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Instructions for
GROUND FISH DAILY FISHING LOGBOOK (DFL)
CATCHER VESSEL TRAWL GEAR

REQUIREMENTS

Unless approved to use an electronic logbook, the operator of a catcher vessel with a length overall (LOA) greater than 60 feet (18.3 m), that is required to have a Federal fisheries permit (FFP) under § 679.4(b), that is using trawl 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 use the catcher vessel trawl gear DFL.

Account for each day of the fishing year.

The operator must account for each day of the fishing year, January 1 through December 31, in the DFL.

Two logbooks of same gear type.

If more than one logbook of the same gear type is used in a fishing year, the page numbers must follow the consecutive order of the previous logbook.

Two logbooks of different gear types.

If two logbooks of different gear types are used in a fishing year, the page numbers in each logbook must start with page one

DATA ENTRY TIME LIMITS

The operator of a catcher vessel using trawl gear must record in the DFL the information provided in the following table for each set within the specified time limit:

Required information	Record within this time limit	
Haul number, time and date gear set, time and date gear hauled, begin and end position, Western Alaska Community Development Quota (CDQ) group number (if applicable) FFP number, and estimated total haul weight for each haul	Within 2 hours after completion of gear retrieval	
Discard/disposition information	By noon each day to record the previous day's discard and disposition information	
All other required information	Within 2 hours after the vessel's catch is off-loaded, notwithstanding other time limits	
Submit the blue DFL to mothership, shoreside processor, stationary floating processor (SFP), or buying station receiving the catch	Within 2 hours after completion of catch delivery	
Operator sign the completed logsheets	Within 2 hours after completion of catch delivery	
Submit the goldenrod logsheet to the observer	After signature of operator and prior to departure of observer from the vessel	
Submit the yellow logsheets each quarter to: NOAA Fisheries Office for Law Enforcement P.O. Box 21767 Juneau, Alaska 99802-1767	<p style="text-align: center;">Quarter</p> 1 (Jan 1 - Mar 31) 2 (Apr 1 - Jun 30) 3 (Jul 1 - Sep 30) 4 (Oct 1 - Dec 31)	<p style="text-align: center;">Submit by</p> May 1 August 1 November 1 February 1 of the following year.

ACTIVE AND INACTIVE TIME PERIODS IN THE DFL

The operator must indicate whether the vessel was active or inactive during the time period. A catcher vessel using trawl gear is active when all or part of the trawl net is in the water. An inactive period is defined as a time period other than active.

Record January 1 on page 1.

The operator must record the first day of the fishing year, January 1, on page one of the DFL regardless of whether the vessel was active or inactive. The operator must record time periods consecutively.

Required information for inactive periods. If inactive, the operator must record the following information on one logsheet in the DFL:

Catcher vessel name, ADF&G vessel registration number, FFP number, operator printed name, operator signature, and page number.

Mark "inactive."

Record the date (mm/dd) of the first day when inactive under "Start date."

Write brief explanation why inactive, e.g., bad weather or equipment failure. If inactive due to surrender of a FFP, write "surrender of permit" as reason for inactivity.

Record the date (mm/dd) of the last day when inactive under "End date."

Inactive two or more quarters.

If the inactive time period extends across two or more successive quarters, the operator must complete a logsheet for each inactive quarter: the first logsheet to indicate the first and last day of the first inactive quarter and the second logsheet to indicate the first and last day of the second inactive quarter.

REQUIRED INFORMATION, IF ACTIVE

If the catcher vessel is active, the operator must record in the DFL, for one or more days on each logsheet, the information listed below.

Use a separate logsheet	For each day of an active period
	For each reporting area in which harvest occurred
	For each separate management program (see below)
	If fishing under more than one management program of the same type, use a separate logsheet for each
	If fishing in COBLZ or RKCSA, use two separate logsheets: the first to record the information from the reporting area that includes the COBLZ or RKCSA and the second to record the information from the reporting area that does not include the COBLZ or RKCSA.

IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION

Date

Enter date of each day (mm/dd/yy). This date is also the date of gear deployment.

Page Numbering.

Number the pages in each logbook consecutively, beginning with page 1 and continuing throughout the logbook for the remainder of the fishing year.

Printed Name and Signature of Operator

Enter printed name and signature of operator. This signature verifies acceptance of the responsibility for accuracy and completeness of data on the logsheet. The operator's signature is due by noon of the day following the week-ending date of the weekly reporting period.

Vessel Identification.

Name of catcher vessel as displayed in official documentation; FFP number of the vessel; Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) vessel registration number of the catcher vessel.

Federal Reporting Area.

Enter the reporting area code where gear retrieval was completed, regardless of where the majority of the set took place. Use a separate logsheet for each reporting area.

