

12 Changes in the Distribution of Halibut QS by Census Area

The tables in this section classify halibut QS holders into 1990 Alaska census areas. Entities that hold QS were assigned to a census area based upon addresses they provided NMFS-RAM. Persons who reside outside Alaska were put in a single nonresident category. The tables provide data on the initial distribution and the year-end 1998 distribution of halibut QS holdings.

Table 12-1a provides a summary of the QS holdings in each census area for the different halibut management areas. The table provides the initial QS holdings, the 1998 year-end QS holdings, the change in QS holdings from initial issuance through 1998, and the percentage change in QS holdings. The table also shows the percentage of the total management area QS that was initially issued to persons in each census area. Similarly, it shows the percentage of the total management area QS that was held at year-end 1998 by persons in each census area.

Census areas where Alaskans hold relatively high percentages of QS (10% or more of the area QS at year-end 1998) are: Juneau, Petersburg/Wrangell, and Sitka (Area 2C); Kodiak (Areas 3A, 3B, 4A, 4B, and 4C), Kenai Peninsula (Areas 3A, 3B, and 4A); Aleutian Islands West (Area 4C); Bethel and Matanuska/Susitna Borough (Area 4E).

As noted earlier, persons who reside outside of Alaska were issued a substantial proportion of the QS in all halibut management areas except 4E. By the end of 1998, the amount of QS held by nonresidents decreased in Areas 2C, 3A, 4A, 4B, 4C, and 4D, and increased slightly in Areas 3B and 4E.

Table 12-1b presents somewhat similar information on QS holders from each census area. The table shows, for each census area, the initial number of QS holders, the 1998 year-end number of QS holders, the change in the number of QS holders through 1998, and the percentage change in the number of QS holders, for each halibut management area and census area.

For each halibut management area and census area, Table 12-1b also shows the initial average QS holdings, the 1998 year-end average QS holdings, the change in average QS holdings through 1998, and the percentage change in average QS holdings through 1998. The table includes the initial and year-end percentages of total initial QS recipients for the management area for each census area.

Table 12-1b demonstrates that there was some consolidation of QS holdings and a reduction in the number of QS holders since initial issuance for most census areas and management areas. In the few cases where the number of QS holders increased through 1998, the increases were very small.

The percent decline of QS holders from some census areas is particularly high in the non-CDQ Areas 2C through 4A. This could be related to QS holders from CDQ areas transferring their CDQ compensation QS.

