

JUSTIFICATION FOR CHANGE
ALASKA INTERAGENCY ELECTRONIC REPORTING SYSTEM
OMB CONTROL NO. 0648-0515

JUSTIFICATION FOR CHANGE: Recordkeeping and reporting regulations and make other miscellaneous revisions to 50 CFR Part 679 (associated with a proposed rule, RIN 0648-AX97).

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) proposes to revise recordkeeping and reporting regulations and make other miscellaneous revisions to 50 CFR Part 679 (applies to this information collection and OMB Control No. 0648-0213). NMFS proposes to:

(1) Add a requirement that the Registered Crab Receiver record in eLandings the region in which the stationary floating processor is located at time of crab delivery

(2) Standardize reporting time limits for recording discard, disposition, product, and other required information in the daily fishing logbook, daily cumulative production logbook, eLandings, or the electronic logbook so that the information corresponds with fishing and processing operations

Revises information to be recorded or submitted “by noon of the following day” to read “by midnight of the following day.”

- ◆ Revises “noon” and “midnight” in Alaska local time (A.l.t.) to read 1200 hours, A.l.t., and 2400 hours, A.l.t., respectively.
- ◆ Changes the deadline for a vessel operator’s signature entry in the daily fishing logbooks (DFLs), daily cumulative production fishing logbooks (DCPLs), and electronic logbooks (ELBs) from noon to midnight.
- ◆ Revises the deadline for printing a copy of the ELB logsheet from noon to midnight each day.
- ◆ Revises the submittal time limit for the delivery “landed scale weight” entry on SSP or SFP eLandings landing reports.
- ◆ Revises the time limit to record scale weights in the DCPL for catcher/processors participating in the Central Gulf of Alaska Rockfish Program.
- ◆ Clarifies extension of time limits for eLandings production reports from shoreside processors (SSPs) or stationary floating processors(SFPs) not taking deliveries over the weekend.
- ◆ Corrects reporting time limit tables for DCPLs and eLandings.

Additional changes:

- ◆ Removes detailed NMFS mail, fax, and delivery addresses from regulations and replace them with one paragraph stating that the form must be submitted in accordance with instructions on the form.
- ◆ Provides separate species codes for Arrowtooth flounder, *Atheresthes stomias*, species code 121, and for Kamchatka founder, *Atheresthes evermanni*, species code 117.
- ◆ Removes the requirement to record the date of landing in the SSP or SFP landing report.
- ◆ Adds a requirement that the Registered Crab Receiver record the region in which the stationary floating processor is located at the time of crab delivery.
- ◆ Makes non-substantive clarification edits and corrections to regulatory text to include the recording of information in a logbook versus submitting information through eLandings, record information about crew and observers in eLandings, and the correct use of the terms “landings” and “landing.”
- ◆ Makes non-substantive clarifications to regulatory tables.

(3) Incorporate miscellaneous edits and corrections to regulatory text and tables, including standardizing the use of the terms “recording,” “submitting,” “landings,” and “landing.” This proposed action is necessary to update and clarify regulations.

This action would create no new costs for NMFS, because the costs and burden of implementation were previously incurred under existing data collection programs.

The eLandings system may be viewed on the NMFS Alaska Region web site at <http://www.alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/er/default.htm>.