

10 Changes in the Distribution of Halibut QS by Alaskan Census Area

The tables in this section classify halibut QS holders into Alaska Census areas. Entities that hold QS were assigned to a port area based upon addresses they provided NMFS-RAM. Persons who reside outside Alaska were put in a single nonresident category. The tables provide data on the initial distribution and the year-end 2011 distribution of halibut QS holdings.

Table 10-1a provides a summary of the QS holdings in each port area for the different halibut management areas. The table provides the initial QS holdings, the 2011 year-end QS holdings, the change in QS holdings from initial issuance through 2011, and the percentage change in QS holdings. The table also shows the percentage of the total management area QS that was initially issued to persons in each port area. Similarly, it shows the percentage of the total management area QS that was held at year-end 2011 by persons in each port area.

Port areas where Alaskans hold relatively high percentages of QS (10% or more of the area QS at year-end 2011) are: Juneau, Petersburg, Wrangell, and Sitka (Area 2C); Kodiak (Areas 3A, 3B, 4A, 4B, and 4C), Kenai Peninsula (Areas 3A, 3B, and 4A); Aleutian Islands West (Area 4C); Bethel (Area 4E). As noted earlier, persons who reside outside of Alaska were issued a substantial proportion of the QS in all halibut management areas except 4E. By the end of 2011, the amount of QS held by nonresidents decreased in Areas 3B, 4A, 4B, and 4D, and increased slightly in Areas 2C, 3A 4C and 4E.

Table 10-1b presents somewhat similar information on QS holders from each Port area. The table shows, for each port area, the initial number of QS holders, the 2011 year-end number of QS holders, the change in the number of QS holders through 2011, and the percentage change in the number of QS holders, for each halibut management area and port area.

For each halibut management area and port area, Table 10-1b also shows the initial average QS holdings, the 2011 year-end average QS holdings, the change in average QS holdings through 2011, and the percentage change in average QS holdings through 2011. The table includes the initial and year-end percentages of total initial QS recipients for the management area for each port area.

Table 10-1b demonstrates that there was some consolidation of QS holdings and a reduction in the number of QS holders since initial issuance for most port areas and management areas. In the few cases where the number of QS holders increased through 2011, the increases were very small. The percent decline of QS holders from some port areas is particularly high in the non-CDQ Areas 2C through 4A. This could be related to QS holders from CDQ areas transferring their CDQ compensation QS.

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