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An extension to the temporary, emergency rule, called “RAW 1” has published, changes to non-renewed vessel accounts are announced, and a “2013 IFQ Important Dates Calendar” is provided

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The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) announces the publication of an extension to the temporary, emergency rule, called the Reconsideration of Allocation of Whiting, Delay of Relevant Regulations (“RAW 1”), in the *Federal Register* (78 FR 3848, January 17, 2013). This emergency rule extension is necessary to enable NMFS to comply with a court order requiring the reconsideration of the initial allocation of Pacific whiting (whiting) to the shorebased Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) fishery and the at-sea mothership fishery. This extension of RAW 1 affects the transfer of Quota Share (QS) and Individual Bycatch Quota (IBQ) between QS accounts in the shorebased IFQ fishery, and severability in the mothership fishery, both of which will be delayed until NMFS can complete reconsideration of whiting allocations in the shorebased IFQ fishery and the at-sea mothership fishery. The proposed rule for “RAW 2,” which reconsiders the whiting allocations, published January 2, 2013 and is open for public comment through 5 p.m. local time on February 1, 2013. The final rule for RAW 2 is anticipated to be effective by April 1, 2013, as required by the remand order. The regulatory changes proposed in RAW 2 are anticipated to supersede those regulations that were revised or delayed by RAW 1.

The *Federal Register* notice for this extension to RAW 1 is available on the NMFS Northwest Region website at: <http://www.nwr.noaa.gov/Groundfish-Halibut/Groundfish-Fishery-Management/Regulations/Index.cfm>.

Changes to Non-Renewed Vessel Accounts

As of January 15, 2013, non-renewed vessel accounts will no longer be able to receive quota pound (QP) transfers unless the account is in deficit. In the case of a deficit, a non-renewed vessel account will only be eligible to accept QP transfers in for the species in deficit and only up to the amount of the deficit(s). Please call the Fisheries Permit Office at 206-526-4353 with any questions.

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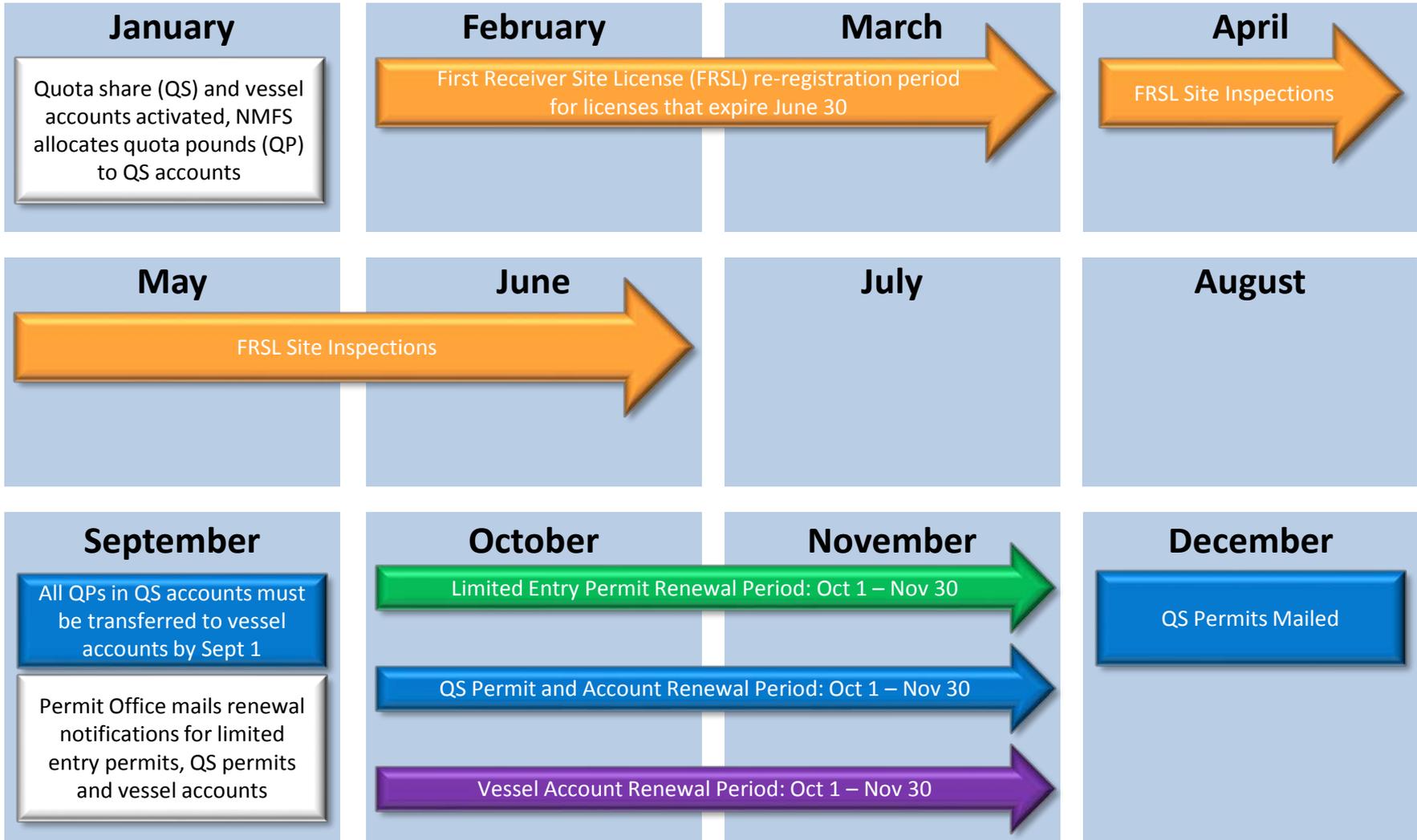
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NMFS Trawl Program Website

