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Instructions
U.S. VESSEL ACTIVITY REPORT (VAR)

REQUIREMENTS

Fish or Fish Product Other than Crab Onboard

Except as noted below, the operator of the following vessels carrying fish or fish product other than crab onboard must complete and submit a VAR to **OLE, Juneau, AK** by fax (907-586-7313) or electronic file enf.dataclerk@noaa.gov before the vessel crosses the seaward boundary of the EEZ off Alaska or crosses the U.S.-Canadian international boundary between Alaska and British Columbia:

- ◆ A catcher vessel greater than 60 ft (18.3 m) LOA.
- ◆ A catcher/processor required to hold a Federal fisheries permit (FFP) issued under 50 CFR part 679, or
- ◆ A mothership required to hold a FFP issued under 50 CFR part 679.

Combination of non-IFQ groundfish with IFQ halibut, CDQ halibut, IFQ sablefish or CR crab.

If a vessel is carrying non-IFQ groundfish and IFQ halibut, CDQ halibut, IFQ sablefish or CR crab, the operator must submit a VAR in addition to an IFQ Departure Report required by § 679.5(1)(4).

Exception: IFQ Departure Report.

A VAR is not required if a vessel is carrying only IFQ halibut, CDQ halibut, IFQ sablefish, or CR crab onboard and the operator has submitted an IFQ Departure Report required by § 679.5(1)(4).

Revised VAR.

If fish or fish products are landed at a port other than the one specified on the VAR, the operator must submit a revised VAR showing the actual port of landing before any fish are offloaded.

If you need assistance in completing this report or need additional information:

Call: 800-304-4846 (option 1)

Fax: 907-586-7313

e-mail your questions: enf.dataclerk@noaa.gov

IDENTIFICATION

Whether original or revised VAR.

If VAR is the first one sent for a given day, check ORIGINAL REPORT. If VAR is a revision to a previously sent VAR, check REVISED REPORT.

Vessel Name.

Enter vessel name as it appears on the FFP.

Permit Number

Enter FFP number or RCR permit number.

Type of vessel (whether catcher vessel, catcher/processor, or mothership).

Representative name, daytime telephone number (including area code), fax number, and COMSAT number (if available).

TRIP INFORMATION

Return report.

“Return” means returning to Alaska. If the vessel is crossing the seaward boundary of the EEZ off Alaska or crossing the U.S.- Canadian international boundary between Alaska and British Columbia into U.S. waters, indicate a “return” report and enter:

Intended Alaska port of landing (see Table 14 to 50 CFR part 679).

Estimated date and time (hour and minute, Greenwich Mean Time) the vessel will cross the boundary.

Estimated position coordinates in latitude and longitude where the vessel will cross.

Depart report.

“Depart” means leaving Alaska. If the vessel is crossing the seaward boundary of the EEZ off Alaska and moving out of the EEZ or crossing the U.S.-Canadian international boundary between Alaska and British Columbia and moving into Canadian waters, indicate a “depart” report and enter:

Intended U.S. port of landing or country other than the United States.

Estimated date and time (hour and minute Greenwich Mean Time) the vessel will cross the boundary; and

Estimated position coordinates in latitude and longitude where the vessel will cross.

The Russian Zone.

Indicate (YES or NO) whether the vessel is returning from fishing in the Russian Zone or is departing to fish in the Russian Zone.

FISH OR FISH PRODUCTS.

For all fish or fish products (including non-groundfish) on board the vessel, enter:

Harvest Zone.

Enter the harvest zone where Fish were harvested.

A1	BSAI EEZ
A2	GOA EEZ
B	State waters of Alaska
C	State waters other than Alaska
D	Donut Hole
F	Foreign waters other than Russia
I	International waters other than Donut Hole and Seamounts
R	Russian waters
S	Seamounts in international waters
U	U.S. EEZ other than Alaska

Species Code.

Enter the species code for each product. If no species code is listed for the landed fish, write in the "common" name for that fish species (e.g., swordfish, albacore).

Product Code.

Enter the product code for each product. Use the species and product codes presented in Table 1 and Table 2 to part 679

Product Weight.

Enter the fish product weight of products In pounds or to the nearest 0.001 mt (2.20 lb). Circle pounds or 0.001 mt.