



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

National Marine Fisheries Service

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Dear BSAI Crab IFQ/IPQ Permit Holder:

Enclosed with this letter are your annual Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) and/or Individual Processing Quota (IPQ) permits for the remaining crab fisheries that will open for the 2009-2010 crab fishing year. These permits identify the IFQ or IPQ that has been issued to you for the 2009-2010 crab fishing year, under the provisions of the Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands Crab Rationalization (CR) Program.

Note that several requirements govern the use of these permits, including:

- A copy of the IFQ permit must be on board the harvesting vessel;
- A copy of the IPQ permit must be present at the facility at which the crab are received;
- All crab harvested under an IFQ permit must be delivered to a person holding a valid Registered Crab Receiver (RCR) permit;
- All Class "A" IFQ (as identified on the permit) must be delivered to an RCR that holds an equal amount of unused IPQ;
- IFQ harvests must be delivered within the region for which the permit is designated, except that Captain/Crew IFQ and catcher/processor IFQ is exempt from this restriction.
- Regulations effective June 29, 2009 authorize IPQ cap exemptions in some custom processing situations. The final rule and implementing regulations are on the Internet: <http://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/frules/74fr25449.pdf>
- New regulations effective September 14, 2009 allow post-delivery transfers of all types of individual fishing quota and individual processing quota to cover overages. The final rule and implementing regulations are on the Internet: <http://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/frules74fr41092.pdf>

A variety of Federal and State requirements apply to fishing and processing crab under the CR program and are subject to change at any time. Additional information can be obtained from the Alaska Region of NOAA Fisheries Service (NMFS), Restricted Access Management Program (RAM) (below). For State information, contact the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Dutch Harbor office at 907 581-1239 or the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission at 907-789-6150.

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Sincerely,

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Enclosure(s)

