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ALASKA ALBACORE LANDING INFORMATION

No Federal permit is needed such as the HMS permit under the PFMC management plan, however if fishing is beyond 200nm a High Seas Fisheries Compliance Act permit is required.

Also boats entering from Alaska into Canada to fish albacore need to follow same check in rules as entering from WA: See statement at end of this paper:

To land/offload Highly Migratory Species in Alaska at a licensed buyer/processor

- Fisherman must possess a valid Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC) interim-use permit, such as a miscellaneous finfish permit for the appropriate gear type, to land or offload fish or shellfish (AS 16.10.267(a) and (20 AAC 05.110)). The vessel must be licensed with the State of Alaska (AS 16.05.490, 5 AAC 39.120). If you have any questions, see the CFEC website at www.cfec.state.ak.us or call the CFEC Licensing Section at (907) 789-6150.
- The submission of a completed fish ticket is required for any fish or shellfish species, including highly migratory species harvested outside of Alaska waters (shoreward of 12 nautical miles from the Alaska coastline), that are landed or offloaded in Alaska or Alaska waters (5 AAC 39.130(c)). Licensed Buyers/processors may report the landing using e Landings or conventional paper fish tickets. If you have any questions, please contact elandings@alaska.gov or Shellene Hutter, ADF&G Seafood Industry Coordinator, at (907) 465-6131 or dfg.seafood-coord@alaska.gov.
- Buyers/processors require a fisheries business license from the Department of Revenue under AS 43.75.020 and would be responsible for any landing taxes under AS 43.77.010.
- If there are any crewmembers on board the vessel besides the CFEC permit holder those individuals will need a valid crewmember's license from ADF&G per 5 AAC 39.110. Please contact the licensing section of ADF&G at 907-465-2376 or visit the website to purchase a crewmembers license online at: <https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/Store/>

To land/offload and Directly Market Highly Migratory Species in Alaska

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- Fishermen must be assigned a processor code by ADF&G in order to complete an ADF&G fish ticket. The processor code assigned to the fisherman can either be a fisheries business license type assigned in conjunction with the Department of Revenue and ADF&G or an ADF&G only permit. Fisheries business license types include direct marketer, catcher processor, or floating processor. The appropriate ADF&G only permit would be the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ)-only permit. Fisherman

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must complete an Intent to Operate application and submit the completed form to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (5 AAC 39.130(a)).

See the ADF&G website at: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fishlicense.marketers>
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- If the fish is harvested and processed beyond the 3 nautical mile limit the Alaska Department of Revenue cannot require the fisherman to possess a fisheries business license, however, the fisherman would be responsible for any landing taxes under AS 43.77.010.

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U.S. /Canada Treaty: U.S. vessels wishing to fish in Canadian waters pursuant to the treaty must register with NMFS at least 7 days prior to the first planned day in Canada by contacting NMFS at (562) 980-4024 or email albacore.fish@noaa.gov

U.S. Vessels Check In: Prince Rupert CG station, Phone 250-627-3074.

Fishing Season: Canadian's access to US waters from June 15 - September 15, U.S. vessels can fish in Canadian waters outside of 12nm June 15 - October 31.

Port access Season: U.S. boats June 15 - Dec 31 under the regime. Jan 1 - June 15 with approval and application below.

To enter a Canadian port U.S. vessels will need to fill out an application any time of the year. (Not Needed Just For Fishing). Application to Enter Canada Ports: <http://tinyurl.com/mvy4pvg>

Bowie seamount - Apparently U.S. and Canadians cannot fish on or in the region of the Bowie seamount according to NMFS sources. However on the Canadian law webpage concerning marine protected areas such as Bowie it states that commercial fishing is exempt. We will update this when we get a clear answer.