

NOTICE OF OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET ACTION

Date 11/19/2012

Department of Commerce  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
FOR CERTIFYING OFFICIAL: Simon Szykman  
FOR CLEARANCE OFFICER: Diana Hynek

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, OMB has taken action on your request received 11/15/2012

ACTION REQUESTED: No material or nonsubstantive change to a currently approved collection  
TYPE OF REVIEW REQUESTED: Regular  
ICR REFERENCE NUMBER: 201210-0648-016  
AGENCY ICR TRACKING NUMBER:  
TITLE: Individual Fishing Quotas for Pacific Halibut and Sablefish in the Alaska Fisheries  
LIST OF INFORMATION COLLECTIONS: See next page

OMB ACTION: Approved without change  
OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 0648-0272  
The agency is required to display the OMB Control Number and inform respondents of its legal significance in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.5(b).

EXPIRATION DATE: 12/31/2014 DISCONTINUE DATE:

BURDEN:	RESPONSES	HOURS	COSTS
Previous	24,930	9,979	13,551
New	24,930	9,979	13,551
Difference			
Change due to New Statute	0	0	0
Change due to Agency Discretion	0	0	0
Change due to Agency Adjustment	0	0	0
Change Due to Potential Violation of the PRA	0	0	0

TERMS OF CLEARANCE: Terms of the previous clearance remain in effect.

OMB Authorizing Official: Kevin F. Neyland  
Deputy Administrator,  
Office Of Information And Regulatory Affairs

**List of ICs**

<b>IC Title</b>	<b>Form No.</b>	<b>Form Name</b>	<b>CFR Citation</b>
Application for Eligibility to Receive QS/IFQ	NA	Application for eligibility to receive GS/IFQ	
IFQ/CDQ hired master permit	NA	Application for IFQ/CDQ Hired Master Permit	
Application for Registered Buyer Permit	NA	Application for registered buyer permit	
Letter of Appeal			50 CFR 679.43
QS/IFQ Designated Beneficiary Form	NA	QS/IFQ designated beneficiary form	
QS Holder Form: Identification of Ownership Interest	NA	QS Holder: Identification of ownership interest	
Application to Become a Community Quota Entity (CQE)	NA	Application to become a Community Quota Entity	
Application for Transfer of QS/IFQ to or from a Community Quota Entity (CQE)	NA	Application to transfer IFQ/QS to or from a CQE	
Application for Transfer of QS/IFQ including by Sweep-up	NA, NA	Application for transfer of QS/IFQ by self-sweep-up, Application for transfer of QS/IFQ	
Application for replacement of certificates, permits, or licenses	NA	Application for replacement of certificates or permits	
IFQ Administrative Waiver	NA	IFQ/CDQ Administrative Waiver	50 CFR 679
Prior Notice of Landing	NA	Prior Notice of Landing Report to be completed by NMFS personnel only	50 CFR 679.40
IFQ Departure Report	NA	IFQ Departure Report - worksheet	50 CFR 679.40
Registered Buyer Landing Report (electronic/backup manual)			50 CFR 679.40
Transshipment Authorization	NA	Record of IFQ/CDQ Transshipment Authorization - completed by Law Enforcement	50 CFR 679.40
Dockside Sales Receipt			50 CFR 679.40
Emergency medical transfer form	NA	Application for emergency medical transfer of IFQ	
Temporary military transfer application form	NA	Application for temporary military transfer of IFQ	
Letter to retain inactive quota share			50 CFR 679.40

## JUSTIFICATION

### ALASKA PACIFIC HALIBUT AND SABLEFISH FISHERIES INDIVIDUAL FISHING QUOTAS (IFQs)

OMB CONTROL NO. 0648-0272

#### **JUSTIFICATION FOR CHANGE: Changes to IFQ Registered Buyer Permit requirements due to restructured observer associated final rule, RIN 0648-BB42.**

The North Pacific Groundfish Observer Program (Observer Program) provides the regulatory framework for NMFS-certified observers (observers) to obtain information necessary for the conservation and management of the groundfish fisheries managed under the fishery management plans (FMPs). The information collected by observers provides the best available scientific information for managing the fisheries and developing measures to minimize bycatch in furtherance of the purposes and national standards of the Magnuson-Stevens Act. Observers collect biological samples and fishery-dependent information on total catch and interactions with protected species.

