



Notice – Important Information

For distribution to fishermen with Catcher/Seller permits

A **catcher-seller** is defined in 5 AAC 39.130(o)(4) as “a commercial fisherman who sells or attempts to sell unprocessed¹ fish that were legally taken by the catcher-seller

- A) to the general public for use for noncommercial purposes;
- B) for use as bait for commercial or noncommercial purposes;
- C) to restaurants, grocery stores, and established fish markets; or
- D) by shipping the fish to a licensed buyer, processor, or exporter within this state²;

¹Gutting, gilling, or icing, if performed on the fishing grounds, and decapitating shrimp, is not processing.

²When selling to a licensed processor within the state, fish tickets will be written by the licensed buyer, processor, or exporter; **not the operating catcher-seller. Except** when a fish ticket needs to accompany the fish before it is removed from the vessel, dock, or set net site in order to ship the fish via plane, truck, mail, etc. to a licensed buyer, processor, or exporter within in the state where the fisherman is not accompanying the fish. The catcher-seller then uses the code plate issued by ADF&G when selling to a licensed buyer, processor, or exporter within this state.

- Exporting, fish outside of Alaska is not allowed with your catcher-seller permit.
- If not selling to a licensed processor or restaurant transporting unprocessed fish or shellfish away from your fishing vessel, dock, or set net site may require a permit from ADEC in addition to your catcher-seller permit. Call your local ADEC for permit information.
- A permitted fish transporter can sell salmon, herring, or Pacific cod on behalf of the CFEC permit holder who holds a valid Catcher Seller permit issued by ADF&G
- Roe recovery for use for human consumption is considered processing by ADEC. Contact your local ADEC for more information.

All salmon fishermen must pay the salmon enhancement tax **if the resource is harvested from a designated salmon enhancement area and is not sold to a licensed fisheries business in the state.** Fishermen selling to unlicensed buyers in the state must pay the salmon enhancement tax with an annual (not monthly) return, due before April 1, of the following year. Please contact the Alaska Department of Revenue at (907) 465-2320 for details. You also may be responsible for local City and Borough taxes. Please contact your City and Borough for information. **Do not send tax payments or tax returns to ADF&G.**

Please note that you do not need to order new fish tickets each year if you still have some on hand. Fish tickets do not expire.

If any information pertaining to your operation changes, or if you have any questions, please contact ADF&G, Commercial Fisheries at (907) 465-6131.