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. 11-0067**
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	)	**ORDER AFFIRMING DECISION**
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Appellant.	)	
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REGIONAL ADMINSTRATOR'S ORDER AFFIRMING THE NATIONAL APPEALS OFFICE DECISION DATED OCTOBER 31, 2011

I have completed my review of the National Appeals Office (NAO) Decision dated October 31, 2011, *In Re Application of* [redacted] Appeal No. 11-0067. Pursuant to my authority under 50 C.F.R. § 679.43(o)(1), I affirm the October 31, 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: 1.12.12

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Regional Administrator