



**COST RECOVERY FEE OR  
OBSERVER FEE  
APPEAL**

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The Cost Recovery Program provides for appeal on decisions made by NMFS through the National Appeals Office (NAO, formerly known as the Office of Administrative Appeals [OAA]). Any person whose interest is directly and adversely affected by an initial administrative determination (IAD) may file a written appeal. If an applicant appeals an IAD, the appeal must be filed not later than 60 days after the date the determination is issued.

Any representative who receives an IAD for incomplete payment of a cost recovery fee or observer fee may appeal under the appeals procedures set out in 15 CFR part 906.

Instructions for submitting an appeal are provided at <http://www.alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/appeals/default.htm>. Appeals must be in writing and must be submitted

- ◆ By mail to  
National Marine Fisheries Service  
Office of Administrative Appeals (OAA)  
P. O. Box 21668  
Juneau, AK 99802-1668
- ◆ Or by courier to  
National Marine Fisheries Service  
Attention: Appeals (OAA)  
709 West 9th St., Room 453  
Juneau, AK 99801

Applicants must timely submit a full written statement in support of the appeal, including a concise statement of the reasons the IAD has a direct and adverse effect on the applicant and should be reversed or modified.

If the applicant requests a hearing on any issue presented in the appeal, such request for hearing must be accompanied by a concise written statement raising genuine and substantial issues of adjudicative fact for resolution and a list of available and specifically identified reliable evidence upon which the factual issues can be resolved.

The appellate officer will limit his/her review to the issues stated in the appeal; all issues not set out in the appeal will be waived. The appellate officer will review the applicant's appeal and request for hearing. An appellate officer's decision takes effect 30 days after it is issued and, upon taking effect, is the final agency action for purposes of judicial review.

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