

**APPLICATION
FOR
FEDERAL PROCESSOR PERMIT
(FPP)**

United States Department of Commerce
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)
Restricted Access Management (RAM)
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This application may be submitted ONLINE for FPP renewals and amendments.

NOTICE: Only persons who are U.S. Citizens are authorized to receive or hold a Federal Processor Permit.

TYPE OF FPP REGISTRATION

Indicate the category of processor below.

- Shoreside Processor Stationary Floating Processor (SFP) CQE* Floating Processor
*Community Quota Entity

IMPORTANT! ATTACH a copy of the U.S. Coast Guard Abstract of Title or Certificate of Documentation with this application if ownership of the vessel used as an SFP or CQE floating processor listed in Block B has changed or if an FPP has never been issued using this vessel.

Indicate the type of permit request.

- New FPP FPP Renew Amend FPP

If requesting to renew or amend an existing FPP, please provide current FPP number _____

You must complete all blocks relevant to your processor and activities. Failure to complete all relevant blocks can result in improper permitting.

NOTE: For the Federal Processor Permit application to be considered complete, all fees due to NMFS per § 679.55 must be paid.

BLOCK A -- OWNER INFORMATION

1. Name of Owner(s)		2. NMFS Person ID	
3. Permanent Business Mailing Address		4. Temporary Business Mailing Address	
5. Business Telephone No.	6. Business Fax No.	7. Business E-Mail Address	
8. Managing Company Name (if any)			

BLOCK B -- STATIONARY FLOATING PROCESSOR (SFP) INFORMATION

1. Name of SFP		2. Is this a vessel of the United States? [] YES [] NO	
3. USCG Documentation No.	4. ADF&G Vessel Registration No.	5. ADF&G Processor Code	
6. Length Overall (LOA) in feet Registered Length in feet	7. Gross Tonnage Net Tonnage	8. Shaft Horsepower	

9. Homeport of Vessel (*city and state*)

10. GOA Inshore Processing Endorsement

An SFP that wishes to receive a Gulf of Alaska (GOA) inshore processing endorsement must check this box
[] GOA Inshore Processing Endorsement

A GOA inshore processing endorsement is required in order to process GOA inshore pollock and Eastern GOA inshore Pacific cod. An SFP that holds an inshore processing endorsement is prohibited from processing GOA pollock and GOA Pacific cod in more than one single geographic location during a fishing year and is also prohibited from operating as a catcher/processor in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area (BSAI).

Once issued, a GOA inshore processing endorsement cannot be rescinded for the duration of a fishing year
(See instructions for further explanation)

BLOCK C – SHORESIDE PROCESSOR INFORMATION

1. Name of Shoreside Processor		2. ADF&G Processor Code	
3. Business Mailing Address [] Permanent [] Temporary		4. Physical location of plant	
5. Is this shoreside processor replacing a previous processor at this facility? [] YES [] NO If YES, name of previous processor		6. Are there multiple processing businesses using this facility? [] YES [] NO	
		7. Does the owner named in Block A, above, own the plant named in Block C, question 1, above? [] YES [] NO	
8. Business Telephone No.	9. Business Fax No.	10. Business E-Mail Address	

BLOCK D – CQE FLOATING PROCESSOR INFORMATION

1. Name of Vessel		2. Is this a vessel of the United States? [] YES [] NO	
3. USCG Documentation No.	4. ADF&G Vessel Registration No.	5. ADF&G Processor Code	
6. Length Overall (LOA) in feet Registered Length in feet	7. Gross Tonnage Net Tonnage	8. Shaft Horsepower	
9. Homeport of Vessel (<i>city and state</i>)			
10. Requirements for CQE Floating Processor A CQE Floating Processor endorsement is required for vessels processing Pacific cod within the marine municipal boundaries of CQE communities in the Western or Central GOA. Eligible vessels are limited to Federally licensed vessels not meeting the definition of a stationary floating processor that have not harvested groundfish off Alaska in the same calendar year. A vessel meeting these requirements that wishes to receive a GOA CQE floating processor endorsement must check this box [] GOA CQE Floating Processor Vessels are prohibited from holding both a GOA CQE Floating Processor endorsement and a GOA Stationary Floating Processor during the same calendar year. Once issued, a GOA inshore processing endorsement cannot be rescinded for the duration of a fishing year (See instructions for further explanation)			

