To Whom It May Concern:

Please use this information for deciphering the alpha characters from numeric characters as well as a description of each field on the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC) permit card.

Permit card layout and codes embossed on card:

In the permit card layout description below, a “-” is used to show where a space appears on the card and “//” notes where fields are joined together.

To distinguish the number zero from the letter “0” and the number one from the letter “I” on CFEC permit cards, these characters are embossed with the following distinctive features:

- Zero: Ø, stroke through the number zero
- Letter: “O” O, open capital character
- One: 1, one flag at the top of the number
- Letter: “I” Horizontal bar at the top and bottom of the capital character.

Line 1: Residency - Vessel Name - Black Dot (for a hole to be punched)
Codes embossed on line 1: 1 letter, either R for Alaskan resident or N for nonresident

Line 2: Fishery Description

Line 3: First Name - MI - Last Name - Suffix (of permit holder)

Line 4: Fishery Code - Permit Serial Number Followed by a Letter - Vessel ADF&G number
Codes embossed on Line 4: Fishery Code: Variable length, a mix of up to 6 letters and numbers. The fishery code is made up of the species, gear code and area code specific to the fishery described on Line 2 of the permit card.

1. The species component is generally one character, A-Z, except for Southeast King crab combination permits (K followed by 1-6), Southeast tanner crab (T1) and Kodiak tanner bairdi (TB).

2. The gear component is generally two characters; the first 0-9 and the second 0-9 or A-I. Letter characters are used to signify vessel length or capacity restrictions in select fisheries. The exceptions are Southeast king and tanner crab fisheries with a single character gear code (9). For many fisheries, the permit gear code corresponds with the fish ticket gear code. These numeric codes range from 01 to 99.

3. The area code is one character, A-Z for most fisheries. In the case of CDQ or community allocation fisheries a second character is used to specify the group (A-G).
Line 4 continued...

Permit serial number: 5 digits followed by 1 letter. The letter is generated by an algorithm and is used to verify the permit serial number during data entry - vessel ADF&G number.

Line 5: Year (YY)//Permit sequence number//followed by a letter - CFEC file number - followed by a letter - year of birth.

Codes embossed on permit card:

Permit Sequence: 4 digits, starting with the last 2 digits of the permit year and followed by 2 digits for permit sequence and then 1 letter which is generated by an algorithm and used to verify the permit sequence number during data entry.

CFEC ID number: 6 digits

One letter: only if 1 of the three following scenarios are present:

1. A duplicate permit card will have the letter “D”
2. An emergency transfer permit card will have the letter “T”
3. An emergency transfer permit card that is a duplicate will have the letter “Y”

Year of birth: The last 2 digits of the year of birth of the permit holder (YY)

Sincerely,

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Note: This permit card description only applies to Limited Entry, Interim-Entry and Interim-Use permit cards and does not include any special type permits that may be issued by CFEC Licensing staff.