

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT 80 COOPERATIVE FLATFISH EXCHANGE REPORT**

NMFS requires each Amendment 80 (A80) cooperative to submit annually to the Council (see § 679.5(s)(7)) a preliminary A80 cooperative flatfish exchange report reviewing the use of the cooperative's ABC reserve for flathead sole, rock sole, and yellowfin sole. This would aid the Council during the annual harvest specifications process to assess the use of Flatfish Exchanges, the use of A80 cooperative quota (CQ), and weigh the potential socioeconomic impact of Flatfish Exchanges before establishing the ABC reserve.

The preliminary A80 cooperative flatfish exchange report must provide a review of the use of the cooperative's ABC reserve for flathead sole, rock sole, and yellowfin sole through

- ◆ flatfish exchanges,
- ◆ inter-cooperative transfers, and
- ◆ actual harvests for A80 cooperatives.

The preliminary A80 cooperative flatfish exchange report must be received by the Council not later than 1700 hours Alaska local time on December 1 of each year. A December 1 annual deadline for this report coincides with the harvest specifications process.

The preliminary A80 cooperative flatfish exchange report must be submitted to the Council at

North Pacific Fishery Management Council
605 West 4th Avenue, Suite 306
Anchorage, AK 99501

For additional information, contact Sustainable Fisheries Division at 907-586-7228.

COMPLETING THE REPORT

BLOCK A – A80 COOPERATIVE INFORMATION

1. A80 Cooperative Name
2. A80 Cooperative ID Number
3. Fishing Year
4. Business Telephone Number
5. Business Fax Number
6. Business E-mail Address
7. Representative's Name
8. Number of eligible vessels used to harvest the A80 cooperative quota

BLOCK B -- ABC RESERVE EXCHANGES

For Species Exchanged Into Cooperative Quota

1. Date each exchange was approved
2. Species Code
3. Amount of species received (metric tons)

For Species Exchanged Out of Reserves

1. Date of each exchange
2. Species Code
3. Amount of species exchanged (metric tons)

BLOCK C. INTER-COOPERATIVE TRANSFER OF COOPERATIVE QUOTA (CQ)

For Species Exchanged In

1. Date of each transfer
2. Species Code
3. Amount of species received (metric tons)

For Species Exchanged Out

1. Date of each transfer
2. Species Code
3. Amount of CQ transferred (metric tons)

PUBLIC REPORTING BURDEN STATEMENT

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 25 hours per response, including the time for reviewing 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) Notwithstanding any other provision of the law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB Control Number; 2) This information is mandatory and is required to manage the commercial fishing effort of the Amendment 80 Program under 50 CFR part 679 and under section 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.

