



**APPLICATION FOR
SUBSISTENCE HALIBUT
REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE
(SHARC) RURAL RESIDENT**

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SHARC renewal may be submitted ONLINE at <https://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/webapps/efish/login>.

Are you applying for a new SHARC or a renewal of an existing SHARC?

☐ New

☐ Renewal:

If renewal, enter current SHARC number: _____

NOTE: Applicants must complete Blocks A, B, & C, and sign and date Block D.

Incomplete applications will result in delayed processing. Unsigned applications will not be processed.

Applications are NOT accepted by e-mail.

BLOCK A - ALASKA RURAL SUBSISTENCE REGISTRANT INFORMATION

1. Name of Fisherman (*First, Middle, Last*)

2. Birth Date (*mm/dd/yyyy*)

3. Daytime Telephone Number

4. E-mail Address

5. Mailing Address (*P.O. Box, Street, City, State, Zip Code*)

If you use a P.O. Box for mailing you must provide a street address or a description of the physical location of your home residence:

6. Town/ village of home residence

7. Dates of residence in this community or area

___ / ___ / ___ to ___ / ___ / ___

BLOCK B - TYPE OF SUBSISTENCE HALIBUT REGISTRATION

Only persons who are rural residents as defined in 50 CFR 300.65 may be issued a rural SHARC.

A **Rural Resident** means, for purposes of the subsistence fishery for Pacific halibut in waters in and off Alaska, an individual who maintains a home residence in a rural community, as listed in 50 CFR 300.65(g)(1), **OR** a rural area as described at 50 CFR 300.65(g)(3), who has maintained a home residence in listed rural communities or described rural areas for 12 consecutive months immediately preceding the time when the assertion of residence is made and who is not claiming residency in another state, territory, or country. **A rural SHARC may not be issued to anyone who has not maintained a home residence within the municipal or census boundaries for an eligible rural community or within a described rural area, or has not maintained a home residence within those boundaries or rural areas for 12 consecutive months.**

Please select one option from the following list to indicate the basis for your eligibility to harvest subsistence halibut. In Block A you must provide the name of the rural community and/or a description of the physical location of your home residence that coincides with the box you check below:

- ☐ A home residence in a rural community, as listed in 50 CFR 300.65(g)(1).
- ☐ A home residence in Southeast Alaska east of 141° W long., except for the land areas of the Ketchikan Gateway Borough on May 18, 2008, the land areas of the City and Borough of Juneau, and the Ketchikan and Juneau non-subsistence marine waters areas (see Figures 2 and 3 to subpart E of 50 CFR part 300).
- ☐ A home residence on the Alaska Peninsula, Aleutian Islands, or Kodiak Island Archipelago, or in the area south of the northern boundary of the Bristol Bay Borough and south of 58°39.2' N lat. (see Figures 5, 6, and 7 to subpart E of 50 CFR part 300).
- ☐ A home residence on Nelson, Nunivak, or Saint Lawrence Islands (see Figure 6 to subpart E of 50 CFR part 300).
- ☐ A home residence in any other area of Alaska within 10 statute miles of mean high water on the Bering Sea and Pacific Ocean coasts, south of Cape Espenberg, including along the Kuskokwim River to Bethel, and that is not specified as a non-rural land or water area as defined in 50 CFR 300.65(g)(4) (see Figures 4, 5, 6, and 7 to subpart E of 50 CFR art 300).

BLOCK C – VERIFIER INFORMATION

The verifying person MAY NOT be your wife, husband, parent, or child.

The verifying person MAY NOT be living at the rural residence listed by you.

1. Name of an Adult Verifier (<i>First, Middle, Last</i>)	2. Verifier Relationship to Applicant <input type="checkbox"/> Family <input type="checkbox"/> Friend <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
3. Verifier's Mailing Address (<i>P.O. Box, Street, City, State, Zip Code</i>)	4. Verifier's Daytime Telephone Number

BLOCK D – CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY

I certify, under penalties of perjury, that I am a Rural Resident as defined at 50 CFR 300.65(g)(1) or (g)(3) and that to the best of my knowledge and belief all information contained on this application is true, correct, and complete.

