

**SUPPORTING STATEMENT  
ALASKA REGION LOGBOOK FAMILY OF FORMS  
OMB CONTROL NO.: 0648-0213**

**INTRODUCTION**

The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act ([Magnuson-Stevens Act](#)) 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.* authorizes the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) to prepare and amend fishery management plans for any fishery in waters under its jurisdiction. National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) manages the crab fisheries in the waters off the coast of Alaska under the Fishery Management Plan for Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Crab and groundfish under the Fishery Management Plan for the Groundfish Fishery of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands and the Fishery Management Plan (FMPs) for Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska. Regulations implementing the FMPs appear at 50 CFR part 679.

NMFS provides free logbooks for harvesters (daily fishing logbooks, or DFLs) and processors (daily cumulative production logbooks, or DCPLs) to record groundfish information. The longline or pot gear logbooks for catcher vessels and catcher/processors also may be used to record Pacific halibut and sablefish Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) information as well as crab rationalization (CR) program crab information. Multiple self-copy logsheets within each logbook are available for distribution to the harvester, processor, observer program, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), NMFS, Office for Law Enforcement (OLE); and in cases of longline and pot gear logbooks, a copy of the logsheet goes to the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC).

The logbooks in this collection-of-information were originally the only source of information for managing the groundfish fisheries in the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) off the coast of Alaska. NMFS provides 6 different types of logbook for use by the fishing industry to record and report groundfish information:

- Catcher vessel trawl gear DFL,
- Catcher vessel longline and pot gear DFL,
- Mothership DCPL,
- Shoreside processor DCPL,
- Catcher/processor trawl gear DCPL, and a
- Catcher/processor longline and pot gear DCPL.

To minimize the recordkeeping costs associated with fishery management requirements, the logbooks are designed to provide a convenient method to enter information that serves both the business needs of the fishing industry and the data collection requirements of NMFS. Catcher vessels under 60 ft. (18.3 m) length overall (LOA) are not required to maintain DFLs.

Associated with the DCPLs are the Weekly Production Reports (WPRs) and Check-in and Check-out Reports. Processors provide a Check-in/Check-out Report to indicate intended participation in a fishery and conclusion of participation in a fishery. Processors provide a WPR to NMFS to summarize the information from DCPLs for use in quota monitoring and other tasks. This information includes landings (shoreside processors and stationary floating processors

(SFPs)), discards, and production. The NMFS system of logbooks and forms allows tracking of fish from harvest, through processing, to transfer of fish product.

This statement is a request for revision of this collection to incorporate the increased use of electronic reporting systems, which gradually are replacing the use of paper logbooks, and to note certain forms that are removed due to replacement by the electronic system, eLandings.

## **A. JUSTIFICATION**

### **1. Explain the circumstances that make the collection of information necessary.**

The data obtained from logbooks are used during boardings and site visits by OLE and United States Coast Guard (USCG) to ensure conservation of groundfish, compliance to regulations, and reporting accuracy by industry. The data are used by the Council and NMFS Alaska Fisheries Science Center for biological and economic evaluation of management measures and stock assessment. The data are used by the NMFS Observer Program for vessel position coordinates and observer coverage information. The data are used by the NMFS Inseason Branch to monitor and manage the fisheries through openings and closures of fishery species and Federal reporting area, as well as through reallocation of quotas. Quotas and allotments are designated by species, reporting area, gear type, season, inshore/offshore component, by the Western Alaska Community Development Quota (CDQ) Program, and by the IFQ Program. The NMFS Inseason Branch and NMFS Restricted Access Program respond to public inquiries, agency requests, and media requests for groundfish data, IFQ halibut data, and IFQ sablefish data. In addition, the NMFS Inseason Branch submits these data to national data archives, including the NMFS Statistics Division, for preparation of the Fisheries of the United States.

The use of logbooks in the Alaska Region is decreasing due to other methods of data transmittal. eLandings (see OMB Control No.: 0648-0515) will be the major method of fisheries data transmittal by 2008 for processors. The DCPLs still will be used in conjunction with eLandings by motherships and catcher/processors, because the DCPLs request information about position coordinates, details concerning gear, and gear and ocean depth that currently are not requested in eLandings. In addition, a pilot program was conducted in the Bering Sea in 2002-03 that provided an electronic logbook (ELB) for use by a trawl gear catcher vessel instead of a DFL. This catcher vessel trawl gear ELB is still in use by some fishermen, but is no longer supported by the company that designed it. In the future, NMFS expects that the fishing industry will generate enough interest in ELBs that some private company will develop an ELB that NMFS will be able to approve. In fact, it is expected that one or more ELBs will be created by private industry that would be usable by operators of trawl gear and longline or pot gear catcher vessels, and maybe even trawl gear and longline or pot gear catcher/processors. The ELBs would contain all of the data fields currently found in the DFLs.

