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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; North Pacific Halibut and Sablefish Individual Fishing Quota Cost Recovery Program

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS); National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notification of standard prices and fee percentage.

SUMMARY: NMFS publishes the individual fishing quota (IFQ) standard prices and fee percentage for cost recovery for the IFQ Program for the halibut and sablefish fisheries of the North Pacific (IFQ Program). The fee percentage for 2025 is 2.4 percent. This action is intended to provide holders of halibut and sablefish IFQ permits with the 2025 standard prices and fee percentage to calculate the required payment for IFQ cost recovery fees due by January 31, 2026.

DATES: The standard prices and fee percentages are valid on December 31, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tristan Mandeville, Fee Coordinator, 907-586-7231.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NMFS Alaska Region administers the IFQ Program in the North Pacific. The IFQ Program is a limited access system authorized by the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act) and the Northern Pacific Halibut Act of 1982

(Halibut Act). Fishing under the IFQ Program began in March 1995. Regulations implementing the IFQ Program are set forth at 50 CFR part 679.

In 1996, the Magnuson-Stevens Act was amended to, among other purposes, require the Secretary of Commerce to collect a fee to recover the actual costs directly related to the management and enforcement of any individual quota program. This requirement was further amended in 2006 to include collection of the actual costs of data collection and to replace the reference to "individual quota program" with a more general reference to "limited access privilege program" at section 304(d)(2)(A) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act. Section 304(d)(2) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act also specifies an upper limit on these fees, when the fees must be collected, and where the fees must be deposited.

On March 20, 2000, NMFS published regulations at § 679.45 to implement cost recovery for the IFQ Program (65 FR 14919, March 20, 2000). Under the regulations, an IFQ permit holder must pay a cost recovery fee for every pound of IFQ halibut and sablefish that is landed on their IFQ permit(s), including any halibut that is landed as guided angler fish. The IFQ permit holder is responsible for self-collecting the fee for all IFQ halibut and sablefish landings on their permit(s). The IFQ permit holder is also responsible for submitting IFQ fee payments(s) to NMFS on or before January 31 of the year following the year in which the IFQ landings were made. The total dollar amount of the fee is determined by multiplying the NMFS published fee percentage by the ex-vessel value of all IFQ landings made on the permit(s) during the IFQ fishing year. As required by § 679.45(d)(1) and (d)(3)(i), NMFS publishes this notice of the fee percentage for the IFQ halibut and sablefish fisheries in the **Federal Register** during or prior to the last quarter of each year.

Standard Prices

The fee is based on the sum of all payments made to fishermen for the sale of the fish during the year. This includes any retro-payments (*e.g.*, bonuses, delayed partial payments, post-season payments) made to the IFQ permit holder for previously landed IFQ halibut or sablefish.

For purposes of calculating IFQ cost recovery fees, NMFS distinguishes between two types of ex-vessel value: actual and standard. Actual ex-vessel value is the amount of all compensation, monetary or non-monetary, that an IFQ permit holder received as payment for his or her IFQ fish sold. Standard ex-vessel value is the default value used to

calculate the fee. IFQ permit holders have the option of using actual ex-vessel value if they can satisfactorily document it; otherwise, the standard ex-vessel value is used.

Section 679.45(b)(3)(iii) requires the Regional Administrator to publish IFQ standard prices during the last quarter of each calendar year. These standard prices are used, along with estimates of IFQ halibut and IFQ sablefish landings, to calculate standard ex-vessel values. The standard prices are described in U.S. dollars per IFQ equivalent pound for IFQ halibut and IFQ sablefish landings made during the 2025 year. According to § 679.2, IFQ equivalent pound(s) means the weight amount, recorded in pounds, and calculated as round weight for sablefish and headed and gutted weight for halibut, for an IFQ landing. The weight of halibut in pounds landed as guided angler fish is converted to IFQ equivalent pound(s) as specified in 50 CFR 300.65(c)(5)(ii)(E). NMFS calculates the standard prices to closely reflect the variations in the actual ex-vessel values of IFQ halibut and IFQ sablefish landings by month and port or port-group. The standard prices for IFQ halibut and IFQ sablefish are listed in the tables that follow the next section. Data from ports are combined as necessary to protect confidentiality.

Fee Percentage

NMFS calculates the fee percentage each year according to the factors and methods described at § 679.45(d)(2). NMFS determines the fee percentage that applies to landings made in the previous year by dividing the total costs directly related to the management, data collection, and enforcement of the IFQ Program (management costs) during the previous year by the total standard ex-vessel value of halibut and sablefish IFQ landings made during the previous year (fishery value). NMFS identifies the actual management costs associated with certain management, data collection, and enforcement functions through an established accounting system that allows staff to track labor, travel, contracts, and procurement. NMFS is continuing to review our analysis of cost recovery and the appropriate costs to collect to support these programs as designed. NMFS plans to provide a comprehensive discussion of agency costs in the upcoming annual report for the North Pacific Fishery Management Council, scheduled for June 2026, which may result in changes to how agency costs are calculated for future fee notices. NMFS calculates the fishery value as

described under the section Standard Prices.