C. *Opilio* Crab Bycatch Limitation Zone (COBLZ) or Red King Crab Savings Area (RKCSA).

If gear retrieval occurred in the COBLZ (see Figure 13 to part 679) or RKCSA (see Figure 11 to part 679) area within a reporting area, use two separate logsheets, the first to record the information from the reporting area that includes COBLZ or RKCSA, and the second to record the information from the reporting area that does not include COBLZ or RKCSA.

Crew Size.

Record the number of crew members (including operator), excluding certified observer(s), on the last day of a trip.

Gear Type.

Use a separate logsheet for each gear type. Indicate whether pelagic trawl or non-pelagic trawl gear was used to harvest the fish.

Management Program.

Indicate whether harvest occurred under a special management program: CDQ Program, Research Fishery, Exempted Fishery, or Aleutian Islands Pollock Fishery (AIP) and add identifying number, if appropriate. Use a separate logsheet for each special management program. Use a separate logsheet for each identifying number of the same program type. If harvest is not under one of these management programs, leave blank.

Observer Information.

Record the number of observers aboard, the name of the observer, and the observer cruise number.

CATCH BY HAUL INFORMATION

Record the following information for each haul. If no catch occurred for a given day, write "no catch."

Haul Number.

Number the hauls sequentially by year.

Gear Deployment (Or To Set Gear)

Record the following information for trawl gear deployment:

The time (in military format, A.I.t.) when the trawl net enters the water.

The position (latitude and longitude to the nearest minute; indicate E or W for longitude) where the trawl net enters the water.

Gear Retrieval (Or To Haul Gear)

Record the following information for trawl gear retrieval:

The date (mm/dd) and time (in military format, A.I.t.) when retrieval of trawl gear cable begins.

The position (in latitude and longitude to the nearest minute; indicate E or W for longitude) where retrieval of trawl gear cable begins.

Average Sea Depth.

Average sea depth for the haul; indicate whether average is reported to the nearest meter or fathom. Use the same units to report sea depth throughout the year.

Average Gear Depth.

Average gear depth for the haul; indicate whether average is reported to the nearest meter or fathom. Use the same units to report gear depth throughout the year.

Target Species Code

List the species codes for the main species you intend to harvest this haul. Enter only a single target species code of the desired target.

Total Estimated Hail Weight.

If using trawl gear and not using NMFS-approved scales, the operator must record the hail weight of each haul. Total hail weight is an estimate of the total weight of the entire catch without regard to species. Indicate whether estimated weight is to the nearest pound or to the nearest 0.001 mt. Use the same units to report weight throughout the year.

CATCH DELIVERY INFORMATION

NOTE

If catch is delivered to more than one processor, use a separate page to record catch delivery information for each processor.

Check one of the following boxes:

Delivery is unsorted codend.

Check this box if no sorting of codend onboard or bleeding from a codend has occurred prior to delivery to a Mothership, Shoreside Processor, SFP, or Buying Station. If delivery is an unsorted codend, the catcher vessel is exempt from recording discards in the DFL and from submittal of the blue discard DFL copy for that delivery. Remove and discard the blue DFL copy.

Delivery is pre-sorted at sea.

Check this box if catch has been sorted onboard or a codend has been bled prior to delivery to a Mothership, Shoreside Processor, SFP, or Buying Station and complete the discard/disposition section. If fish are discarded (bled) from an unsorted codend, estimate and record the amount of each species discarded (use Code 98). The blue logsheet must be submitted to the recipient with catch delivery.

DISCARD/DISPOSITION INFORMATION.

The operator must record the discard or disposition that occurred prior to and during delivery to a buying station, mothership, shoreside processor, or SFP.

No Discards or Disposition

If no discards or disposition occurred on a given day, write "NO DISCARDS", "0", or "ZERO".

Discard And Disposition Weight.

Record the daily estimated total round weight of groundfish or Pacific herring PSC discards and disposition by species code and product code, balance forward weight from the previous day, and cumulative total weight since last delivery, calculated by adding the daily totals and balance carried forward from the day before; indicate whether estimated weight is to the nearest pound or nearest 0.001 mt. Check either lb or mt. Use the same units to report weight throughout the year.

PSC Discard Numbers.

Record the daily number of PSC discards and disposition by species code and product code, balance forward from the previous day, and cumulative total number since last delivery of PSC animals (Pacific salmon, steelhead trout, Pacific halibut, king crabs, and Tanner crabs).

Discard and Disposition Cumulative Total Since Last Delivery.

Summarize cumulative discard and disposition totals of groundfish and PSC animals separately by reporting area, COBLZ or RKCSA harvest, management program, and gear type.

Discard Zero Balance Forward.

After the offload or transfer of all fish or fish product onboard and prior to the beginning of each fishing trip, the operator must record the balance forward from the previous day as "zero" and start a new logsheet. At the beginning of each fishing trip, nothing shall be carried forward from the previous fishing trip.

DELIVERY INFORMATION.

Enter date that delivery of harvest was completed.

Enter name and ADF&G processor code of recipient that received catch and ADF&G fish ticket number provided.