A fishery participant using an ELB, once approved by NMFS, would maintain the ELB on a daily basis and submit the data as a file to NMFS by Internet or as an attachment to email. A paper DFL would be available onboard the vessel, for use in case of emergency, such as the Internet or computer becoming temporarily inaccessible.

Because the ELB is not a regular part of data transmittal to NMFS, the DFL and ELB will be considered as requiring the same times and costs.

**2. Explain how, by whom, how frequently, and for what purpose the information will be used. If the information collected will be disseminated to the public or used to support information that will be disseminated to the public, then explain how the collection complies with all applicable Information Quality Guidelines.**

**a. Shoreside processor DCPL**

The manager of a shoreside processor or SFP required to have a Federal processor permit or that receives groundfish from vessels issued a Federal fisheries permit must maintain a shoreside processor DCPL, except those processors required to use eLandings. The use of eLandings is required by NMFS for managers of shoreside processors and SFPs instead of the shoreside processor DCPL. In addition, eLandings replaces the former electronic system, Shoreside Processor Electronic Logbook report (SPELR). The SPELR was formerly removed from OMB Control No.: 0648-0401 and replaced by eLandings, described at OMB Control No.: 0648-0515. Most of the data fields required in the DCPL are also required in eLandings for shoreside processors and SFPs.

Paper shoreside processor DCPLs must be available at each site where eLandings is required, in case of Internet or computer breakdown. The manager is required to record information in the DCPL should such a breakdown occur, but also is required to transfer the information from the DCPL to eLandings as soon as the operation is available. When using eLandings as the primary data entry operation, the manager is not required to submit the yellow logsheets to OLE each quarter.

Because the shoreside processor DCPL is now just a backup for eLandings, the number of participants is reduced to 2 participants, in case specific circumstances occur that someone cannot access eLandings. This number, 2, also incorporates the estimated time spent by several managers in partial completion of a shoreside DCPL. The Federal miscellaneous costs, however, include the cost of printing and mailing DCPLs to all the shoreside processors and SFPs (58) for use as backup.

**Shoreside processor DCPL**

**PART I**

Identification

- page number
- week ending date
- processor name
- name and signature of manager
- Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) processor code
- Federal processor permit number
- whether inactive
  - If YES, start and end dates and reason for inactivity and STOP HERE
- number of observers present and dates present
- name and cruise number of each observer onsite
- Federal reporting area of harvest
- if harvested with trawl gear whether in *C. Opilio* Bycatch Limitation Zone (COBLZ) or Red King Crab Savings Area (RKCSA)
- gear type of harvester
- whether in a separate management program
  - If YES, enter identification number

Delivery information

- date of delivery
- whether catcher vessel or buying station delivery
- whether received discard report
- catcher vessel or buying station name and ADF&G vessel registration number
- receipt time when delivery completed
- estimated groundfish delivery weight (hail weight)
- ADF&G fish ticket number issued to catcher vessel

If a shoreside processor located in a state other than Alaska and receiving unprocessed groundfish from a catcher vessel, record in the DCPL and WPR the fish ticket numbers issued for that non-Alaska state along with the two-character abbreviation for that state.

If a shoreside processor located in a state other than Alaska where no fish ticket system is available and receiving unprocessed groundfish from a catcher vessel, record in the DCPL the catch receipt number issued to the catcher vessel.

Landings information

- whether records in pounds or metric tons
- daily total and weekly cumulative total of landings by species and product codes

Discard/disposition information

- whether records in pounds or metric tons
- daily total and weekly cumulative total by species and product codes

**PART II--PRODUCTION INFORMATION**

- processor name and ADF&G processor code
- Federal processor permit number
- name and signature of manager
- whether records in pounds or metric tons
- week ending date
- management area
- daily total and weekly cumulative total of products by species and product codes

<b>Shoreside processor DCPL, Respondent</b>	
<b>Estimated number of respondents</b> (13 – 11 = 2)	<b>2</b>
<b>Total annual responses</b>	<b>400</b>
Average 200 receiving and processing days/processor/year	
<b>Total Burden Hours</b> for all responses (400 x .52)	<b>207</b>
Average recording time/processor (31 min = .52 hr)	
<b>Total personnel cost</b>	<b>5200</b>
Cost for maintenance of DCPL (\$25 x 208)	
<b>Total miscellaneous cost</b>	<b>20</b>
Cost to submit yellow logsheets by mail (\$2.50 x 4 qtr x 2)	