BLOCK E -- APPLICANT SIGNATURE (Non-electronic Submittal Only)

Under penalties of perjury, I hereby declare that I, the undersigned, completed this application, and the information contained herein is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.		
Applicant Name (please print or type)	Signature	Date

PUBLIC REPORTING BURDEN STATEMENT

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 21minutes per response, including the time for reviewing the instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to NOAA, National Marine Fisheries Service, Alaska Region, Attn: Assistant Regional Administrator, Sustainable Fisheries Division, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Before completing this form please note the following: 1) The NMFS may not conduct or sponsor this information request, and you are not required to respond to this information request, unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number; 2) This information is mandatory and is required to manage commercial fishing effort in the GOA and BSAI under 50 CFR 679 and under 402(a) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act (16 U.S.C. 1801, et seq.); 3) Responses to this information request are confidential under section 402(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act as amended in 2006. It is also confidential under NOAA Administrative Order 216-100, which sets forth procedures to protect confidentiality of fishery statistics.

Instructions
APPLICATION FOR
FEDERAL PROCESSOR PERMIT (FPP)

NOTE: For the Federal Processor Permit application to be considered complete, all fees due to NMFS per § 679.55 must be paid.

A **Federal Processor Permit (FPP)** is required before the manager of a shoreside processor, stationary floating processor (SFP), or a community quota entity (CQE) floating processor may receive or process groundfish harvested in the Gulf of Alaska (GOA) or Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area (BSAI) (see 50 CFR 679.4(f)).

With the exception of plants receiving only Bering Sea pollock (American Fisheries Act and Western Alaska Community Development Quota), all shoreside and stationary floating plants possessing an FPP are included in the partial observer coverage category and must pay the ex-vessel value-based fee to NMFS for their observer coverage. NMFS would deploy observers directly and plant operators would no longer contract with observer providers for their coverage.

An FPP 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 FPP.

An FPP is in effect for one year, running from March 1 through the last day of February.

Processing or to process means the preparation of, or to prepare, fish or crab to render it suitable for human consumption, industrial uses, or long-term storage, including but not limited to cooking, canning, smoking, salting, drying, freezing, or rendering into meal or oil, but does not mean icing, bleeding, heading, or gutting (see 50 CFR 679.2).

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.

- ◆ Complete a separate application for each processor. Application forms and instructions are also available on the NMFS, Alaska Region web site at www.alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/ram.
- ◆ A copy of the United States Coast Guard (USCG) Abstract of Title or Certificate of Documentation must be included with this application if ownership has changed or if a Federal Processor Permit has never been issued for this processor.
- ◆ Type or print legibly in ink.
- ◆ Retain a copy of the completed application for your records.

Non-electronic FPP applications may be submitted by:

Mail to: NMFS, Alaska Region
Restricted Access Management (RAM) Program
P.O. Box 21668
Application for Federal Processor Permit

Juneau, AK 99802

Deliver to: Federal Building
709 W. 9th Street, Suite 713
Juneau, AK 99801

Or fax to: 907-586-7354
Applications may be faxed to RAM; however, permits cannot and will not be faxed back.

Electronic FPP applications may be submitted online at:

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

If the application is submitted to NMFS online, the NMFS Person ID, password, and transfer key take the place of a signature and certify that all information is true, correct, and complete.

