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PUBLIC REPORTING BURDEN STATEMENT

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 45 minutes per Operator's First Log-in, 15 minutes for each Use Before Each Fishing Trip, and 1 hour to request Electronic Monitoring, including the time for reviewing the instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to NOAA, National Marine Fisheries Service, Alaska Region, Attn: Assistant Regional Administrator, Sustainable Fisheries Division, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Before completing this form please note the following: 1) The NMFS may not conduct or sponsor this information request, and you are not required to respond to this information request, unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number; 2) This information is mandatory and is required to manage commercial fishing effort in the GOA and BSAI under 50 CFR 679 and under 402(a) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act (16 U.S.C. 1801, et seq.); 3) Responses to this information request are confidential under section 402(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act as amended in 2006. It is also confidential under NOAA Administrative Order 216-100, which sets forth procedures to protect confidentiality of fishery statistics.



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Home screen

(For all participants Prior to First Trip)

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Welcome to the Observer Declare and Deploy System!

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Please enter your username and password information in the spaces below and click on the "Login" button.
If you are a first time user, please click [here](#).

Username

Password

Login

If you are a first time user, please click [here](#)
Clicking [HELP](#) at any time will prompt you to alternative contact information
(Items in [BLUE](#) on subsequent slides are required fields to be entered by user)



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I need help!

Help entering information into this system is available by contacting NOAA Fisheries Office at 907-XXX-XXXX
or email XXXXXXX@noaa.gov



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First Time Registration

To establish your account, please enter a username and desired in the spaces below and click on the "Register" button.

Username

Password

Password (re-enter)

Register



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Registration (Continued)

Please enter your vessel's Federal Fisheries Permit Number or ADF&G number below

Vessel ID number

The above is a (select one):

FFP

ADFG

Continue



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Please wait while we look up your vessel's information

This may take up to several minutes depending on system time and internet connection





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Vessel Information

Based on your entered information, the following vessel has been identified

Vessel Name

Vessel Name

Length Overall (feet)

Numeric length

Homeport

Homeport

Is this information correct?

- Yes (proceed)
- No (take me back to re-enter another vessel ID)



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Contact Information

Please enter your preferred mode of contact during the fishing season

- Email
- Phone (Cell)
- Phone (work)
- Phone (home)



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Owner or Operator?

Please indicate your relationship with this vessel
Only one operator is allowed in the system for a vessel.

- Owner only
- Captain only
- Owner and Operator



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Review Screen

Please review the information below and indicate whether you wish to complete your registration or if you wish to go back and edit some of your information. Once you click submit, you will need to make changes by contacting NMFS outside of this web-based application.

Vessel information

FV Name
LOA
Homeport

Go back and
edit vessel
information

Personal contact information

Last, First
Address
Phone
Email
Preferred contact method
Relationship with vessel

Go back and
edit personal
information

Complete
Registration



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Please wait while we load and link your personal and vessel information....

This information is now being compared to the criteria listed in the annual sampling plan to determine your eligibility for observer coverage.

(At this point the system compares the vessel's ID to lists corresponding to "do not deploy", "trip selection" and "vessel selection" tiers generated according to the criteria in the Annual Sampling Plan, and one of three screens follows).

This may take up to several minutes depending on system time and internet connection. Please do not exit the system. Soon you will be guided to a registration receipt page, at which point you will get a receipt number. You will need this number to be successfully registered with the system.





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Logged in as USERNAME

Exemption Receipt

(for vessels in the “do not deploy list” of the Annual Sampling Plan)

* Selection Result *

**Your vessel (insert vessel name) (insert FFP or ADFG) number (insert number)
is exempt from observer coverage for the entire calendar year.**

Your Selection Receipt Number is:

E123456

Please print this selection receipt for your records.

Print
Selection
Receipt

Continue
(exit selection)



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Vessel selection

(for vessels in the “trip selection list” of the Annual Sampling Plan)

Your vessel (insert vessel name) (insert FFP or ADFG) number (insert number) has been placed in a list of vessels that may receive observer coverage.

What to expect next:

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) will select vessels at random from this list for observer coverage until the number of vessels selected is equal to the amount of vessels that funding allows as specified by the Annual Sampling Plan.