<b>Shoreside processor DCPL, Federal Government</b>	
<b>Total annual responses</b>	<b>400</b>
<b>Total Burden Hours</b>	<b>31</b>
Time requirement for review, data entry, and filing of each quarterly submittal (6 min = .1 hr)	
Time requirement for handling all responses (2 x 4 x .1=.8)	
Time requirement to prepare and mail one DCPL (31 min = .52 hr)	
Time requirement for mailing all DCPLs (58 x .52 =30.16)	
<b>Total Personnel cost</b> (\$25 x 31 hr)	<b>775</b>
<b>Total Miscellaneous Cost</b>	<b>986</b>
(\$12 x 58 for printing of DCPL = \$696)	
(\$5 x 58 for postage to mail each DCPL = \$290)	

## **b. Mothership DCPL or ELB**

The operator of a mothership required to have a Federal fisheries permit or that receives groundfish from vessels issued a Federal fisheries permit must maintain a mothership DCPL and must use eLandings to submit information to NMFS. The use of eLandings is required by NMFS for operators of motherships instead of the mothership DCPL for all of the data fields in the DCPL except the coordinates of latitude and longitude in the receipt position. The operator must record this information in the DCPL during the time the eLandings information is recorded and submitted to NMFS. The operator also must record in the DCPL the identification information and the delivery information as well as write “eLandings” across the sections for product, discard, and disposition information.

The mothership DCPL is now only partially completed each day by the same number of participants. Because this dual recordkeeping will require some extra effort, the estimated time to record information in the DCPL also remains the same.

Paper mothership DCPLs must be available on each mothership where eLandings is required, in case of Internet or computer breakdown. The operator is required to record product, discard, and disposition information in the DCPL should such a breakdown occur, but also is required to transfer the information from the DCPL to eLandings as soon as the operation is available. Even though using eLandings as the primary data entry operation, the operator is required to submit the yellow logsheets to OLE each quarter.

The potential for a mothership ELB is also considered in this summary. Although it currently does not exist, the estimated numbers for the operator to complete the mothership ELB are estimated to be the same as completion of the DCPL. When the mothership ELB is available, the operator will electronically submit the information as a file to eLandings, and the DCPL will remain onboard in case of Internet or computer breakdown. However, the operator will not be required to submit the yellow logsheets quarterly to NMFS.

### **Mothership DCPL or ELB**

#### Identification (record in both eLandings and DCPL)

- page number
- date
- mothership name and ADF&G processor code
- name and signature of operator
- Federal fisheries permit number
- whether inactive
  - if YES, start and end dates and reason for inactivity
- crew size
- gear type of harvester
- Federal reporting area of catch
- if harvest with trawl gear whether in COBLZ or RKCSA
- number of observers onboard
- name and cruise number of each observer aboard
- whether in a separate management program
  - If YES, enter identification number

#### Delivery information (record in DCPL only)

- whether records are in pounds or metric tons
- whether catcher vessel or buying station delivery
- whether received discard report

catcher vessel or buying station name and ADF&G vessel registration number  
 receipt time  
 receipt position in latitude and longitude  
 total haul weight of catch  
 species code and round catch weight of IR/IU species  
 fish ticket number issued to catcher vessel

Discard/disposition information (record in DCPL only as backup)

whether records in pounds or metric tons  
 daily total, balance forward, and weekly cumulative total  
 species and product codes

Production information (record in DCPL only as backup)

whether records in pounds or metric tons  
 daily total, balance forward, and weekly cumulative total of products  
 species and product codes

<b>Mothership DCPL, Respondent</b>	
<b>Estimated number of respondents</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>Total annual responses</b> (37 x 200) Average 200 receiving or processing days/mothership/year	<b>7400</b>
<b>Total Burden Hours</b> for all responses (7400 x .52) Average recording time/mothership (31 min = .52 hr)	<b>3848</b>
<b>Total personnel cost</b> Cost for maintenance of DCPL (\$25 x 3848 = 96200)	<b>96200</b>
<b>Total miscellaneous cost</b> Cost to submit DCPL logsheets by mail (\$2.50 x 4 qtr x 37)	<b>370</b>

<b>Mothership DCPL, Federal Government</b>	
<b>Total annual responses</b>	<b>7400</b>
<b>Total Burden Hours</b> (15 + 37) Time requirement for review, data entry, and filing of each quarterly submittal (6 min = .1 hr) Time requirement for handling all responses (37 x 4 x .1=14.8) Time requirement to prepare and mail one DCPL (30 min = .5 hr) Time requirement for mailing all DCPLs (37 x .5 x 2=37)	<b>52</b>
<b>Total Personnel cost</b> (\$25 x 52)	<b>1300</b>
<b>Total Miscellaneous Cost</b> (\$12 x 37 for printing of DCPLs = \$444) (\$5 x 37 for postage to mail DCPLs = \$185)	<b>629</b>

**c. Catcher/processor trawl gear DCPL or ELB**

The operator of a catcher/processor using trawl gear and required to have a Federal fishery permit must maintain onboard a DCPL for trawl gear and must use eLandings to submit information to NMFS. The use of eLandings is required by NMFS for operators of trawl catcher/processors instead of the trawl catcher/processor DCPL for all of the data fields in the DCPL except the information listed under “catch by haul”. The operator must record this information in the DCPL during the time the eLandings information is recorded and submitted to NMFS. The operator also must record in the DCPL the identification information and write “eLandings” across the sections for product, discard, and disposition information.