If you have questions about these permits, please call RAM toll free at 800-304-4846 (select option 2) or 907-586-7202 (select option 2) or e-mail your questions to RAM.Alaska@noaa.gov. View our website at www.alaskafisheries.noaa.gov;

SPECIAL HANDLING OF PERMITS

Electronic FPP

Upon acceptance of the fee and renewal application by NMFS for an FPP, the manager must print a paper copy of the new FPP and maintain this copy for inspection.

Non-electronic FPP

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 shoreside processor, SFP, or CQE floating processor that is issued an FPP under 50 CFR part 679.4(f) must use eLandings or other NMFS-approved software to daily record and report groundfish. For more information on eLandings, see <http://www.alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/elandings/faq.htm#ecr>.

COMPLETING THE APPLICATION

TYPE OF FPP REGISTRATION

1. Indicate the category of processor: Shoreside Processor, SFP, or CQE Floating Processor

NOTE: ATTACH a copy of the USCG Abstract of Title or Certificate of Documentation with this application if ownership of the vessel used as a SFP listed in Block B or CQE floating processor listed in Block D has changed or if an FPP has never been issued using this vessel.

2. Indicate the type of permit request: New FPP, Renew FPP, or Amend FPP.

NOTE: The FPP must be renewed annually.

3. If this application is to renew or amend an existing FPP, **submit ONLINE**, and please provide your current FPP number.

BLOCK A -- OWNER INFORMATION

1. Enter the full name of the owner of the vessel used as an SFP listed in Block B, CQE floating processor listed in Block D, or the owner of the shoreside processor listed in Block C.

NOTE: If there is more than one owner, list the principal owner first. The permit will be issued to the first owner listed, with an *et al.* notation. The permit will be issued to the owner of the SFP, shoreside processor, or CQE floating processor -- not to operators or lessees.

2. Enter NMFS person ID.
- 3-4. Enter your complete **permanent** business mailing address, including street or P.O. Box number, state, and zip code. Your permit will be sent to this address. If you want the permit sent to somewhere other than to the permanent address, indicate temporary address and include street or P.O. Box number, city, state, and zip code.
- 5-7. Enter the business telephone number, business fax number, including area code, and business e-mail address. It is very important that you provide a number where we can contact you, or where we can leave messages for you. If questions arise concerning your application, and we are unable to contact you, issuance of your permit will be delayed.
8. Enter the name of the company, if other than the owner, that manages the operations of the SFP, shoreside processor, or CQE floating processor.

BLOCK B -- STATIONARY FLOATING PROCESSOR (SFP) INFORMATION

Complete this block if you are requesting an FPP for an SFP.

1. Enter the complete vessel name as displayed in the official documentation.
2. Check whether or not the vessel is a vessel of the United States.
3. Enter the USCG documentation number (example: 566722).
4. Enter the 5-digit State of Alaska Department of Fish & Game (ADF&G) vessel registration number (example: 51233).
5. Enter the ADF&G Processor Code.
6. Enter the vessel's length overall (LOA) in feet and registered length in feet.

The **LOA** of a vessel means the centerline longitudinal distance, rounded to the nearest foot, measured between: (1) the outside foremost part of the vessel visible above the waterline, including bulwarks, but excluding bowsprits and similar fittings or attachments, and (2) the outside aftermost part of the vessel visible above the waterline including bulwarks, but excluding rudders, outboard motor brackets, and similar fittings or attachments (50 CFR 679.2).

7. Enter registered gross tonnage (U.S. tons) and net tonnage (U.S. tons) as stated in the official documentation.

8. Enter the shaft horsepower.
9. Enter the home port of vessel (city and state) as recorded in the official documentation.
10. GOA Inshore Processing Endorsement.
SFPs that wish to receive a GOA inshore processing endorsement must complete this question.

GOA Inshore Processing Endorsement. A GOA inshore processing endorsement is required in order to process Eastern GOA inshore Pacific cod and GOA inshore pollock. SFPs that hold an inshore processing endorsement are prohibited from processing GOA pollock and Eastern GOA Pacific cod in more than one single geographic location during a fishing year and are also prohibited from operating as a catcher/processor in the BSAI. Vessels holding the GOA inshore processing endorsement face additional operating restrictions (see 50 CFR 679.7).

