UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE
Silver Spring, MD 20910

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Dear Fish Buyer and/or Processor:

The Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Salmon fishing capacity program referendum was successful and the industry fee system necessary to repay a $13,133,030 reduction loan has been approved. State of Alaska records indicate you are licensed to buy Southeast Alaska purse seine salmon.

NOAA Fisheries mailed ballots to 379 permanent permit holders in the fishery designated as S01A by the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC) who were eligible to vote in the referendum. The voting period opened on March 30, 2012, and closed on April 30, 2012. A majority of permit holders approved the industry fee system.

NOAA Fisheries published a reduction payment tender notice in the Federal Register on May 7, 2012. Post-reduction harvesters will begin collecting the fees on Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Salmon (S01A) landings soon after we disburse payments, likely around July 1, 2012. The buyer who first purchases the salmon landed is responsible for collecting and submitting the loan repayment fees to NOAA Fisheries. Please see the attached final rule published in the Federal Register on October 6, 2011 for more details.

A completed fee collection report for must accompany each fee payment. A copy of the fee collection report is enclosed for your use. An electronic version will soon be available on Pay.gov. For those paying by check, a paper copy must be submitted with payment. The form is also available from our website:

http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/mb/financial_services/southeast_alaska_purse_seine_salmon_buybacк.html

Payments must be received no later than the 15th calendar day after the last calendar day of each month for the previous month's landings. NOAA Fisheries uses Pay.gov to accept buyback fee payments online via a checking account and to submit the fee collection report. . Please visit Pay.gov and search under NOAA for current buyback program samples.

If you do not have access to the Internet, you may send payment to our lockbox by check to:

NOAA Fisheries Southeast Alaska
Purse Seine Salmon Buyback
P O Box 979002
St. Louis, MO 63197-9000

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