The catcher/processor DCPL is now only partially completed each day by the same number of participants. Because this dual recordkeeping will require some extra effort, the estimated time to record information in the DCPL also remains the same.

Paper trawl catcher/processor DCPLs must be available on each catcher/processor where eLandings is required, in case of Internet or computer breakdown. The operator is required to record product, discard, and disposition information in the DCPL should such a breakdown occur, but also is required to transfer the information from the DCPL to eLandings as soon as the operation is available. Even though using eLandings as the primary data entry operation, the operator is required to submit the yellow logsheets to OLE each quarter.

The potential for a trawl catcher/processor ELB is also considered in this summary. Although it currently does not exist, the estimated numbers for the operator to complete the trawl catcher/processor ELB are estimated to be the same as completion of the DCPL. When the trawl catcher/processor ELB is available, the operator will electronically submit the information as a file to eLandings, and the DCPL will remain onboard in case of Internet or computer breakdown. However, the operator will not be required to submit the yellow logsheets quarterly to NMFS.

**Catcher/processor trawl gear DCPL or ELB**

Identification (record in both eLandings and DCPL)

- page number
- date
- vessel name and ADF&G processor code
- Federal fisheries permit number
- name and signature of operator
- whether inactive
  - if YES, start and end dates and reason not active
- gear type
- Federal reporting area and whether harvest occurred in COBLZ or RKCSA
- number of observers onboard
- name and cruise number of each observer aboard
- crew size
- whether in a separate management program
  - if YES, enter identification number

Catch-by-haul information (record only in DCPL)

- haul number
- time and begin position of gear deployment
- date, time, and end position of gear retrieval
- average sea depth and average gear depth
- target species code
- haul weight of catch (lb or mt)
- species code and estimated round catch weight of Improved Retention/Improved Utilization (IR/IU) species

Discard/disposition species information (record in DCPL only as backup)

- whether records in pounds or metric tons
- enter daily total, balance forward, and weekly cumulative total by species and product codes

Production information (record in DCPL only as backup)

- whether records in pounds or metric tons
- enter daily total, balance forward; and weekly cumulative total by species and product codes

<b>Catcher/processor trawl gear DCPL or ELB, Respondent</b>	
Estimated number of respondents	<b>32</b>
<b>Total annual responses</b> (32 x 200)	<b>6400</b>
Average 200 receiving or processing days/processor/year	
<b>Total Burden Hours</b> for all responses (.50 x 6400)	<b>3200</b>
Average recording time/catcher processor (30 min = .50 hr)	
<b>Total personnel cost</b>	<b>80,000</b>
Cost for maintenance of DCPL (\$25 x 3200 = 80000)	
<b>Total miscellaneous cost</b>	<b>320</b>
Cost to submit DCPL logsheets by mail (\$2.50 x 4 qtr x 32)	

<b>Catcher/processor trawl gear DCPL or ELB, Federal Government</b>	
<b>Total annual responses</b>	<b>6400</b>
<b>Total Burden Hours</b>	<b>22 hr</b>
Time requirement for review, data entry, and quarterly filing of each submittal (3 min = .05 hr)	
Time requirement for handling all responses (32 x 4 x .05=6.4)	
Time requirement to prepare and mail one DCPL (30 min = .5 hr)	
Time requirement to mail all DCPLs (32 x .5 = 16)	
<b>Total Personnel cost</b>	<b>1350</b>
(\$25 x 22 hr for receipt and data handling = \$550)	
(\$25 x 32 hr for mailing = \$800)	
<b>Total Miscellaneous Cost</b>	<b>544</b>
(\$12 x 32 for printing of DCPLs = \$384)	
(\$5 x 32 for postage to mail DCPLs = \$160)	

#### **d. Catcher/processor longline and pot gear DCPL or ELB**

The operator of a catcher/processor using longline or pot gear to harvest groundfish and that retains any groundfish from the Gulf of Alaska (GOA) or Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands management area (BSAI), must maintain a longline and pot gear DCPL.

The operator of a catcher/processor using longline or pot gear to harvest IFQ sablefish, IFQ halibut, or CDQ halibut from the GOA or BSAI, must maintain a longline and pot gear DCPL. The operator of a catcher/processor using pot gear to harvest CR crab from the BSAI, must maintain a longline and pot gear DCPL. The use of eLandings is required by NMFS for operators of longline and pot catcher/processors instead of the longline and pot catcher/processor DCPL for all of the data fields in the DCPL except the information listed under “catch by set”. The operator must record this information in the DCPL during the time the eLandings information is recorded and submitted to NMFS. The operator also must record in the DCPL the identification information and write “eLandings” across the sections for product, discard, and disposition information.