Using the fee percentage formula described above, NMFS determined that the percentage of management costs to fishery value for the 2025 calendar year is 2.4 percent of the standard ex-vessel value. An IFQ permit holder is to use the fee percentage of 2.4 percent to calculate their fee for IFQ equivalent pound(s) landed during the 2025 halibut

and sablefish IFQ fishing season. An IFQ permit holder is responsible for submitting the 2025 IFQ fee payment to NMFS on or before January 31, 2026. Payment must be made in accordance with the payment methods set forth in § 679.45(a)(4)(iv). Payment can be made using credit card, debit card, or electronic check via the <https://www.pay.gov> program. NMFS does not

accept credit card information by phone or in-person for fee payments.

The 2025 fee percentage of 2.4 percent is less than the 2024 fee percent of 3.0 percent (89 FR 105006, December 26, 2024). Net fishery management costs decreased by 12.5 percent compared to 2024, and the total fishery value increased by 28 percent compared to 2024, resulting in a lower fee percentage for 2025.

TABLE 1—REGISTERED BUYER STANDARD EX-VESSEL PRICES BY LANDING LOCATION FOR THE 2025 IFQ SEASON ¹

Landing Location	Period ending	HALIBUT standard ex-vessel price	SABLEFISH standard ex-vessel price	
CORDOVA	March 31			
	April 30			
	May 31			
	June 30			
	July 31			
	August 31			
	September 30		2.19	
	October 31		2.19	
	November 30		2.19	
	December 31		2.19	
	HOMER	March 31	6.58	
		April 30	7.06	2.14
May 31		8.28		
June 30		8.48	2.39	
July 31		8.4		
August 31		8.4	3.00	
September 30		8.6		
October 31		8.6		
November 30		8.6		
December 31		8.6		
KETCHIKAN		March 31		
		April 30		
	May 31			
	June 30			
	July 31			
	August 31			
	September 30	8.22		
	October 31	8.22		
	November 30	8.22		
	December 31	8.22		
	KODIAK	March 31	11.33	
		April 30	6.88	
May 31		8.01		
June 30		7.97		
July 31		8.24		
August 31		8.16		
September 30		8.19	1.93	
October 31		8.19	1.93	
November 30		8.19	1.93	
December 31		8.19	1.93	
PETERSBURG		March 31		
		April 30	6.63	
	May 31	6.16		
	June 30	8.45		
	July 31			
	August 31			
	September 30			
	October 31			
	November 30			
	December 31			
	SITKA	March 31	6.71	
		April 30		
May 31				
June 30				
July 31				
August 31		7.60	2.07	
September 30		7.66		

TABLE 1—REGISTERED BUYER STANDARD EX-VESSEL PRICES BY LANDING LOCATION FOR THE 2025 IFQ SEASON¹—Continued

Landing Location	Period ending	HALIBUT standard ex-vessel price	SABLEFISH standard ex-vessel price	
BERING SEA ²	October 31	7.66		
	November 30	7.66		
	December 31	7.66		
	March 31			
	April 30			
	May 31		1.6	
	June 30	6.00	2.01	
	July 31	6.40	2.04	
	August 31	6.59		
	September 30	6.72	1.94	
	October 31	6.72	1.94	
	November 30	6.72	1.94	
CENTRAL GULF OF ALASKA ³	December 31	6.72	1.94	
	March 31	7.44	2.19	
	April 30	6.94	2.14	
	May 31	8.04	1.77	
	June 30	8.19	1.63	
	July 31	8.2	1.94	
	August 31	8.25	2.14	
	September 30	8.33	1.94	
	October 31	8.33	1.94	
	November 30	8.33	1.94	
	December 31	8.33	1.94	
	SOUTHEAST ALASKA ⁴	March 31	7.2	1.66
April 30		6.58	1.74	
May 31		7.29	1.75	
June 30		4.21	1.92	
July 31		7.84	2.01	
August 31		7.98	2.06	
September 30		8.01	2.10	
October 31		8.01	2.10	
November 30		8.01	2.10	
December 31		8.01	2.10	
ALL—ALASKA ⁵		March 31	7.26	1.81
		April 30	6.67	1.83
	May 31	7.62	1.71	
	June 30	6.06	1.88	
	July 31	7.60	1.99	
	August 31	7.77	2.10	
	September 30	7.97	1.99	
	October 31	7.97	1.99	
	November 30	7.97	1.99	
	December 31	7.97	1.99	
	ALL ⁵	March 31	7.26	1.81
		April 30	6.67	1.83
May 31		7.62	1.71	
June 30		6.06	1.88	
July 31		7.60	1.99	
August 31		7.80	2.10	
September 30		7.97	1.99	
October 31		7.97	1.99	
November 30		7.97	1.99	
December 31		7.97	1.99	

¹ **Note:** In many instances, prices are not shown in order to comply with confidentiality guidelines when there are fewer than three registered buyers operating in a location during a month. Additionally, landings at different harbors in the same general location (e.g., “Juneau, Douglas, and Auke Bay”) have been combined to report landings to the main port (e.g., “Juneau”).

