NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE
OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR

In Re Application of	)	
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[redacted]	)	**Appeal No. 11-0020**
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	)	**ORDER AFFIRMING**
Appellant.	)	**DECISION**
	)	

REGIONAL ADMINSTRATOR'S ORDER
AFFIRMING THE NATIONAL APPEALS OFFICE DECISION
DATED NOVEMBER 28, 2011

The National Appeals Office ("NAO") issued a Decision dated November 28, 2011, *In Re Application of* [redacted] Appeal No. 11-0020 ("Decision"). The Decision upholds the Initial Administrative Determination dated December 1, 2010, and denies the Appellant's application for a charter halibut permit under the Charter Halibut Limited Access Program regulations. On December 19, 2011, I issued a stay of the Decision until February 17, 2012. I issued this stay to provide additional time for my review of the Decision pursuant to my authority under 50 C.F.R. § 679.43(o).

I have completed my review of the Decision. Based on my review of the record and pursuant to my authority under 50 C.F.R. § 679.43(o)(1), I affirm the November 28, 2011, Decision of the NAO as the decision of the agency in this matter. I conclude that NMFS must deny Appellant's application for a charter halibut fishing permit for the reasons set forth in the Decision.

In accordance with 50 C.F.R. § 679.43(o), this Order takes effect immediately and constitutes final agency action on this matter.

IT IS SO ORDERED

Date: 2/3/12

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for James W. Balsiger, Ph.D.
Regional Administrator