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TO ALL AFFECTED AND INTERESTED PARTIES:

This is to provide you with a notice of availability of a document added to the rulemaking file relative to Section 125, Commercial Rock Crab Permits and, as incorporated by reference, Section 705, Commercial Fishing Applications, Permits, Tags and Fees, Title 14, California Code of Regulations. The original notices, dated April 30, 2010, and related documents for both rulemakings were posted on the Commission's website at www.fgc.ca.gov and have been made available upon request by contacting the Commission office at the address provided, phone number, facsimile number, or e-mail address.

At its June 24, 2010 Commission meeting the Commission adopted the regulations as noticed, including establishing a Rock Crab Permit Transfer fee of \$1,000 which is within the proposed range of \$200 - \$2,000. The fee established by the Commission, and pursuant to subsection 1050(d) of the Fish and Game Code, addressed reasonable costs incurred by the department in implementing and administering the program. The original Rock Crab Permit Transfer Fee Cost Worksheet suggested a transfer fee of \$500, but did not accurately account for all costs originally provided to the Commission and made available to the public prior to the adoption hearing. A corrected worksheet is attached. The cost worksheet is also available on the Commission's website at www.fgc.ca.gov or upon request by contacting the Commission of (1416 Ninth Street, Box 944209, Sacramento, California 94244-2090; telephone (916) 653-4899; facsimile (916) 653-5040; or e-mail FGC@fgc.ca.gov). Interested persons may also inspect this document at the Commission office, 1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1320, Sacramento, California, between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday. The Administrative Procedure Act requires that we make this document relied upon available to you for at a 15-day written comment period. Comments related to this worksheet may be sent to the address listed above, by fax to (916) 653-5040, or by e-mail to FGC@FGC.CA.GOV. All comments must be received no later than 5 p.m., August 4, 2010.

If necessary to comply with statutory requirements, a hearing relative to this action will be held with a teleconference call at 10:00 a.m. on August 5, 2010 and will be audible at the following locations: Resources Building, 1416 Ninth Street, Room 1320, Sacramento, CA 95814, Department of Fish and Game, Santa Barbara Field Office and Laboratory, 1933 Cliff Drive, Suite 9, Santa Barbara, CA 93109, and Department of Fish and Game, Inland Deserts Region, 3602 Inland Empire Boulevard, Suite C-220, Ontario, CA 91764..

Mr. Jon D. Snellstrom, Associate Government Program Analyst, Fish and Game Commission, (916) 653-4899 has been designated to respond to questions on the attachment.

Sincerely,

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Attachment

Rock Crab Permit Transfer Fee Cost Worksheet

The estimates provided and recommended by the Department are in relation to the costs provided with the transfer fees established by the commercial lobster fishery and identified in Section 122, Title 14, CCR. However the Commission noted that these transfer fees did not cover the total revenue needed for the cost. The details of the Commission's adoption of a transfer fee of \$1,000 are based on the following:

(Note: each seller of a Rock Crab Transfer Permit may have multiple potential buyers that may need direct support and general questions answered concerning eligibility.)

- Office Tech responds to inquiries provides direct support and answers general questions about eligibility.
- Key Data Operator reviews and keys in all data to the Departments Commercial Fishing Information System.
- Digital Composition Specialist II formats and post all notices on the Departments webpage.
- AGPA reviews submitted applications and provides responses to eligibilities of potential buyers, responds in written correspondence and provides customer support when needed.
- Staff Services Manager I reviews and edits all written correspondence for approval.
- Staff Services Manager II reviews for final approval.
- Enforcement provides review of potential buyers to ensure permit eligibility, commercial fishing history, and to respond to any commercial fishing violations that may impact potential buyers' status.

Per Permit Transfer Fee Worksheet		
Office Tech	2 hours @ \$18.51/hr	\$37.02
Key Data Operator	1 hour @ \$17.16	\$17.16
Digital Composition Specialist II	2 hours @ \$25.98	\$51.96
AGPA	9 hours @ \$30.85/hr	\$277.65
Staff Services Manager I	3 hours @ \$35.35/hr	\$106.05
Staff Services Manager II	1 hour @ \$38.81/hr	\$38.81
Game Warden	5 hours @ \$60.00/hr	\$300.00
Subtotal		\$828.65
Budgeted DFG overhead	24%	\$190.00
Total		\$1,018.65

With approximately \$1,018.65 in estimated costs, the Commission adopted a permit transfer fee of \$1,000, to ensure it would generate the revenue needed to cover the costs.