² *Landing Locations Within Port Group—Bering Sea:* Adak, Akutan, Akutan Bay, Atka, Bristol Bay, Chefornak, Dillingham, Captains Bay, Dutch Harbor, Egegik, Ikatan Bay, Hooper Bay, King Cove, King Salmon, Kipnuk, Mekoryuk, Naknek, Nome, Quinhagak, Savoonga, St. George, St. Lawrence, St. Paul, Togiak, Toksook Bay, Tununak, Beaver Inlet, Ugadaga Bay, Unalaska.

³ *Landing Locations Within Port Group—Central Gulf of Alaska:* Anchor Point, Anchorage, Alitak, Chignik, Cordova, Eagle River, False Pass, West Anchor Cove, Girdwood, Chinitna Bay, Halibut Cove, Homer, Kasilof, Kenai, Kenai River, Alitak, Kodiak, Port Bailey, Nikiski, Niniichik, Old Harbor, Palmer, Perryville, Sand Point, Seldovia, Resurrection Bay, Seward, Valdez, Whittier.

⁴ *Landing Locations Within Port Group—Southeast Alaska:* Angoon, Baranof Warm Springs, Craig, Edna Bay, Elfin Cove, Excursion Inlet, Gustavus, Haines, Hollis, Hoonah, Hyder, Auke Bay, Douglas, Tee Harbor, Juneau, Kake, Ketchikan, Klawock, Metlakatla, Pelican, Petersburg, Portage Bay, Port Alexander, Port Graham, Port Protection, Point Baker, Sitka, Skagway, Tenakee Springs, Thorne Bay, Wrangell, Yakutat.

⁵ *Landing Locations Within Port Group—All:* For Alaska: All landing locations included in 1, 2, and 3. For California: Eureka, Fort Bragg, Other California. For Oregon: Astoria, Aurora, Lincoln City, Newport, Warrenton, Other Oregon. For Washington: Anacortes, Bellevue, Bellingham, Nagai Island, Edmonds, Everett, Granite Falls, Ilwaco, La Conner, Port Angeles, Port Orchard, Port Townsend, Ranier, Fox Island, Mercer Island, Seattle, Standwood, Other Washington. For Canada: Port Hardy, Port Edward, Prince Rupert, Vancouver, Haines Junction, Other Canada.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: December 23, 2025.

Peter Cooper,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

[Docket ID: USAF–2025–HQ–0102]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of the Air Force, Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: 60-Day information collection notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995*, the Jeanne M. Holm Center for Officer Accessions and Citizen Development announces a proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by March 2, 2026.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

Mail: Department of Defense, Office of the Director of Administration and Management, Privacy, Civil Liberties, and Transparency Directorate, Regulatory Division, 4800 Mark Center Drive, Mailbox #24, Suite 05F16, Alexandria, VA 22350–1700.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number and title for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are

received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to Jeanne M. Holm Center for Officer Accessions and Citizen Development, Academic Affairs; 60 W Schumacher Ave., Maxwell AFB, AL 36112; Mr. William McClurg, 334–953–2398.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title; Associated Form; and OMB

Number: Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Principal Survey; OMB Control Number 0701–AFPS.

Needs and Uses: The Department of the Air Force is seeking public comment on a proposed survey for principals of high schools that host an Air Force Junior ROTC (AFJROTC) program. Feedback from school leadership is essential for meeting the mandatory quality assurance standards of the program's accrediting body, Cognia. The survey responses also provide critical information to the Jeanne M. Holm Center for Officer Accessions and Citizen Development—the Air Force organization that manages AFJROTC. The collected information will be used exclusively to evaluate the program's effectiveness, assess whether it is meeting its educational goals, and identify areas for improvement, ensuring the Air Force continues to offer a valuable citizenship and leadership program for students nationwide.

Affected Public: Individuals or households (high school principals).

Annual Burden Hours: 64.

Number of Respondents: 255.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 255.

Average Burden per Response: 15 minutes.

Frequency: Annually.

Dated: December 23, 2025.

Stephanie J. Bost,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Docket ID: DOD–2025–OS–0870]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness

(OUSD(P&R)), Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: 60-Day information collection notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995*, the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, announces a proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by March 2, 2026.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title; Associated Form; and OMB

Number: Collection of Required Data Elements to Verify Eligibility; OMB Control Number 0704–0545.