e recently celebrated the 10-year anniversary of eLandings. The program was first implemented with the IFQ crab fisheries in August of 2005. Shortly after, the reporting system was expanded to IFQ sablefish, halibut, and other groundfish. More recently, we have focused on electronic reporting of salmon. In addition to landing reports, eLogbook was added to the suite of applications, and recently we completed the incorporation of the Commercial Operator's Annual Report (COAR). The eLandings is an interagency collaboration among ADF&G, NMFS, and IPHC. It is very unique and has enabled us to reduce redundant reporting. All three agencies appreciate the feedback and collaboration with industry, which continues to make the program a success. Thanks to our eLandings partners for helping us reach this 10-year milestone! A news release is available here.

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Upcoming Training Events — Seattle

eLandings for Salmon Workshop

Every fall we conduct a workshop on electronic reporting for salmon. This year's meeting will take place Monday, November 16, at the Lake Union Silver Cloud Hotel, from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. We plan to review all eLandings and tLandings application components, as they relate to salmon. The following topics will be covered:

- Operation and user account management
- Configuration of thumb drives and upload of completed reports via the PTI
- · tLandings reporting
- · Data extraction
- Data correction
- Review of new application features and enhancements

Thomas Sheridan, Area Management Biologist for Prince William Sound, will present information on how the data you provide assists with inseason management of our salmon fisheries. We will also review COAR reporting and the new Department of Revenue Online licensing system. This workshop is an excellent opportunity to discuss application and reporting issues, and exchange ideas.

The Lake Union Silver Cloud provides limited free parking, so please plan to come early. Coffee and tea will be available.

The full agenda for this workshop is posted on our eLandings wiki under <u>training</u> events.

At-Sea Workshop

Suja Hall will be conducting the seaLandings annual workshop for the At-Sea Catcher Processor fleet on November 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the IPHC offices located at 2320 West Commodore Way, Suite 300, Seattle, Washington. She will provide a review of electronic logbook reporting in addition to production and landing reports for this user group. Copies of the 2016 release of the seaLandings software will also be provided. More information on this workshop can be found here.

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Definitions of Weights Listed on IFQ Reports

Landings reports documenting IFQ display a number of different weights, which can be baffling. We have created a document explaining these weights on our <u>eLandings wiki</u>.

IFQ Weight Calculator

Trying to determine the IFQ weight to use for the *Max-Out* pounds feature or trying to determine bycatch overages, which are based on whole weight, can be perplexing and time consuming. We have developed a new feature available from the *Groundfish* reporting page. The IFQ Weight Calculator allows you to enter the landed weight by condition, with or without the ice and slime weight modifier, and have all weight calculations returned.

IFQ Weight Calculations

Halibut Calculator

Please enter one w	eight in one of the cells below and click on the Calcu	ulate button. The other weights will be calculated for		
Species:	200 Halibut	Show decimals		
Condition	Weight including ice and slime	Weight without ice and slime		
01 Whole		1176		
04 Gutted	1000	980		
05 H + G	900	882 (IFQ Weight)		
Calculate				
Clear				

Sablefish Calculator

Please enter one we you.	ight in one of the cells below and click on the C	Calculate button. The other weights will be calculated for	or		
Species:	710 Sablefish	Show decimals			
Condition	Weight including ice and slime	Weight without ice and slime			
01 Whole	1470	1441 (IFQ Weight)			
07 Wst cut	1000	980			
08 Est cut	926	908			
Calculate					
Clear					

In both illustrations, 1000 pounds was entered, 04 halibut and 07 sablefish. This new feature will be available with our next application release, in early November.

Online Training Resources

We have a wide range of training exercises designed for practice in our eLandings training web environment. Each exercise (training scenario) includes a link to the training environment, a userid and password, and reporting permits. These scenarios are designed to help you understand the reporting sequence for all eLandings reports: IFQ, groundfish, and salmon.

These resources can be very helpful when staff turnover occurs or when you just need a seasonal refresh. Our eLandings training scenarios for groundfish and exercises salmon tLandings are located here.

tLandings End-of-Season Tasks

Now is a good time to inventory all tLandings thumb drives and delete all files. You can use a USB splitter to perform this task. Each winter we make modifications to the tLandings system and next spring, tLandings 2016 should be loaded on the drives.

Electronic Reporting Cost and Benefit Study and Report

A project to review and evaluate the costs and benefits of moving from legacy reporting systems to the eLandings system was recently completed. The project was conducted by Northern Economics, an economic consulting firm in Anchorage, who conducted interviews with eLandings stakeholders and produced a report. The report describes (1) background on eLandings and the "legacy" systems that it replaced, (2) a qualitative description and summary of the costs and benefits that have been realized through the implementation of eLandings, (3) a review of progress in achieving the program goals that were initially specified by the partner agencies, and (4) areas where stakeholders feel eLandings or regulations that guide the program's structure could be improved.

The project was not able to achieve a fully quantitative analysis of costs; however, it does provide information on cost and benefit categories and recurring themes for the agencies and different segments of eLandings users. Overall, eLandings has made a big improvement in the timeliness and quality of the information used in fisheries management. The reporting system has met the programs goals, including eliminating the requirements for industry to report the same information more than once. An additional benefit has been improved communication between the seafood industry and agency staff, as well as opportunities for the exchange of ideas regarding changes that could improve the system.