The catcher/processor DCPL is now only partially completed each day by the same number of participants. Because this dual recordkeeping will require some extra effort, the estimated time to record information in the DCPL also remains the same.

Paper longline and pot catcher/processor DCPLs must be available onboard each catcher/processor where eLandings is required, in case of Internet or computer breakdown. The operator is required to record product, discard, and disposition information in the DCPL should such a breakdown occur, but also is required to transfer the information from the DCPL to eLandings as soon as the operation is available. Even though using eLandings as the primary data entry operation, the operator is required to submit the yellow logsheets to OLE each quarter.

The potential for a longline and pot catcher/processor ELB is also considered in this summary. Although it currently does not exist, the estimated numbers for the operator to complete the longline and pot catcher/processor ELB are estimated to be the same as completion of the DCPL. When the longline and pot catcher/processor ELB is available, the operator will electronically submit the information as a file to eLandings, and the DCPL will remain onboard in case of Internet or computer breakdown. However, the operator will not be required to submit the yellow logsheets quarterly to NMFS.

**Catcher/processor, longline, or pot gear DCPL or ELB**

Identification (record in both eLandings and DCPL)

page number  
date  
name and ADF&G processor code of catcher/processor  
Federal crab vessel permit number or Federal fisheries permit number  
operator name and signature  
whether inactive  
    if YES, start and end dates and reason not active  
Federal reporting area of catch  
number of observers onboard  
name and cruise number of each observer aboard  
crew size  
Operator IFQ permit number  
Crew IFQ permit number(s)  
CDQ group number  
Halibut CDQ permit number  
Whether in a separate management program  
    If YES, indicate appropriate program and enter identifying number  
Indicate gear type

Catch by set (record in DCPL only)

set number  
date and time gear set  
date and time gear hauled  
location of set  
    buoy or bag number (optional)  
    begin position of set; end position of haul  
begin and end depth  
If gear type is hook and line  
    Whether fixed hook (conventional or tub), autoline, or snap gear  
    Length of skate (ft)  
    Hook size, spacing (ft), and number of hooks per skate  
    Bird avoidance gear code  
gear ID (transfer alpha letter from gear type box)  
number of skates or pots set  
number of skates or pots lost (if applicable)  
species code and estimated round catch weight of IR/IU species  
target species code  
weight of CDQ or IFQ halibut (pounds)  
Number and weight of IFQ sablefish in round weight, western cut, or eastern cut  
Number and weight of CR crab  
Haul weight of catch

Production information (record in DCPL only as backup)

whether records in pounds or numbers  
enter daily total, balance forward, and weekly cumulative total of products by species and product codes

Discard/disposition information (record in DCPL only as backup)

date of discard  
whether records in pounds or numbers  
daily total, balance forward and weekly cumulative total  
species and product codes

<b>Catcher/processor longline and pot gear DCPL or ELB, Respondent</b>	
Estimated number of respondents	<b>78</b>
<b>Total annual responses</b> (200 x 78)	<b>15,600</b>
Average 200 receiving or processing days/processor/year	
<b>Total Burden Hours</b> for all responses (15600 x .68)	<b>10,608</b>
Average recording time/catcher processor (41 min = .68 hr)	<b>hr</b>
<b>Total personnel cost</b>	
Cost for maintenance of DCPL (\$25 x 10608 =265200)	
<b>Total miscellaneous cost</b>	<b>265,200</b>
Cost to submit DCPL logsheets by mail (\$2.50 x 4 qtr x 78)	<b>780</b>

<b>Catcher/processor longline and pot gear DCPL or ELB, Federal Government</b>	
<b>Total annual responses</b>	<b>15,600</b>
<b>Total Burden Hours</b> (39 + 32)	<b>71 hr</b>
Time requirement for review, data entry, and filing of each quarterly submittal (6 min = .1 hr)	
Time requirement for handling all responses (78 x 4 x .1=31.2)	
Time requirement to prepare and mail one DCPL (30 min = .5 hr)	
Time requirement for mailing all DCPLs (78 x .5=39)	
<b>Total Personnel cost</b>	<b>1775</b>
(\$25 x 32 hr for receipt and data handling = \$800)	
(\$25 x 39 hr for mailing = \$975)	
<b>Total Miscellaneous Cost</b>	<b>1326</b>
(\$12 x 78 for printing of DCPLs = \$936)	
(\$5 x 78 for postage to mail DCPLs = \$390)	

#### e. Catcher Vessel trawl gear DFL or ELB

The operator of a catcher vessel 60 ft. LOA or greater, using trawl gear, and required to have a Federal fisheries permit must maintain a DFL for trawl gear. Although the number of fishing days shown in the analysis is less than 364 days, information for each day of a fishing year must be recorded in the DFL as either active or inactive.