Once issued, a GOA inshore processing endorsement cannot be rescinded for the duration of a fishing year. It may be changed for the next fishing year by submitting an application for permit amendment prior to the beginning of that fishing year.

For more information on the inshore/offshore regulations, contact Sustainable Fisheries Division toll free at 800-304-4846 (select option #3) or 907-586-7228.

BLOCK C -- SHORESIDE PROCESSOR INFORMATION

Complete this block if you are requesting an FPP for a shoreside processor.

- 1-2. Enter the name of the shoreside processor and ADF&G processor code.
3. Enter the business address including street or P.O. box number, city, state, and zip code. Indicate whether this is a permanent or temporary address.
4. Enter the physical location where the plant, at which the owner of shoreside processor in Block A, question 1, is operating. **DO NOT USE POST OFFICE BOX NUMBERS.**
5. Indicate if this processor is replacing a previous processing business at this facility.
If YES, enter name of previous processor.
6. Indicate if there are multiple processing businesses using this facility.
If YES, list the names of those other processing businesses.
7. Indicate if the applicant in Block A owns the plant at which the shoreside processor listed in Block C, question 3, is operating.
- 8-10. Enter the business telephone number and business fax number, including area code, and business e-mail address. It is very important that you provide a number where we can contact you, or where we can leave messages for you. If questions arise concerning your application, and we are unable to contact you, issuance of your permit will be delayed.

BLOCK D – CQE FLOATING PROCESSOR INFORMATION

Complete this block if you are requesting an FPP for a CQE Floating Processor.

1. Enter the complete vessel name as displayed in the official documentation.

2. Check whether or not the vessel is a vessel of the United States.
3. Enter the USCG documentation number (example: 566722).
4. Enter the 5-digit State of Alaska Department of Fish & Game (ADF&G) vessel registration number (example: 51233).
5. Enter the ADF&G Processor Code.
6. Enter the vessel's length overall (LOA) in feet and registered length in feet.

The **LOA** of a vessel means the centerline longitudinal distance, rounded to the nearest foot, measured between: (1) the outside foremost part of the vessel visible above the waterline, including bulwarks, but excluding bowsprits and similar fittings or attachments, and (2) the outside aftermost part of the vessel visible above the waterline including bulwarks, but excluding rudders, outboard motor brackets, and similar fittings or attachments (50 CFR 679.2).

7. Enter registered gross tonnage (U.S. tons) and net tonnage (U.S. tons) as stated in the official documentation.
8. Enter the shaft horsepower.
9. Enter the home port (city and state) as recorded in the official documentation.
10. Requirements for CQE Floating Processor

A CQE Floating Processor endorsement is required for vessels processing Pacific cod within the marine municipal boundaries of CQE communities in the Western or Central GOA. Eligible vessels are limited to Federally licensed vessels not meeting the definition of an SFP that have not harvested groundfish off Alaska in the same calendar year. A vessel meeting these requirements that wishes to receive a GOA CQE floating processor endorsement must check the box.

Vessels are prohibited from holding both a GOA CQE Floating Processor endorsement and a GOA Mothership endorsement during the same calendar year. Once issued, a GOA inshore processing endorsement cannot be rescinded for the duration of a fishing year.

BLOCK E -- APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

Non-electronic Submittal

The owner or agent of the owner of the shoreside processor, SFP, or CQE floating processor must sign and date the application certifying that all information is true, correct, and complete to the best of his or her knowledge and belief. If the owner is a company, the agent of the owner must sign and date the application and attach authorization.

Electronic Submittal

The owner or agent of the owner of the shoreside processor, SFP, or CQE floating processor must log into the system and by using the owner's NMFS ID and password and submitting the FPP application, the owner certifies that all information is true, correct, and complete.