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Federal Permit Number: «NUM»
«OWN»
«STRT1»
«STRT2»
«CITY», «ST» «ZIP1»

Dear «OWN»,

Enclosed are the *Instructions for Reporting Deep-Sea Red Crab Landings using the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Interactive Voice Response (IVR) System*. This letter is being sent to all vessels issued 2009 limited access red crab permits.

Enclosed please find your confidential vessel code for accessing the NMFS IVR call-in system and an updated IVR worksheet for the 2009 fishing year. Also included is an overview of the NMFS Fishing Vessel Trip Report (FVTR) reporting requirements. For more detailed information on deep-sea red crab permits and reporting requirements, please contact the Sustainable Fisheries Division at (978) 281-9315.

Deep-Sea Red Crab IVR Reporting Requirements:

The owner or operator of any vessel issued a limited access deep-sea red crab permit (categories **B** & **C**) must submit a deep-sea red crab catch report via the IVR system within 24 hours after returning to port and offloading. The report must include vessel identification, DAS confirmation number, total pounds landed, and catch disposition (whole, partially processed or butchered). Butchered red crab is identified as crab landed in half sections where gills and viscera have not been removed. Partially processed red crab is identified as crab landed in half sections where gills and viscera have been removed. Negative reports are NOT required if no deep-sea red crab were landed on a trip. Please note – deep-sea red crab reported to the IVR call-in system does not exempt the owner or operator from their FVTR or other applicable reporting requirements.

Fishing Vessel Trip Report (FVTR) Reporting Requirements:

A requirement of your Federal deep-sea red crab permit is that you submit Fishing Vessel Trip Reports for all fishing trips, regardless of species fished for or caught. FVTRs must be submitted for every trip made each month. FVTRs must be postmarked by the 15th following the month of the fishing activity. If no fishing activity takes place during a month, a negative report must be submitted. If no fishing activity takes place during a month, a negative report must be submitted.

Additional Information:

For more information, please contact the Sustainable Fisheries Division at (978) 281-9315, your local NMFS Field Office or visit our web site at <http://www.nero.noaa.gov/nero>. For more information about the NMFS IVR call-in system or to report problems with the call-in system, please contact Uvi Ajavon in the Fishery Statistics Office at (978) 281-9172. The Fisheries Statistics Office will report vessel owners to the NOAA Fisheries Service Office of Law Enforcement for failure to submit all reports, submission of incomplete or inaccurate reports or failure to report in a timely fashion.

Sincerely,

Greg Power
Acting Director
Fisheries Statistics Office

Enclosures

2009 Deep-Sea Red Crab IVR Worksheet

This worksheet is an example of the information needed to submit trip level IVR catch reports for deep-sea red crab. It may be copied and used as a personal record but should not be submitted to NMFS.

Call phone number: 1-888-284-4904

TO BEGIN A TRIP:

1. Press **1** for Days-at-Sea reporting.
2. Enter your 6 digit permit number and 5 digit vessel PIN.
3. Press **1** to begin a trip.
4. Press **4** to indicate a red crab trip.
5. Enter your phone number, including area code.
6. Enter your 3-digit port code. The port codes were included in the May 8, 2006 mailing you received detailing the DAS/IVR call-in system merge. If you do not have the list of port codes, please contact NOAA Enforcement at (978) 281-9239.
7. The IVR system will provide you with a 6-digit sailing confirmation number. You should safeguard this confirmation number in case you receive any inquiries about your activity from NOAA Fisheries Enforcement, the U.S. Coast Guard, or state law enforcement.

TO END A TRIP:

1. Press **1** for Days-at-Sea reporting.
2. Enter your 6 digit permit number and 5 digit vessel PIN.
3. Press **2** to end a trip.
4. Enter the number of pounds kept.
5. Enter the catch composition: 1 for whole, 2 for butchered or 3 for partially processed.
6. The IVR system will provide you with a 6-digit landing confirmation number. You should safeguard this confirmation number in case you receive any inquiries about your activity from NOAA Fisheries Enforcement, the U.S. Coast Guard, or state law enforcement.

Confirmation Numbers:						
Trip Start:						
Trip End:						