An alternative method of recordkeeping and reporting is provided to the fishing industry through software for a catcher vessel trawl ELB. This method uses data entry into a computer and daily paper copies are printed from the computer and used by the operator and observer. Currently, a version of the ELB is in operation; the information is submitted to NMFS on a disc at the end of each fishing trip. An estimated 10 catcher vessels are voluntarily using this electronic method; however, the company no longer supports the software. The operator is not required to submit quarterly logsheets to NMFS.

The estimated numbers for the operator to complete the trawl catcher vessel ELB are estimated to be the same as completion of the DFL. When the envisioned trawl catcher vessel ELB is available, the operator will electronically submit the information as a file to eLandings, and the DFL will remain onboard in case of Internet or computer breakdown. However, the operator will not be required to submit the yellow logsheets quarterly to NMFS.

#### Catcher Vessel trawl gear DFL or ELB

##### Identification

page number

date

vessel name and ADF&G vessel registration number

Federal fisheries permit number  
 name and signature of operator  
 whether in inactive period  
     if YES, start and end dates and reason for inactivity  
 gear type  
 Federal reporting area of catch  
 whether harvest occurred in COBLZ or RKCSA  
 number of observers onboard  
 name and cruise number of each observer aboard  
 crew size  
 whether in a separate management program  
     if YES, enter identification number

Catch by haul information

haul number  
 time and begin position of gear deployment  
 date, time, and end position of gear retrieval  
 average sea depth and average gear depth  
 target species code  
 haul weight (lb or mt)

Discard/disposition information

whether deliveries are unsorted cod ends or presorted at sea  
 If presorted at sea, enter discard/disposition species information  
     whether records in pounds or metric tons  
     daily total, balance forward, and cumulative total since last delivery  
     species and product codes

Delivery information

delivery date  
 ADF&G fish ticket number  
 recipient's name and ADF&G processor code

<b>Catcher vessel trawl gear DFL or ELB, Respondent</b>	
<b>Estimated number of respondents</b>	<b>355</b>
<b>Total annual responses</b> (34 x 355) Average 34 fishing days/catcher vessel/year	<b>12,070</b>
<b>Total Burden Hours</b> for all responses Average recording time (18 min = .30 hr)	<b>3621 hr</b>
<b>Total personnel cost</b> Cost for maintenance of DFL (\$25 x 3,621 hr)	<b>\$90,525</b>
<b>Total miscellaneous cost</b> Cost to submit DFL logsheets by mail (\$2.50 x 4 qtr x 355)	<b>\$3,550</b>

<b>Catcher Vessel trawl gear DFL or ELB, Federal Government</b>	
<b>Total annual responses</b>	<b>12,070</b>
<b>Total Burden Hours</b> Time requirement for review, data entry, and filing of each quarterly submittal (3 min = .05 hr) Time requirement for handling all 4 quarters (355 x 4 x .05=71) Time requirement to prepare and mail one DFL (30 min = .5 hr) Time requirement for mailing all DFLs (355 x .5 =177.50)	<b>248 hr</b>
<b>Total Personnel cost</b> (\$25 x 248)	<b>\$6200</b>
<b>Total Miscellaneous Cost</b> (\$12 x 355 for printing of DFLs = \$4260) (\$5 x 355 for postage to mail DFLs = \$1775)	<b>\$6035</b>

## **f. Catcher vessel longline and pot gear DFL or ELB**

The operator of a catcher vessel greater than or equal to 60 ft. LOA using longline or pot gear to harvest groundfish and that retains any groundfish from the GOA or BSAI, must maintain a longline and pot gear DFL. The operator of a catcher vessel greater than or equal to 60 ft. LOA using longline or pot gear to harvest IFQ sablefish, IFQ halibut, or CDQ halibut from the GOA or BSAI, must maintain a longline and pot gear DCPL. The operator of a catcher vessel greater than or equal to 60 ft. LOA using pot gear to harvest CR crab from the BSAI, must maintain a longline and pot gear DFL. Although the number of fishing days shown in the analysis is less than 364 days, information for each day of a fishing year must be recorded in the DFL as either active or inactive. The yellow copies of the DFL must be submitted to OLE each quarter.

The potential for a longline and pot catcher vessel ELB is also considered in this summary. Although it currently does not exist, the estimated numbers for the operator to complete the longline and pot catcher vessel ELB are estimated to be the same as completion of the DFL. When the longline and pot catcher vessel ELB is available, the operator will electronically submit the information as a file to eLandings, and the DFL will remain onboard in case of Internet or computer breakdown. However, the operator will not be required to submit the yellow logsheets quarterly to NMFS.