Signature of Rural Applicant

Date:

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT STATEMENT

A Federal agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, nor shall a person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with an information collection subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 unless the information collection has a currently valid OMB Control Number. The approved OMB Control Number for this information collection is 0648-0512. Without this approval, we could not conduct this information collection. Public reporting for this information collection is estimated to be approximately 10 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the information collection. All responses to this information collection are required to obtain a permit. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this information collection, including suggestions for reducing this burden to Assistant Regional Administrator, Sustainable Fisheries Division, Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21688, Juneau, AK 99802-1668.

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

Authority: The collection of this information is authorized under the Northern Pacific Halibut Act of 1982, 16 U.S.C. 773c

Purpose: NMFS is collecting this information to manage the Subsistence Halibut Program.

Routine Uses: NMFS will use this information to determine the eligibility of the applicant to receive a rural resident subsistence halibut registration certificate (SHARC) and to issue the SHARC if the application is approved. Responses to this information request are confidential under section 402(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act. They are also confidential under NOAA Administrative Order 216-100, which sets forth procedures to protect confidentiality of fishery statistics. Disclosure of this information is permitted under the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. Section 552a) to be shared among authorized staff for work-related purposes. Disclosure of this information is also subject to the published routine uses identified in the Privacy Act System of Records Notice [COMMERCE/NOAA-19](#), Permits and Registrations for the United States Federally Regulated Fisheries.

Disclosure: Furnishing this information is required to obtain or retain benefits. Failure to provide complete and accurate information may delay or prevent an eligible person from receiving a rural resident SHARC.

INSTRUCTIONS
SHARC APPLICATION FOR RURAL RESIDENT

PROGRAM INFORMATION

The Subsistence Halibut Fishery is authorized by Federal regulations at 50 CFR part 300 and provides for eligible persons to conduct subsistence halibut fishing in Convention waters off Alaska.

Subsistence halibut means halibut caught by a rural resident or a member of an Alaska Native tribe for direct personal or family consumption as food, sharing for personal or family consumption as food, or customary trade.

Eligible persons are residents of particular rural communities or rural areas and all identified members of federally recognized Alaska Native tribes.

A rural SHARC may not be issued to anyone who has not maintained a home residence within the municipal or census boundaries for an eligible rural community or within a described rural area for 12 consecutive months prior to the date of application.

A rural SHARC may not be issued to anyone who is claiming residency in another state, territory, or country.

Rural Resident means, for purposes of the subsistence fishery for Pacific halibut in waters in and off Alaska:

- an individual who maintains a home residence in a rural community listed in the table at 50 CFR 300.65(g)(1), and who has maintained a home residence in rural communities listed in the table at § 300.65(g)(1), or in rural areas described at § 300.65(g)(3), for the 12 consecutive months immediately preceding the time when the assertion of residence is made and who is not claiming residency in another state, territory, or country; or
- an individual who maintains a home residence in a rural area described at 50 CFR 300.65(g)(3) and who has maintained a home residence in rural areas described at § 300.65(g)(3), or in rural communities listed in the table at § 300.65(g)(1), for the 12 consecutive months immediately preceding the time when the assertion of residence is made, and who is not claiming residency in another state, territory, or country. The rural areas are as follows (for a full description including maps, please refer to the regulations referenced above):
- Southeast Alaska east of 141° W long., except for the land areas of the Ketchikan Gateway Borough on May 18, 2008, the land areas of the City and Borough of Juneau, and the Ketchikan and Juneau non-subsistence marine waters areas as these land and water areas are described in 50 CFR 300.65(g)(4).
- The Alaska Peninsula, Aleutian Islands, Kodiak Island Archipelago, and the area south of the northern boundary of the Bristol Bay Borough and south of 58° 39.2 N lat.
- Nelson, Nunivak, and Saint Lawrence Islands.
- All other areas of Alaska within 10-statute-miles of mean high water on the Bering Sea and Pacific Ocean coasts, south of Cape Espenberg, including along the Kuskokwim River to Bethel, and that are not specified as non-rural land or water areas as defined in 50 CFR 300.65(g)(4).