A copy of the report is available <u>here</u>.

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Upcoming changes to Management of User Accounts

We are changing the structure of tLandings user accounts for the tender staff. Management of tender user accounts and passwords can be difficult for both office and tender staff. Tender operators sometimes forget their password and the office staff may not know their password.

Setting up tender operations and the user accounts can also be time consuming.

We plan to simplify user accounts as follows:

- Tender and buying station operations will no longer have user accounts assigned to each operation. All administrative and normal users associated with the seafood plant will be authorized for all dependent operations.
- The tender operator accounts will no longer be stored in the eLandings system. Tender operators will be authorized to access the thumb drives only. All userids will be TENDERMAN. The office staff will assign the password and retain a list of all passwords. This will assist in the event that a password is forgotten.
- As tender operators will no longer be tied to the plant operation security, concerns associated with eLandings access will be resolved.



We will provide additional information about these planned changes at the eLandings for Salmon workshop.



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Offload Requirements and Recommendations

All halibut and IFQ sablefish on board a vessel must be fully offloaded, weighed, and documented on the initial fish ticket. Guidance on this recordkeeping and reporting requirement can be found at §679.5(I)(2)(iii). If the fisher wishes to return a portion of the catch to the vessel for a future sale, such as dockside, then this poundage needs to be documented separately and coded with the disposition code 87 – retained for future sale. The partial delivery check box should be checked. At the point of initial sale of this retained product, a fish ticket is required as this is the first purchase and the disposition code is 60 – sold.

If the fisher has groundfish bycatch and this product will be sold at a later point, it does not need to be offloaded and documented on the initial fish ticket. This product can be offloaded, weighed, and documented in eLandings at the time of sale. Fishers do need to report to the processor that groundfish have been retained and the partial delivery box does need to be checked.

For detailed information on partial deliveries please reference the following eLandings <u>website</u>.

eLandings COAR Update

We have added two new capabilities to the eLandings COAR generation and reporting process. COAR production is now generated from NMFS production reports, the same way buying is generated from landing reports. While NMFS production reports do not include salmon production for processors who process groundfish, this will provide much of the production data.

The second capability is detail reports for the generated buying and production lines. A new webpage will allow COAR users to request a report for specific buying or production lines. One new report will show the generated buying lines, the landing reports, and the fish tickets that provided data that went into those buying lines. The other report will similarly show produc-

tion lines, and the production reports that provided data for those production lines.

Business rules have also been added for landing reports to make grading and pricing condition codes better match up to COAR needs. The COAR buying line generation also handles the ice and slime 2% deduction if no grading and pricing data is present. ADF&G is very excited to make this tool available to the seafood industry—as it is designed to improve accuracy and increase efficiency when reporting the buying (and potentially the production) portion of the COAR. If you have any questions regarding this exciting new tool, please contact the Seafood Industry Coordinator at 907-465-6131 or shellene.hutter@alaska.gov. More information can be found here.

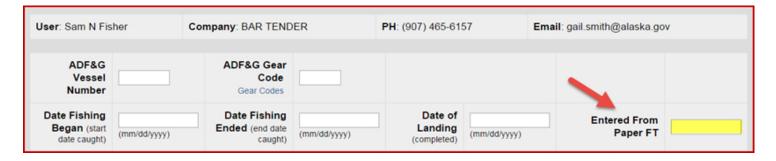
Fish Ticket Submission

When a conventional paper fish ticket is created and then entered in the eLandings System, print one copy of the electronic fish ticket and attach it to the conventional fish ticket prior to submission to ADF&G. All conventional fish ticket records are data entered by ADF&G staff. If you submit the conventional fish ticket to ADF&G and then later submit the electronic fish ticket record, duplication of the harvest records may occur.

The tLandings and eLandings applications have a data field to

enter the paper fish ticket number. This information is stored in the eLandings database and is searchable. If your fisher client only has a copy of the paper fish ticket, this stored information will aid in locating the electronic record.

We want to prevent duplication of harvest to assure that our harvest extraction records are correct. The fish ticket database is also shared with the Department of Revenue and may affect tax obligations.



Adding Observer Declare and Deploy System (ODDS) trip number to eLandings

Starting in 2016, we will be asking processors to enter the ODDS trip number onto groundfish landing reports. What is the ODDS trip number? Major changes were made to the North Pacific Groundfish and Halibut Observer Program in 2013 and vessels in the partial coverage category are required to carry observers for trips that are randomly selected. The Observer Declare and Deploy System (called ODDS) is used by groundfish vessels to log their trips prior to fishing and enables random selection of trips. When vessels log trips in ODDS they are given an ODDS trip receipt with a unique trip number.

NMFS and the North Pacific Fishery Management Council have highlighted data analysis issues as a result of not having a

shared trip identifier between ODDS and eLandings. So we are adding the ODDS trips number to elandigns to help provide a better link between the two systems, which will facilitate data analysis.

If a vessel is greater than 40 ft LOA and fishing in federal groudfish fisheries and halibut and sablefish IFQ fishery, then they are in the partial coverage category and required to log their trips into ODDS. All of these vessels should have a ODDS receipt and an ODDS trip number. Please ask vessels for this number, and fill it out in the "header" section of the groundfish landing report data entry screen as shown below.

More information is available online here.

