

**APPLICATION FOR
IFQ/CDQ
REGISTERED BUYER (RB)
PERMIT**

U.S. Dept. of Commerce/NOAA
National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)
Restricted Access Management (RAM)
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This application may be submitted **ONLINE** for Registered Buyer permit renewals and amendments.

<https://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/webapps/efish/login>

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 50 CFR 679.55 must have been paid.***

BLOCK A - APPLICANT IDENTIFICATION

1. Name of Registered Buyer (*Last, First, Middle Initial*):

2. NMFS Person ID:

3. Name of Contact Person:

4. Business Mailing Address: Permanent Temporary

5. Physical Location of Facility:

6. Business Telephone Number:

7. Business Fax Number:

8. E-mail Address:

BLOCK B - TYPE OF ACTIVITY (Check ALL that apply)

- Catcher – Seller (Permit Holder making dockside sales)
- IFQ Permit Holder or Hired Master (vessel operator) transferring IFQ/CDQ fish outside Alaska.
- Person receiving fish from harvester as a (*check all that apply*):
 - Buyer-Broker
 - Catcher/Processor
 - Retail Operation
 - Restaurant
 - Mothership
 - Tender
 - Shoreplant/Stationary Floating Processor
 - Other (*please describe*):

BLOCK C – APPLICANT SIGNATURE (Non-electronic Submittal Only)

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

1. Signature of Applicant or Authorized Representative:

2. Date:

3. Printed Name of Applicant or Authorized Representative (*If authorized representative, attach authorization.*):

PUBLIC REPORTING BURDEN STATEMENT

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 30 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing the instructions, searching the existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. This form is used to apply for, amend, or renew a Registered Buyer permit. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to Assistant Regional Administrator, Sustainable Fisheries Division, NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Before completing this form, please note the following: 1) Notwithstanding any other provision of 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 commercial fishing efforts under 50 CFR part 679 and under section 402(a) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801, *et seq.*); 3) Some information collected on this application form is made available to the public on the NMFS, Alaska Region, webpage (<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/region/alaska>). Other information is confidential under section 402(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act and NOAA Administrative Order 216-100, which sets forth procedures to protect confidentiality of fishery statistics.

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

AUTHORITY: The collection of this information is authorized by the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

PURPOSE: NMFS uses the information provided on this application to determine eligibility of the applicant to receive a registered buyer permit and to issue the permit if the application is approved. A registered buyer permit authorizes the person identified on the permit to receive and make an individual fishing quota (IFQ) landing by an IFQ permit holder or IFQ hired master permit holder, or to receive and make a community development quota (CDQ) halibut landing by a CDQ permit holder or CDQ hired master permit holder.

ROUTINE USES: Disclosure of this information is subject to the published routine uses identified in the Privacy Act System of Records Notice COMMERCE/NOAA-19, Permits and Registrations for the United States Federally Regulated Fisheries. NMFS posts some information from this form on its public website (<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/region/alaska>). In addition, NMFS may share information submitted on this application form with other State and Federal agencies or fishery management commissions, including staff of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council and Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission.

DISCLOSURE: Providing this information is voluntary; however, the failure to provide complete and accurate information will prevent NMFS from issuing the requested registered buyer permit.

**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.

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(l)(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.

Application forms and instructions are also available on the NMFS, Alaska Region, web site at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/permit/alaska-ifq-halibut-sablefish-and-cdq-halibut-program-fishery-applications-and-reporting>.

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**

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

Or email to: **RAM.Alaska@noaa.gov**

Items will be sent to you by email or 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/efish/login>

Additional information is available from RAM, as follows:

Website: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/alaska/sustainable-fisheries/restricted-access-management-division>

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

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

e-Mail: 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 email or 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 a 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 <https://elandings.atlassian.net/wiki/spaces/doc/pages/79659055/eLandings+Reporting+System+FAQ+s>.

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 email, mail, fax, or delivery, the applicant or authorized representative must enter printed name, signature, and date signed.

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 <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/permit/alaska-ifq-halibut-sablefish-and-cdq-halibut-program-fishery-applications-and-reporting>, the NMFS Person ID and password take the place of a signature and certify that all information is true, correct, and complete.