### **Catcher vessel, longline or pot gear DFL or ELB**

#### Identification

Page number

Name and ADF&G vessel registration number of vessel

Federal fisheries permit number or Federal crab vessel permit number of vessel

Name and signature of operator

Whether inactive

If YES, enter start and end dates and reason for inactivity

Federal reporting area of catch

Number of observers onboard

Name and cruise number of observer(s)

Crew size

Indicate type of harvest gear.

If hook and line

Whether fixed hook (conventional or tub), autoline, or snap gear

Length of skate (ft)

Hook size, spacing (ft), and number of hooks per skate

Bird avoidance gear code

Operator IFQ permit number

Crew IFQ permit number(s)

CDQ group number

Halibut CDQ permit number

Indicate whether in a special Management program.

If YES, check type and enter identification number

#### Catch by set information

set number

date and time gear set

Date and time of gear hauled

location of set

buoy or bag number (optional)

begin and end position in lat and long (to the nearest minute)

Begin and end depth (fathoms)

Enter gear ID from top of page

number of skates or pots set

number of skates or pots lost (if applicable)  
 target species code  
 weight of IFQ or CDQ halibut (pounds)  
 weight of IFQ sablefish in round weight, western cut or eastern cut  
 Number of IFQ sablefish (optional)  
 Weight of CR crab in pounds  
 Number of CR crab  
 Haul weight of catch (circle lb or mt)

Discard/disposition information

date of discard/disposition  
 whether records in pounds or metric tons  
 daily total, balance forward, and cumulative total since last delivery  
 species and product codes

Delivery information

date of delivery  
 ADF&G fish ticket number  
 recipient's name or IFQ registered buyer  
 unloading port

<b>Catcher vessel longline or pot gear DFL or ELB, Respondent</b>	
<b>Estimated number of respondents</b>	<b>360</b>
<b>Total annual responses</b> (34 x 360) Average 34 fishing days/catcher vessel/year	<b>12,240</b>
<b>Total Burden Hours</b> for all responses Average recording time (28 min = .47 hr)	<b>5753 hr</b>
<b>Total personnel cost</b> Cost for maintenance of DFL (\$25 x 5753 hr)	<b>\$143,825</b>
<b>Total miscellaneous cost</b> Cost to submit DFL logsheets by mail (\$2.50 x 4 qtr x 360)	<b>\$3,600</b>

<b>Catcher Vessel longline or pot gear DFL or ELB, Federal Government</b>	
<b>Total annual responses</b>	<b>12,240</b>
<b>Total Burden Hours</b> Time requirement for review, data entry, and filing of each quarterly submittal (3 min = .05 hr) Time requirement for handling all 4 quarters (360 x 4 x .05=72) Time requirement to prepare and mail one DFL (30 min = .5 hr) Time requirement for mailing all DFLs (360 x .5 =180)	<b>252 hr</b>
<b>Total Personnel cost</b> (\$25 x 252)	<b>\$6300</b>
<b>Total Miscellaneous Cost</b> (\$12 x 360 for printing of DFLs = \$4320) (\$5 x 360 for postage to mail DFLs = \$1800)	<b>\$6120</b>

**g. Mothership or catcher/processor weekly production report (WPR) [removed]**

The WPR is removed from this collection of information because the information previously contained within this report is now submitted through eLandings (see OMB Control No.: 0648-0515).

**h. Shoreside processor WPR [removed]**

The WPR is removed from this collection of information because the information previously contained within this report is now submitted through eLandings (see OMB Control No.: 0648-0515).

**i. Daily production report (DPR) [removed]**

The DPR is removed from this collection of information because the information previously contained within this report is now submitted through eLandings (see OMB Control No.: 0648-0515).

**j. Cumulative Mothership ADF&G Fish Tickets ) [removed]**

The Cumulative mothership ADF&G fish tickets are removed from this collection of information because the information previously contained within this report is now submitted through eLandings (see OMB Control No.: 0648-0515).

It is anticipated that the information collected will be disseminated to the public or used to support publicly disseminated information. As explained in the preceding paragraphs, the information gathered has utility. NOAA Fisheries will retain control over the information and safeguard it from improper access, modification, and destruction, consistent with NOAA standards for confidentiality, privacy, and electronic information. See response #10 of this Supporting Statement for more information on confidentiality and privacy. The information collection is designed to yield data that meet all applicable information quality guidelines. Prior to dissemination, the information will be subjected to quality control measures and a pre-dissemination review pursuant to Section 515 of Public Law 106-554.

