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MEMORANDUM

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Subject: Status of the Southern Southeast
Inside Sablefish Longline Fishery

In the Southern Southeast Inside Sablefish Longline (Clarence Strait) fishery, we have issued 12 permanent entry permits moving toward the maximum number of 18 permits. In addition to the 12 permit holders, 12 applicants are entitled to interim-use permits for the 2010 season as follows:

Southern Southeast Inside Sablefish Longline Fishery	
	As of this Report
Permanent Permits Issued	12
Applications	
Pending (finally decided and classified at 46-58 points)	5
Before hearing officer	2
Before Commissioners	1
In court (active)	3
Settled and dismissed from court	1
Possible IUPs	12
Authorized Participants in 2010	24

Therefore, 24 individuals are entitled to participate during the 2010 season.

The individual who agreed with the Attorney General to settle by accepting a denial and dismissing his appeal will no longer be entitled to an interim-use permit after the 2011 season (which approximates the time his appeal would likely have taken if fully litigated).

One court appellant recently denied by the Superior Court faces a deadline for appealing to the Alaska Supreme Court.

In the only appeal from this fishery before the Alaska Supreme Court, a decision is circulating, and we expect a decision very shortly.

We anticipate issuing final decisions in the three cases before the Commission this calendar year.