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Seafood Buyers/Processors
ATTN: Accounts Payable/Bookkeeping

This letter is being sent to clarify the proper procedure for dealing with by-catch and/or trip limit overages.

For all federal and parallel (joint state & federal) fisheries: Copies of electronic fish tickets with overages will be sent to the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Kodiak Enforcement Office, fax number 486-6868, if landings are from a federal fishery, parallel fishery, or an offload from federal waters. NMFS will process the fish tickets, and any overages or prohibited species that are found in state waters will be forwarded to the Alaska Wildlife Troopers (AWT) office in Kodiak. This does not change the current practice, but only serves to differentiate this process from the process for exclusive state managed fisheries.

All fish tickets that deal exclusively with state managed fisheries (Black Rockfish Etc.):

Note that with the advent of electronic fish tickets, the procedure now involves only one fish ticket with the overage amount plainly denoted on the original fish ticket. Please follow the steps listed below:

- Record the legally landed amount on one line of the elandings fish ticket.
- Record the overage on a separate line in the elandings system after receiving the overage information from the Department of Fish & Game. Enter the disposition code and specify the overage type.
- If conventional paper fish tickets are used then clearly highlight the entry as "**overage**".
- Issue a check to the State of Alaska for the amount of the overage. Note that only fish related taxes should be deducted from the proceeds.
- Complete a Waiver and Forfeiture Form, **including the fisherman's signature.**
- Once the packet is complete, to include a copy of the fish ticket, the signed Waiver and Forfeiture form, and a check for the amount of the overage, mail the packet to: Department of Fish & Game, Accounts Receivable Unit, P.O. Box 115526, Juneau, AK. 99802-5526
- **All overages over \$150.00 or contain a prohibitive species, (Ling Cod) shall be reported to AWT.**

Thank you for your cooperation on this matter. If you have any questions, please contact the AWT office in Kodiak at (907) 486-4762. The point of contact is Sgt. Shane Nicholson.

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WAIVER AND FORFEITURE

I, _____
(Print Name)

_____ hereby waive, release,
(identification number)

and forfeit to the State of Alaska, pursuant to A.S. 16.05.190 and A.S.
16.05.195, any and all claim, right, title, or interest to the fish or game described as:

Which are alleged by the State to have been taken, transported, or possessed
illegally.

DATED: _____

(Signature)

(Witness, may be Trooper)