

NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE
OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR

In Re Application of

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Appellant.

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Appeal No. 11-0041

**ORDER AFFIRMING
DECISION**

**REGIONAL ADMINSTRATOR'S ORDER AFFIRMING
THE NATIONAL APPEALS OFFICE DECISION
DATED OCTOBER 28, 2011**

I have completed my review of the National Appeals Office (NAO) Decision dated October 28, 2011, *In Re Application of* [REDACTED] Appeal No. 11-0041. Pursuant to my authority under 50 C.F.R. § 679.43(o)(1), I affirm the October 28, 2011, Decision of the NAO as the decision of the agency in this matter. I conclude that NMFS must deny Appellant's application for a charter halibut fishing permit for the reasons set forth in the Decision.

In accordance with 50 C.F.R. § 679.43(o), this Order takes effect immediately and constitutes final agency action on this matter.

IT IS SO ORDERED

Date: 1-12-12

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James W. Balsiger, Ph.D.
Regional Administrator