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Recreational Quota Entity: Halibut Stamps update

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Stamps in eFISH

- As of 10/19/26:
 - 185,436 stamps reported as used (\$3,708,720)
 - 137,145 stamps purchased in eFISH (\$2,742,900)
 - 48,291 stamps need to be purchased (\$965,820)
- Of 468 CHP holders
 - 80 have a surplus of stamps
 - 138 have used and purchased an equal number of stamps
 - 250 have a deficit of stamps



Timing and Key dates

- CHP holders must buy enough stamps to cover all uses that year before Dec 31
 - Work with ADF&G to correct logbook stamp entries
- After Dec 31, a CHP holder with a negative stamp balance will get a reconciliation notice
 - Must work with NMFS to correct errors
 - 30 days to pay or provide evidence of error
 - All CHPs and QS/IFQ in account will be frozen
- Stamps purchased after October may get to the RQE a year late

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RQE

Halibut Stamp Purchase

NMFS Id:

Date: 02/13/2026

Charter halibut stamps are a daily stamp required for charter vessel anglers, who are 18 years of age or older, for each day they intend to catch and retain Pacific halibut in International Pacific Halibut Commission Areas 2C (Southeast Alaska) and 3A (Southcentral Alaska).

As a charter halibut permit (CHP) holder, you are responsible for purchasing charter halibut stamps using your eFISH account. You may purchase any number of stamps at any time. The fee for each daily stamp is \$20. The stamps are electronic and will be held in your account until they are validated for use on charter trips that are using your CHP(s). Validation will occur on Alaska Department of Fish and Game saltwater charter vessel logbooks. Charter halibut stamps do not expire until they are validated for use; if unused stamps remain in your account at the end of the year, they will carry over and may be used in the next year.

To obtain more information on the charter halibut stamp program, please reference the NMFS Small Entity Compliance Guide and FAQ published online.

Stamp Purchase

Quantity:

Required Payment:

Submit Payment

Tx Id	Tx Type	Quantity	Date
[purchase/use]			



CHP leasing and the RQE

- NOAA Fisheries is not involved in CHP leasing. Up to CHP holders to ensure they get stamp money from CHP lessees.
- Keeping track of your CHP(s) is very important.
 - If your lessee/buddy uses your CHP, as the CHP holder you are responsible for paying those stamp fees
 - Make sure you enter the right CHP in your eLogbook each trip
- As a CHP holder, you can provide someone general (basic) eFish account access to buy stamps



RQE in 2027

- RQE holds 25,974 QS units (1,230 IFQ pounds in 2026)
- Will be added to 2027 charter allocation
- Working on grant to RQE for 2027!

Feedback

- Improvements for next year?
 - Information provided
 - eFISH changes
 - Ect?
- Program changes (need Council action and rulemaking)

Resources

- [Small Entity Compliance Guide](#) (FAQ)
- [ADF&G eLogbook Page](#)
- [eFISH](#)

Thank you!
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