

ANNUAL
AMENDMENT 91
AFA POLLOCK FISHERY
VESSEL MASTER SURVEY
CALENDAR YEAR 2011

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ANNUAL AFA POLLOCK VESSEL MASTER SURVEY

Introduction

An owner or leaseholder of an AFA permitted vessel must submit a Vessel Master Survey completed by each master of each vessel used to harvest pollock in the Bering Sea in the previous year. It is the responsibility of the vessel owner/leaseholder to submit all completed surveys to NMFS and fill out Part 1A for each MS. Part 1A must list each Vessel Master who participated in the BS pollock fishery. Each Vessel Master Survey submitted by the owner or leaseholder of an AFA permitted vessel must have Part 1B and Part 2 filled out by the Vessel Master.

This survey is intended to provide information to fishery managers to evaluate the effectiveness of Chinook salmon bycatch management measures. The questions in this survey ask about different aspects of your decision-making during the pollock season, including your incentives, fishing location choices, and salmon bycatch reduction measures.

Please contact Brian Garber-Yonts at the NMFS Alaska Fisheries Science Center with any questions regarding this survey. He can be contacted at (206) 526-6301 or brian.garber-yonts@noaa.gov.

PART 1A: CERTIFICATION PAGE (OWNER AFA PERMITTED VESSEL)

Complete and submit with each vessel master survey for an AFA Permitted Vessel. Provide all information requested below.

Vessel Owner /Leaseholder Name	Vessel Name
	AFA Permit Number

Vessel Master Name	CFEC Gear Operator Permit Number
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Read the following statement, and sign and date the box below:

I certify under penalty of perjury that I have reviewed all the information in this report and that it is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.	
Signature (owner or leaseholder of an AFA permitted vessel)	Date signed

PART 1B: CERTIFICATION PAGE (VESSEL MASTER)

This is to be completed by the Vessel Master of each AFA vessel. Provide all information requested below.

Vessel Owner /Leaseholder Name	Vessel Name
	AFA Permit Number

Vessel Master Name	CFEC Gear Operator Permit Number
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Read the following statement, and sign and date the box below:

I certify under penalty of perjury that I have reviewed all the information in this report and that it is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature (Vessel Master)	Date signed
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Part 2: Pollock Fishing and Salmon Bycatch Avoidance

Please consider the following questions carefully and provide the most complete answers you can. Where applicable, please note any differences between the A and B pollock seasons. Please attach extra sheets if more space is needed to complete your answers.

1. If the vessel participated in an Incentive Plan Agreement (IPA), did the IPA affect your fishing strategy? Yes No

If yes, please describe and discuss what incentives had the largest impact on your strategy.

2. Did the amount and/or cost of Chinook PSC allocation available to the vessel lead you to make changes in pollock fishing operations? Yes No

If yes, please describe.

3. How would you compare the Chinook salmon bycatch and pollock conditions during the A and B seasons this year relative to the last two years? Please describe any unique aspects of the season.

4. Did Chinook salmon bycatch conditions cause you to delay the start of your pollock fishing or otherwise alter the timing of your pollock fishing for some period during the past A and/or B season? Yes No

If yes, please describe the Chinook salmon bycatch condition, when it occurred, and any change in your pollock fishing as a result.

5. In the past year, did you end a trip and return to port early because of Chinook salmon bycatch conditions? Please indicate the number of trips that this occurred in each season (use a check to mark the appropriate answer for each season).

Number of trips suspended due to bycatch	Season	
	A	B
0	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
1-3	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
4-10	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
More than 10	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

6. Please describe how any area closures or restrictions for the purpose of reducing Chinook salmon bycatch affected where and how you fished.

7. Please describe how any regulatory or other area closures or restrictions for a purpose other than reducing Chinook salmon bycatch affected where and how you fished.

8. Compared to a typical year, did weather or sea ice conditions have more, less, or about the same impact on fishing as in a typical year? Please describe especially if there were particularly uncommon conditions at any point this year. If these conditions had an impact on your ability to avoid Chinook salmon bycatch, please describe.

9. Were there exceptional factors that affected your pollock fishing this year? For example, were there unusual market or stock conditions, unusual pollock fishing conditions, or maintenance problems? Please describe.

10. Separate from an Incentive Plan Agreement, were there other incentives for you to reduce Chinook salmon bycatch? Yes No

If yes, please describe.

11. Did actual or potential bycatch of species other than Chinook salmon cause you to change your harvesting decisions during the pollock season? Yes No

If yes, please describe.