<http://www.nwr.noaa.gov/Groundfish-Halibut/Groundfish-Fishery-Management/Trawl-Program/index.cfm>



2013 Shorebased IFQ Program Important Dates: Calendar View



Key

-  Limited Entry Permits (LEPs)
-  Quota Share (QS) Permits and Accounts
-  Vessel Accounts
-  First Receiver Site Licenses (FRSLs)

Other Dates

- LEP change of vessel registration , permit owner or vessel owner applications: Ongoing – Note: Any registration of a new vessel to an LEP is effective at the beginning of a cumulative limit period (odd numbered months).
- New vessel account registration requests: Ongoing – Note: Vessels must be registered to a trawl endorsed limited entry permit at the time of request
- New first receiver site license applications: Ongoing



2013 Shorebased IFQ Program Important Dates: Grouped View



Limited Entry Permits (LEPs)

LEP Renewal Period:
10/01/13 to 11/30/13.
Note: failure to renew LEP by the deadline date may result in permanent loss of the LEP.

LEP Change of Vessel Registration, Permit Owner or Vessel Owner Applications: Ongoing.
Note: Any registration of a new vessel to an LEP is effective at the beginning of a cumulative limit period (odd numbered months). Remember to notify NMFS if a vessel owner changes.

Quota Share (QS) Permits/Accounts

Quota Pound (QP) Transfer Deadline:
09/01/13. All QPs in QS accounts must be transferred to vessel accounts by 09/01/13.

QS Permit and Account Renewal Period:
10/01/13 to 11/30/13.
Note: Renewals must be completed online and failure to renew by deadline will result in no QP issuance to 2014 QS Permit/Account.

Vessel Accounts

2012 Catch Data Finalized: Spring 2013.

Vessel Account Renewal Period: 10/01/13-11/30/13.
Note: Renewal completed online and failure to renew by deadline will result in an inactivated vessel account on 01/01/14, and loss of any 2013 surplus carryover.

Vessel Account Registration Requests: Ongoing.
Note: Vessel must be registered to trawl LEP at time of request and owner must provide ownership interest form.

First Receiver Site Licenses (FRSLs)

For existing licenses that expire 06/30/13: License re-registration packets will be mailed by NMFS in February. In order for new licenses to be effective 07/01/13, applicants should submit their re-registration application packages by 03/31/13 to ensure time for a site inspection.

New FRSL applications: Ongoing.
Note: Complete applications include application form, application fee, catch monitor plan, and copy of current buyers license.

Important Websites

- Northwest Region Trawl Catch Share Program Homepage: <http://www.nwr.noaa.gov/Groundfish-Halibut/Groundfish-Fishery-Management/Trawl-Program/index.cfm>
- IFQ Account Login Homepage (for QS and Vessel Account Login): <https://www.webapps.nwfsc.noaa.gov/ifq/>