

reduction contract provision, the reduction contract may be specifically enforced, as provided by applicable law.

If NMFS accepts your bid, NMFS will not transfer any groundfish reduction permit or other reduction permit in your bid to any other person unless, and until, the reduction contract is no longer in effect and such permits no longer need to be relinquished.

Bid Rejection. You must complete the bidding document in strict compliance with the requirements in this invitation to bid. NMFS will, regardless of bid scores, reject any bid that is unresponsive to, or does not fully accord with, this invitation to bid and other applicable law. NMFS will reject a bid that:

- (1) Is incomplete or inaccurate;
- (2) Is submitted on a document other than the bidding document;
- (3) Specifies a qualified bidder that is not the owner of the required groundfish reduction permit;
- (4) Specifies a qualified bidder that is not the holder of record of any required fee-share reduction permit(s) or other reduction permit(s);
- (5) Specifies a qualified bidder that is not the owner of record of the required reduction vessel;
- (6) Fails to include an element the groundfish program requires;
- (7) Attempts to revise, alter, or negotiate any provision of the bidding document or of the bidding package;
- (8) Is late; or
- (9) Is otherwise not responsive to the bidding package and consistent with applicable law.

VII. Other Program Rules:

All bid scorings, rankings, rejections, and acceptances shall constitute final agency action at the time NMFS acts.

Once you deliver your bid to NMFS, your bid is irrevocable. You may not alter, rescind, or substitute any aspect of your bid and your bid will remain in effect until the bid expiration date.

If an industry referendum approves the industry fee system, the United States will tender reduction payment by requesting written payment instructions from you. The United States shall, thereafter, accordingly disburse reduction payments equal to the bid amount