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Instructions

To make an appeal for a denied application or adverse decision under the Alaska Amendment 80 Program, you must appeal the Initial Administrative Determination (IAD) issued by NOAA Fisheries pursuant to 50 CFR § 679.43.

How to Make an Appeal

- **Receive the IAD:** Wait for the official Initial Administrative Determination from NOAA Fisheries Alaska Region (Restricted Access Management Program) explaining why your application was denied.
- **File a Letter of Appeal:** Submit a formal written appeals letter to the National Appeals Office or NOAA Fisheries within the timeframe specified in the IAD (typically 45 days from the date of the IAD).
- **Meet the Burden of Proof:** In your appeal, you carry the legal burden of proving your claims and showing that you meet the specific criteria for the Amendment 80 quota share or permit.
- **Include Documentation:** Provide all necessary supporting records, logbooks, and objective evidence substantiating your historical catch or eligibility.

Administrative appeals of adverse decisions made by NMFS Alaska Region must be submitted to the NMFS National Appeals Office (NAO) in Silver Spring, Maryland. Instructions for submitting an appeal are provided on the NAO website at https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/national/rules-and-regulations/appeals. The appeal may be submitted by fax (307-713-2384) or by mail or commercial carrier to NMFS National Appeals Office, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

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