NMFS proposes regulations to implement Amendment 86 to the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area (BSAI) FMP and Amendment 76 to the Gulf of Alaska (GOA) FMP. Amendments 86 and 76 would add a funding and deployment system for observer coverage to the existing Observer Program and amend existing observer coverage requirements for vessels and processing plants at 50 CFR 679.50. The new funding and deployment system would allow NMFS to determine when and where to deploy observers according to management and conservation needs, with funds provided through a system of fees based on the ex-vessel value of groundfish and halibut in fisheries covered by the new system.

In addition to the observer funding and deployment system, this action makes the following changes to the issuance of the Registered Buyer permit, most prominent is the change that observer fees must be paid before a Registered Buyer permit can be renewed:

- ◆ The Registered Buyer permit would be renewed electronically.
- ◆ The Registered Buyer permit holder must submit electronic payment to NMFS for his or her observer fee liability (see OMB 0648-0318) in order to receive a renewed Registered Buyer permit.
- ◆ The user for the Registered Buyer would be able to print their renewed permit upon payment of observer fee.

No burden or cost increase is anticipated as a result of this change, as the Registered Buyer permit application requires the same information from the participants. The costs may actually decrease due to electronic renewal of the permit and printing of the renewed permit onboard or onshore.

## PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT CHANGE WORKSHEET

Agency/Subagency	OMB Control Number  _____ - _____	
<i>Enter only items that change</i>		
	Current record	New record
Agency form number (s)		
Annual reporting and recordkeeping hour burden		
Number of respondents		
Total annual responses		
Percent of these responses collected electronically	%	%
Total annual hours		
Difference		
Explanation of difference		
Program change		
Adjustment		
Annual reporting and recordkeeping cost burden (in thousands of dollars)		
Total annualized Capital/Startup costs		
Total annual costs (O&M)		
Total annualized cost requested		
Difference		
Explanation of difference		
Program change		
Adjustment		
Other changes**		
Signature of Senior Official or designee:	Date:	For OIRA Use  _____ _____

\*\* This form cannot be used to extend an expiration date.

	<p><b>APPLICATION FOR IFQ/CDQ REGISTERED BUYER (RB) PERMIT</b></p>	<p>U.S. Dept. of Commerce/NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Restricted Access Management (RAM) P.O. Box 21668 Juneau, AK 99802-1668 (800) 304-4846 toll free / 586-7202 in Juneau (907) 586-7354 fax</p>	
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**This application may be submitted ONLINE for Registered Buyer permit renewals and amendments.**

**NOTE: Use this application to apply for, amend, or renew a Registered Buyer permit under Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) Program and the Western Alaska Community Development Quota (CDQ) Program.**

Indicate the type of Registered Buyer permit requested.

New
  Renew
  Amend

If requesting to renew or amend, enter current RB permit number \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: For the Registered Buyer Permit application to be considered complete, all observer fees due to NMFS per § 679.55 must be paid.**

<b>BLOCK A - APPLICANT IDENTIFICATION</b>		
1. Name of Registered Buyer:	2. NMFS Person ID:	
3. Name of Contact Person:		
4. Business Mailing Address: <input type="checkbox"/> Permanent <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary	5. Physical Location of Facility:	
6. Business Telephone Number:	7. Business Fax Number:	8. Business E-mail Address <i>(if available):</i>



**INSTRUCTIONS  
APPLICATION FOR  
IFQ/CDQ REGISTERED BUYER PERMIT**

***NOTE: For the Registered Buyer Permit application to be considered complete, all observer fees due to NMFS per § 679.55 must be paid.***

Use this application to apply for, renew, **or amend** a Registered Buyer permit for the Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) Program and the Western Alaska Community Development Quota (CDQ) Program (50 CFR part 679).

All Registered Buyers are included in the partial observer coverage category and must pay the ex-vessel value-based fee to NMFS for their observer coverage. NMFS will deploy observers directly and plant operators will no longer contract with observer providers for their coverage.

A Registered Buyer permit holder who has incurred a fee liability must pay the fee to NMFS by **February 15** of the year following the calendar year in which the landing was made. Full payment of the observer fee liability is required before NMFS will issue a new or renewed Registered Buyer permit.

A Registered Buyer permit is in effect for one year, running from March 1 through the last day of February.

