



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

*National Marine Fisheries Service
P.O. Box 21668
Juneau, Alaska 99802-1668*

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SENT CERTIFIED MAIL

**Notice of Determination of Quota Share Inactivity
(Inactive QS Notice)**

Dear Quota Share Holder:

The National Marine Fisheries Service, Alaska Region, Restricted Access Management (NMFS/AKR/RAM) Program has determined that you are a person who received an initial allocation of Halibut and/or Sablefish Quota Share (QS) under the Fixed Gear Individual Fishing Quota Program for Pacific halibut and sablefish (IFQ Program). A QS Holder Summary Report identifying the QS you were issued (and continue to hold) is attached. Our records indicate that you have never used any of your annual Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) to harvest commercial halibut and/or sablefish, nor have you transferred any QS/IFQ to or from another person. Therefore, we consider all of your halibut and sablefish QS to be "inactive."

The Secretary of Commerce recently published regulations that require we send you this Inactive QS Notice. This Inactive QS Notice is to advise you that unless you respond affirmatively during the Notice period and in the manner described below, the halibut and/or sablefish QS you hold (as identified on the attached QS Holder Summary Report) and any IFQ you were issued for 2012 will be revoked and permanently cease to exist following expiration of the notice period. The regulations can be found at this web site: <http://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/frules/77fr29556.pdf>

If you wish your QS to remain "active" you must respond in writing to this Inactive QS Notice, and **your response must be received by NMFS/AKR/RAM within 60 days, or by Friday, August 17, 2012**. Any previous correspondence that NMFS/AKR has received from you regarding your inactive QS holdings is not valid. **Failure to respond in writing to this Notice within this 60 day period will result in permanent revocation of your halibut/sablefish QS and IFQ holdings.**

You may complete the enclosed form, or provide your own written, signed statement requesting that your QS remain "active." You may mail your response to the address on the form, or send it via facsimile or courier (such as Fed Ex, UPS, etc.), or have it hand-delivered. Whichever method you choose to use in responding, be sure to print the name under which your quota is held and sign and date your response. Address information can be found on the enclosed form. Note that **your response must be received by NMFS/AKR/RAM by Friday, August 17, 2012.**



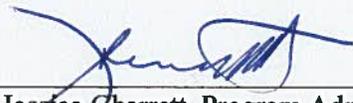
If you receive this Notice for a named QS holder who is deceased (if an individual) or dissolved (if a business entity) you may respond on behalf of that person only if you have legal authority to do so. In either case you must provide documentation of your authority to act on behalf of the individual's estate or the dissolved business entity; for deceased individuals you also must include a copy of the Death Certificate.

Please note that revocation of your current inactive QS and annual IFQ under this regulatory action will not affect your status as an Initial Recipient of QS; this means that you would be eligible to receive QS/IFQ by transfer in the future without having to (re)qualify to do so.

If you have questions about this Notice, please contact the RAM Program office **within the required 60 day period**, toll-free, at: 1-800-304-4846 (select option #2).

By Direction of the
NOAA Fisheries Service (NMFS)
James W. Balsiger, Regional Administrator
Alaska Region

By:



Jessica Gharrett, Program Administrator
Restricted Access Management

Enclosures

Request to Keep Halibut or Sablefish Quota Share (QS) Active

NMFS Person ID Number of QS holder (if known):

I, _____, request that NMFS not revoke
(print first name, middle initial, last name of individual signing this form)

halibut and/or sablefish quota share and annual IFQ held by:

_____,
(print QS holder first name, middle initial, last name of individual, or business name)

Signed: _____

Dated: _____

Please print your name, sign and date your response and:

Mail response to:
NMFS/AKR/RAM Program,
P.O. Box 21668
Juneau, Alaska 99802

Fax response to: 907-586-7354

Use Courier or Hand deliver response to:
NMFS/AKR/RAM Program
709 West 9th Street
Suite 713
Juneau, Alaska 99801

For general inquiries about this Notice or the IFQ Program, contact the RAM program
(toll-free): 1-800-304-4846 (select #2)