

8 Changes in the Distribution of Halibut QS by State

Tables 8-1 and 8-2 provide data on halibut QS holdings based on the US state of residence for QS holders. The tables show changes in the distribution of halibut QS holdings from initial issuance through year-end 2011. The state of residence for QS holders is based upon NMFS-RAM Division records of current mailing addresses as self-reported by QS Holders.⁵²

At both initial issuance and at year-end 2011, Alaska residents held the highest percentage of QS in Areas 2C, 3A, 3B, 4A, 4C, and 4E. Alaska residents showed slight increases in their proportions at all QS holdings in Areas, 4A, 4B and 4D and slight decreases of total QS holdings in Areas 2C, 3A, 3B, 4B, and 4E.

After Alaska, Washington held the highest percentage of QS. The percentage of QS held by Washington residents in each area at the end of 2011 ranged from 15.7% in Area 4E to 52.8 % in Area 4D. Washington State held around half the QS in Areas 4C and 4D.

In all areas, the QS holdings of persons from Oregon and other states were small compared with QS holdings of persons from Washington and Alaska.

In the category, "Other" there is a slight increase in percentage in QS holdings that are residing in other states besides Washington and Oregon.

Table 8-2 shows that in all areas except Area 4D, most QS holders were from Alaska, both at initial issuance and at year-end 2011.

Since initial issuance, the number of QS holders from each state has dropped in Areas 2C through 4C. In most cases, the drop in QS holders in these areas coincides with increases in the average size of QS holdings. In Area 4E, there were only small changes in QS holders or average holdings because all of the TAC in Area 4E is devoted to CDQs.

Average QS holdings vary considerably among persons from different states within a management area. In many areas, Alaska residents held smaller average amounts of QS than did residents of Washington or Oregon. For example, at the end of 2011 in Area 3B, Alaska residents held an average of 82,790 QS units, whereas fewer Oregon residents held an average of 130,002 QS units, and Washington residents held an average of 189,992 QS units.

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⁵²NMFS-RAM maintains data for year end addresses only.

Note that the total number of initial QS recipients in the tables in this chapter may be greater than the number of unique QS recipients for the area, as shown elsewhere in this report. This is because some persons received separate initial QS allocations over the 1995 to 2011 period, and had different addresses and were classified into different resident categories at different points in time.