At any time during the fishing year for which it is issued, a Registered Buyer permit authorizes the person identified on the permit to receive and make:

- ◆ an IFQ landing by an IFQ permit holder or IFQ hired master permit holder
- ◆ a CDQ halibut landing by a CDQ permit holder or CDQ hired master permit holder

A Registered Buyer permit is required of:

- ◆ Any person who receives IFQ halibut, CDQ halibut, or IFQ sablefish from the person(s) who harvested the fish.
- ◆ Any person who harvests IFQ halibut, CDQ halibut, or IFQ sablefish and transfers such fish
  - in a dockside sale,
  - outside of an IFQ regulatory area, or
  - outside the State of Alaska.
- ◆ A vessel operator who submits a Departure Report (see § 679.5(1)(4)).

**NOTE:** NMFS does not issue a Registered Buyer permit to entities receiving IFQ Pacific halibut, IFQ sablefish, or CDQ Pacific halibut at locations outside Alaska. In such cases the vessel operator must be a Registered Buyer.

***GENERAL INFORMATION***

**NOTE: It is important that all blocks are completed and all necessary documents are attached. Failure to answer any of the questions, provide attachments, or to sign the application could result in delays in the processing of your application.**

Type or print legibly in ink and retain a copy of completed application for your records. Please allow at least 10 working days for your application to be processed.

Application forms and instructions are also available on the NMFS, Alaska Region web site at [www.alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/ram](http://www.alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/ram).

**Non-electronic Registered Buyer** permit applications may be submitted by:

Mail to: **NMFS Alaska Region  
Restricted Access Management (RAM)  
P.O. Box 21668  
Juneau, AK 99802-1668**

Fax to: **(907) 586-7354**

Or delivery to: **Federal Building  
709 West 9th Street. Suite 713  
Juneau, AK 99801**

Items will be sent to you by first class mail, unless you provide alternate instructions and include a prepaid mailer with appropriate postage or a corporate account number for express delivery.

**Electronic Registered Buyer applications** may be submitted online at:

<https://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/webapps/coopaccounts/Login>

Additional information is available from RAM, as follows:

**Website:** <http://www.alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/ram/default.htm>

**Telephone (toll free): 800-304-4846 (press “2”)**

**Telephone (in Juneau): 907-586-7202 (press “2”)**

**e-Mail:** [RAM.Alaska@noaa.gov](mailto:RAM.Alaska@noaa.gov)

### ***SPECIAL HANDLING OF PERMITS***

#### **Electronic Registered Buyer permit**

Upon acceptance of the fee and renewal application by NMFS for a Registered Buyer permit, the Registered Buyer may print a paper copy of the new Registered Buyer permit and maintain this copy for inspection.

#### **Non-electronic Registered Buyer permit**

Please allow at least ten working days for your application to be processed. Do not wait until right before an opening to apply for your permit, as you may not receive it on time. Items will be sent by first class mail, unless you provide alternate instructions for NMFS to send by a faster method than regular mail.

#### **eLandings**

A person that is issued an Registered Buyer permit under 50 CFR part 679.4 must use eLandings or other NMFS-approved software to daily record and report IFQ and CDQ halibut. For more information on eLandings, see <http://www.alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/elandings/faq.htm#ecr>.

## *COMPLETING THE APPLICATION*

### **BLOCK A - APPLICANT IDENTIFICATION**

1. Name of Registered Buyer - (see above listings for additional information)
2. NMFS Person ID
3. Name of Contact Person - Name of a person we may contact regarding this application, such as the business owner, or manager.
4. Business Mailing Address - If you check “Permanent Address,” we will update the official RAM database. If you check “Temporary Address,” we will use it for this one application and we will not change the RAM database.
5. Physical Location of Facility - Enter the physical location of the facility where the Registered Buyer operation occurs. If there is no fixed location facility (as with some buyers), or if the activity occurs at multiple locations (as with some motherships), indicate the most frequently used location.
- 6-8. Business Telephone Number, Business Fax Number, and Business E-mail Address (include area codes)

### **BLOCK B - TYPE OF ACTIVITY**

Select all of the activities that best describe your anticipated Registered Buyer activity.

### **BLOCK C – SIGNATURE**

#### **Non-electronic Submittal**

If the application is submitted to NMFS by mail, fax, or delivery, the applicant or authorized representative must enter printed name, signature, and date the application.

The signature certifies that all information set forth in the application is true, correct, and complete to the best of the applicant’s knowledge and belief. The application will not be considered without the applicant’s or authorized representative’s signature. **NOTE: If a representative acting on behalf of the applicant, attach written authorization signed by the applicant.**

#### **Electronic Submittal**

If the application is submitted to NMFS online using an electronic application available on the NMFS Alaska Region website at <http://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov>, the NMFS Person ID and password take the place of a signature and certify that all information is true, correct, and complete.