

Instructions for 2013 Alaska Regional Seafood Development Tax Monthly Report

What is the Regional Seafood Development Tax?

The regional seafood development (RSD) tax is levied on certain species and gear types within designated seafood development regions. The RSD currently applies to salmon harvested in the following regions for the fishery listed:

Bristol Bay..... Salmon drift driftnet – S03T
Prince William Sound... Salmon drift gillnet – S03E
Prince William Sound... Salmon set gillnet – S04E

Proceeds from the RSD tax may be appropriated by the legislature to aid seafood development programs of qualified regional seafood development associations.

Due Date

Check the “Original” box at the top of the form and indicate the “Month” and “Year” you purchased salmon. This report must be filed and the taxes paid no later than the 15th day of the month following the month in which the salmon were purchased or acquired. Buyers must file a bonus report when fishermen receive end-of-season settlements or bonus amounts for salmon previously acquired by the buyer.

Who Remits the Tax?

Licensed buyers collect and remit the RSD tax on all salmon acquired from: 1) drift and set gillnet fishermen (including catcher sellers, catcher exporters, catcher processors and direct market license holders) who harvested the salmon within Prince William Sound, or 2) drift gillnet fishermen (including catcher sellers, catcher exporters, catcher processors and direct market license holders) who harvested the salmon within Bristol Bay.

What Records Must the Buyer Keep?

In order to properly complete and substantiate the monthly report, the buyer must maintain records reflecting the fishery in which the fishery resource was caught.

Definitions

Value – means:

(a) The market value as determined by the prevailing price paid to fishermen for the unprocessed fishery resource of the same kind and quality by fisheries businesses in the same region or market area where the fishery resource was caught if

- i) the fishery resource was caught by a person holding a direct marketing fisheries business license; and
- ii) the fishery resource was sold to a buyer other than a licensed fisheries business.

(b) For fisheries resources other than those described above, the market value of the fishery resource if caught in company-owned or company-subsidized boats operated by employees of the company or in boats that are operated under lease to or from the company or other arrangement

with the company and if the fishery resource is delivered to the company.

(c) For fishery resources other than those described in (a) and (b) above, the actual price paid for the fishery resource by the fisheries business to the fisherman, including indirect consideration and bonus amounts paid for fuel, supplies, gear, ice, handling tender fees, or delivery, whether paid at the time of purchase of the fishery resource or tendered as deferred or delayed payment.

Market Value – means the prevailing value paid for fisheries resources of like kind and quality by fisheries businesses in the same market area to fishermen who own their vessels.

Development Region – is a region of the state made up of designated management areas established by the Board of Fisheries and in which an election has been held and the imposition of the RSD tax was approved. At present only Prince William Sound and Bristol Bay have held elections and approved the RSD tax.

Fishery – is the species and gear type that is subject to the RSD tax. At present only salmon caught by drift gillnet and set gillnet with limited entry permits beginning with the designation S03E, S03T or S04E have elected to impose the RSD tax.

Who Must File a Bonus Report?

Licensed buyers making bonus payments to fishermen for resources previously reported on an RSD tax report are required to file a bonus report.

Bonus Report Due Date

Bonus reports must be filed and the additional RSD tax paid no later than the 15th day of the month following the month in which the bonus payment was made (e.g., a bonus payment made in November would be reported on a bonus report that would be due on or before December 15).

How are Bonus Payments Reported?

Check the “Bonus” report box and fill in the month and year the resource was originally acquired as well as the month and year the bonus payment was made. Under column A, report the total value of the resource, including the bonus payment (i.e. value as originally reported plus the amount of the bonus payment). Under column C, calculate the tax on the revised value and transfer the total tax to line 4. On line 5 indicate the tax paid with the original report. On line 6 subtract line 5 from line 4. This is the RSD tax amount due with the bonus report.

Amended Reports

You can use this form to correct any errors on your original report. You should file an amended report if you:

- Reported resources under the wrong region;
- Misstated the number of pounds of salmon.

If you are amending a previously filed report, attach a statement with a brief explanation of the error along with a description of the change(s) being made.

How Do I Amend My Original Report?

Check the "Amended" report box. Above the "Amended" report box indicate the month and year the resources were originally acquired.

Under column A, report the correct value of the resource. Under column C, calculate the tax on the revised value and carry the total to line 4. On line 5, indicate the tax paid with the original report. If line 4 is greater than line 5, subtract line 5 from line 4 and show the result on line 6 as a positive number. This is the tax amount due with the amended report.

If line 5 is greater than line 4, subtract line 4 from line 5 and show the result on line 6 as a negative number. This is the amount of your overpayment which will be refunded to you.

PAYMENT

You can pay your taxes electronically using the Online Tax Information System (OTIS), by wire transfer, or by mailing a check. Note that you must be an existing taxpayer with the Tax Division to pay electronically using OTIS. If you are a first-time taxpayer, contact the Tax Division at (907) 465-2320 or visit www.tax.alaska.gov for information.

Electronic Payment (ACH Debit/EFT) – OTIS accommodates Automated Clearing house (ACH) debit payments. **If your bank account has a debit block, your online payment request will be rejected by your bank. Rejected payments may result in late payment penalties and/or interest.**

If you think your bank account has a debit block, contact your bank before making an online payment to register the State of Alaska as an authorized ACH debit originator. The company ID for the Alaska Department of Revenue is 0000902050.

OTIS Payment – Pay your taxes when filing your tax report by using the Online Tax Information System (OTIS) at <http://www.tax.alaska.gov>. OTIS cannot accept ACH credit or credit card transactions for this tax program. You must be registered in myAlaska to make your payment using OTIS.

Wire Transfer – If you are filing your tax report by mail and paying by wire transfer, you are required to notify the State of Alaska, Treasury Division by 2:00 p.m. the business day prior of the wire transfer settlement date. Use fax number 907-465-4019 or email to cashmgmt@alaska.gov. The

notice must include your name, EIN or SSN, license number, tax type, total payment amount, settlement date, the State agency the funds are for, and the purpose of the payment. Include payment breakdown information if the payment is for multiple tax reports.

Check – Make checks payable to the **State of Alaska**. Note that if your payment for combined liabilities exceeds \$100,000, you are required to pay electronically or by wire transfer.

TAX REPORT & PAYMENT MAILING ADDRESS

If you are mailing your tax report and paying by check, mail check with report to:

TAX DIVISION
ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
PO BOX 110420
JUNEAU AK 99811-0420

Questions

You may email us at: dor.tax.fishexcise@alaska.gov or call 907-465-2320.