GENERAL INFORMATION

Applicants must complete Blocks A, B & C, and sign and date Block D on page 2.

Incomplete applications will result in delayed processing. Unsigned applications will not be processed.

If you have questions when completing the application, please—

- call RAM at (800) 304-4846 (select option 2) or (907) 586-7202 (select option 2);
- fax RAM at (907) 586-7354;
- e-mail your questions to RAM.Alaska@noaa.gov; or
- check our web site at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/alaska/sustainable-fisheries/subsistence-halibut-fishing-alaska>

SHARC renewal may be submitted ONLINE at <https://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/webapps/efish/login>. The online application process is the quickest way to receive your subsistence halibut permit.

For paper applications submitted by fax or mail, **please allow at least 10 days for processing your SHARC.** If you would like to have your SHARC sent by a method other than regular U.S. mail, please attach a note indicating the method, and follow the appropriate procedure below.

Complete the application and—

Mail to:	NMFS, Alaska Region Restricted Access Management (RAM) P.O. Box 21668 Juneau, Alaska 99802-1668
Deliver to:	Federal Building 709 W. 9th Street, Suite 713 Juneau, Alaska 99801
Or fax to:	907-586-7354.

Express Mail Return

If you would like to have your SHARC sent to you by U.S. Postal Express Mail, send us an express mail envelope with the correct amount of postage prepaid or send express mail stamps UNATTACHED to an envelope. **NOTE:** If the express mail envelope you send is too small or the postage attached is less than the amount required, your SHARC will be sent to you by regular U.S. mail.

Return by Other Express Carriers

If you would like to have your SHARC sent to you by a private express carrier (e.g., Federal Express, UPS, DHL), submit your account number and name of carrier or a prepaid envelope with the permit application.

COMPLETING THE APPLICATION

In the first box, please indicate whether you are:

- New applicant for a SHARC; or
- Renewing an existing SHARC. If renewing an existing SHARC, enter your current SHARC number.

BLOCK A – ALASKA RURAL SUBSISTENCE REGISTRANT INFORMATION

1. Enter your full name (first, middle, last). Please include any suffixes such as Jr., Sr., etc.
2. Enter your date of birth (month/day/year).
3. Enter your daytime telephone number, including area code.
4. Enter your e-mail address.
5. Enter your **permanent** mailing address, including P.O. box, street, state, and zip code. The SHARC will be sent to this address. Please include your street address even if you have a P.O. box number. If you have no street address, please include a description of the physical location of your home residence, such as latitude and longitude, if known, or direction and distance from a landmark or from a milepost on a road.
6. Enter your community or area of residence (city and state or area of state). This must be one of the rural communities listed at 50 CFR 300.65(g)(1) or a rural area listed at 50 CFR 300.65(g)(3).
7. Enter the dates of your residence in this community or area.

BLOCK B – TYPE OF SUBSISTENCE HALIBUT REGISTRATION

Note: Your application will not be processed if all of the following sections are not completed.

- Check one option to indicate under what basis you are eligible to harvest subsistence halibut as a rural resident of Alaska. If you need assistance with this step, such as determining if you live in a rural area, please contact RAM (see the top of page 5 for contact information).
- Please complete Blocks B and C, and sign and date Block D.

BLOCK C – VERIFIER INFORMATION

NOTE: The verifying person MAY NOT be your wife, husband, parent, or child.

The verifying person MAY NOT be living at the rural residence listed by you.

1. Please provide the name of an adult person age 18 or older who can verify that the residence listed by you is your home residence and that it was your home residence for 12 months prior to the date of the application.
2. Enter the verifier's relationship to you.
3. Enter the verifier's mailing address, including P.O. Box, street, state, and zip code.
4. Enter the verifier's daytime telephone number, including area code, for the verifier.

BLOCK D – CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY

Please sign and date the application. You must sign and date the application certifying you are an eligible rural resident under 50 CFR 300.65(g)(1) or 50 CFR 300.65(g)(3) and that all information contained in the application is true, correct, and complete to the best of your knowledge and belief. **The application will be considered incomplete without your signature and will not be processed.**