

NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service West Coast Groundfish Observer Program
DATA RELEASE FOR COPIES OF OBSERVER DATA

(Date of Request)

Dear WCGOP Coordinator:

I, _____, request and authorize the release to myself observer data collected on the vessel _____, USCG or state registration # _____.

I: (circle one and fill in permit/license # if applicable)

Own permit/license #: _____

Hold permit/license #: _____

Do not own or hold a permit or license but am the captain of the above vessel

Do not own or hold a permit or license but am the vessel owner of the above vessel

I am requesting all observer data collected from _____ to _____.

I am making this request as the permit holder or the authorized representative of the owner(s), of the said permit/license/vessel. I understand that I am responsible for these data upon release to me by NOAA Fisheries. I further understand that the data I receive may be preliminary, and not yet completely reviewed by the West Coast Groundfish Observer Program.

(SIGNED NAME)

Address to which data should be sent:

Name

Street/ PO Box

City, State, Zip

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