

ALASKA LICENSE LIMITATION PROGRAM (LLP) FOR GROUNDFISH, CRAB, AND SCALLOPS TRANSFER APPEAL

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The LLP originally collected basic information in order to make decisions regarding which owners of vessels were issued licenses and which were not. The decisions were based on the fishing history of the vessel and on the vessel's size. Now that the selection process is completed, LLPs are issued to qualifying vessel owners only through transfer.

An LLP has no expiration date, but is transferable. LLP licenses may only be transferred to qualified persons. Permanent LLP licenses are transferable from the person holding the license to other persons. To be effective, an application for the transfer of a license must be submitted to, and approved by, NMFS.

Transfer applications are available online and in pdf format at the NMFS Alaska Region website at http://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/ram/applications.htm#lpaapp and also from NMFS Restricted Access Management (RAM).

The Regional Administrator will evaluate an application for an LLP transfer and will return an incomplete transfer application to the applicant. Any deficiencies will be identified if the application does not meet all the criteria. An applicant who fails to submit the information specified in the application for a transfer will be provided a reasonable opportunity to submit the specified information or submit a revised application.

The Regional Administrator will prepare and send an Initial Administrative Decision (IAD) to the applicant if the application is deficient or if the applicant fails to submit the specified information or a revised application. The IAD will indicate the deficiencies in the application, including any deficiencies with the information on the revised application. An applicant who receives an IAD may appeal under the appeals procedures set out at 15 CFR Part 906 by providing a written statement in support of the appeal and must show why the IAD should be reversed. In any appeal or reconsideration of an IAD made, an applicant has the burden of proving his or her claim.

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