**3. Describe whether, and to what extent, the collection of information involves the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological techniques or other forms of information technology.**

All forms and logsheets are available on the NMFS Alaska Region Home Page at <http://www.fakr.noaa.gov/>. The forms are fillable for completion on screen, printing, and submitting to NMFS. The logsheets of the DFLs and DCPLs also may be downloaded and printed for informational purposes along with individual instructions for completion of each.

**4. Describe efforts to identify duplication.**

None of the information collected as part of this information collection duplicates other collections.

**5. If the collection of information involves small businesses or other small entities, describe the methods used to minimize burden.**

The proposed collection-of-information does not impose a significant impact on small entities.

**6. Describe the consequences to the Federal program or policy activities if the collection is not conducted or is conducted less frequently.**

Without this information collection, Federal management of the Alaskan groundfish fisheries would be severely hampered, resulting in adverse impacts on: (1) the long-term biological stability and economic yield of the groundfish resource; (2) the efficiency and economic viability of the domestic groundfish industry; and (3) the credibility of the fishery management process itself.

**7. Explain any special circumstances that require the collection to be conducted in a manner inconsistent with OMB guidelines.**

No inconsistencies occur in this collection.

**8. Provide a copy of the PRA Federal Register notice that solicited public comments on the information collection prior to this submission. Summarize the public comments received in response to that notice and describe the actions taken by the agency in response to those comments. Describe the efforts to consult with persons outside the agency to obtain their views on the availability of data, frequency of collection, the clarity of instructions and recordkeeping, disclosure, or reporting format (if any), and on the data elements to be recorded, disclosed, or reported.**

The NMFS Alaska Region published a proposed rule, RIN 0648-AT91, on June 29, 2007. No comments were received.

**9. Explain any decisions to provide payments or gifts to respondents, other than remuneration of contractors or grantees.**

No payment or gift will be provided under this program.

**10. Describe any assurance of confidentiality provided to respondents and the basis for assurance in statute, regulation, or agency policy.**

The information collected is confidential under section 303(d) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*); and also under NOAA Administrative Order (AO) 216-100, which sets forth procedures to protect confidentiality of fishery statistics.

**11. Provide additional justification for any questions of a sensitive nature, such as sexual behavior and attitudes, religious beliefs, and other matters that are commonly considered private.**

This information collection does not involve information of a sensitive nature.

**12. Provide an estimate in hours of the burden of the collection of information.**

Estimated total unique respondents: 1,132, down from 1,143. Estimated total responses: 83,050, down from 92,342. Estimated total burden: 35,503, down from 38,990. Estimated total personnel costs (Average wage equivalent to a GS-7 employee in Alaska, including COLA, at \$25/hour): \$887,600, down from \$974,840.

**13. Provide an estimate of the total annual cost burden to the respondents or record-keepers resulting from the collection (excluding the value of the burden hours in #12 above).**

Total estimated miscellaneous costs: \$160,364, down from \$187,458.

**14. Provide estimates of annualized cost to the Federal government.**

Total estimated burden: 5,846, down from 8,578 hours. Total estimated personnel cost: \$146,950, down from \$217,025. Total estimated miscellaneous cost: \$15,640, down from \$29,410.

**15. Explain the reasons for any program changes or adjustments reported in Items 13 or 14 of the OMB 83-I.**

This revision introduces electronic versions of the logbooks that will eventually replace paper logbooks. The shoreside processor DCPL is removed as the primary data collection format for groundfish and IFQ fisheries. The mothership and catcher/processor DCPLs are now partially completed in conjunction with eLandings. Mothership cumulative fish tickets are removed from this collection, because eLandings creates fish tickets as part of the normal procedure. The daily production report and weekly production report are removed, because eLandings also creates daily production reports as part of the normal procedure.

Shoreside processor DCPL: **decrease** of 2,200 responses, 1,144 hours and \$110.  
Remove mothership or catcher/processor weekly production report (WPR): **decrease** of 5292 responses, 1482 hours, and \$25,632.

Remove shoreside processor WPR: **decrease** of 468 responses, 131 hours and \$1008.  
Remove cumulative mothership ADF&G fish tickets: **decrease** of 1332 responses, 772 hours, and \$444.  
Catcher vessel trawl DFL changes to DFL or ELB: **increase** of 44 hours and \$100.

**Net total decreases:** in responses: 9,292; in hours: 3,486; in costs: \$27,094.

**16. For collections whose results will be published, outline the plans for tabulation and publication.**

The information collected will not be published.

**17. If seeking approval to not display the expiration date for OMB approval of the information collection, explain the reasons why display would be inappropriate.**

In accordance with OMB requirements, the control number and the expiration date of OMB approval are shown on the forms and logbooks.

**18. Explain each exception to the certification statement identified in Item 19 of the OMB 83-I.**

No exceptions to the certification statement are requested.

**B. COLLECTIONS OF INFORMATION EMPLOYING STATISTICAL METHODS**

This collection does not employ statistical methods.