enclosed are the application materials you need to renew your Federal Crab Vessel Permit (FCVP). ***Your current FCVP expires June 30, 2011.***

The enclosed forms must be completed, signed, and returned to our office for processing; you may not commence fishing or processing activities for the 2011/2012 crab fishing year until you have received your new permit. Please allow at least ten working days for processing your application. We regret that we cannot accept applications by e-mail.

Please note that we cannot issue any Crab Rationalization (CR) crab permits, including a renewal of an existing FCVP permit, until you have submitted any required Economic Data Reports (EDR's) and paid all NMFS fee liabilities. If you are subject to fee or EDR requirements, but have not yet fulfilled it, we urge you to do so as soon as possible.

If you have any questions about the enclosed form or about the CR program generally, please give us a call. We can be reached toll-free at 1-800-304-4846 (select option 2) or via facsimile at 907-586-7354. NMFS permit applications and instructions are available from RAM or on our Internet web site at: <http://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov>. Our e-mail address is **RAM.Alaska@noaa.gov**.

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Dear Registered Crab Receiver:

This is a reminder that ***your current RCR permit expires June 30, 2011***. The enclosed form must be completed, signed, and returned to our office for processing. You may not commence fishing or processing activities for the 2011/2012 crab fishing year until you have received your new permit. Please allow at least ten working days for processing of your application. We regret that we cannot accept applications by e-mail.

Please note that we cannot issue any Crab Rationalization (CR) crab permits, including a renewal of an existing RCR permit, until you have submitted any required Economic Data Reports (EDRs) and paid all NMFS fee liabilities. If you are subject to fee or EDR requirements, but have not yet fulfilled it, we urge you to do so as soon as possible.

If you have any questions about the enclosed application or about the CR program generally, please give us a call. We can be reached toll-free at 1-800-304-4846 (select option 2) or via facsimile at 907-586-7354. NMFS permit applications and instructions are available from RAM or on our Internet web site at: <http://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov>. Our e-mail address is **RAM.Alaska@noaa.gov**.

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