Random draws are conducted March 1st, June 1st, September 1st, and December 2nd.

Vessels selected to receive observer coverage will be notified by the NMFS through the method of contact specified by you in your registration with this system. A period of 30 days following the “selection dates” above will be used to coordinate with your vessel to arrange for any equipment installation that is required to comply with observer coverage.

Selected vessels are required to carry an observer on all fishing trips conducted between 30 and 120 days after the selection date in which they were identified for coverage.

Some vessels may not be able to accommodate an observer. Vessels selected for coverage will be inspected for available space to determine whether a vessel can accommodate an observer. If NMFS determines that an observer cannot be safely accommodated aboard a vessel, NMFS will release the vessel from the requirement to carry an observer. In these cases, NMFS may provide electronic monitoring (EM) equipment for use onboard the vessel.

Are you interested in having your vessel evaluated for EM?

Yes
(continues to
questionnaire)

No (exit)



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EM only questionnaire

(for vessels in the "trip selection list" of the Annual Sampling Plan)

You requested evaluation of your vessel for EM.

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) will inspect any vessel selected in this category for observer coverage to verify the information below is accurate. To return to the previous screen, select the "go back" button below.

Please indicate below the reason(s) you believe you cannot accommodate a physical observer:

- I do not have sufficient bunk space. I and my regular crew (not quota holders) equal the number of bunks
- My vessel does not have a head (toilet).
- The dimensions and layout of this vessel's deck cannot accommodate another person. All available space is occupied by crew during normal fishing operations.
- An additional person would require I purchase additional safety equipment.

Continue
(Submit and complete
registration)

Exit
(return to previous
screen)



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Registration Receipt VESSEL SELECTION

*** Registration Receipt***

The (insert vessel name), (insert FFP or ADFG) number (insert number) has been successfully registered within the Observer Declare and Deploy System as a “vessel selection” vessel on (insert date).

Your Registration Receipt Number is:

R123456

Please print this selection receipt for your records.

Print
Registration
Receipt

Exit
(without printing)



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Trip selection

(for vessels in the “trip selection list” of the Annual Sampling Plan)

Your vessel (insert vessel name) (insert FFP or ADFG) number (insert number) has been selected for observer coverage using “trip selection” criteria.

What this means:

Your vessel is required to participate in trip selection coverage requirements for the upcoming calendar year.

A minimum of 72 hrs prior to a fishing trip, you must use this system to enter a trip. Each trip entered has a probability of being selected for observer coverage. Trip selection probabilities are dependent on available funding and realized fishing effort, however the NMFS attempts to closely follow the rate in the Annual Sampling Plan. You will be notified after entering each trip if you have been selected for coverage and receive a trip receipt number. Only trips assigned a trip receipt number are considered valid in this system. Information from trips selected for coverage will be transmitted to the observer provider company(ies) available to you from your declared port of departure on your declared departure date. Using the contact information and preferred contact method you provided in registering for this system, a representative from a provider service will coordinate the arrival of an observer with you within 24 hrs of departure.

You are expected to work with your observer provider company to coordinate trip details until your departure.

If you have unplanned changes in your trip:

You may work with your observer provider to AMEND a declared trip due to unforeseen weather or mechanical issues. A declared trip can be amended for up to 48hrs after its original departure date. After this time, the declared trip is automatically be CANCELLED and the observer provider is no longer obligated to deploy their originally assigned observer to your vessel. Your next declared trip will automatically be selected for observer coverage, and the trip may not depart without an observer, which may not be immediately available.

I have read the above statement (required to complete registration)

Continue



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Registration Receipt TRIP SELECTION

* Registration Receipt*

The (insert vessel name), (insert FFP or ADFG) number (insert number) has been successfully registered within the Observer Declare and Deploy System as a “trip selection” vessel on (insert date).

Your Registration Receipt Number is:

R123456

Please print this selection receipt for your records.

Print
Registration
Receipt

Enter a new
fishing trip

(Above only
available to trip
selected vessels).

Exit
(without printing)



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Trip declaration

(for vessels in the "trip selection list" of the Annual Sampling Plan)

Please fill out the information below from pull down menus and click the "submit" button to declare a trip. This will enable further options such as the ability to view pending trips and completed trips.

Date of Departure



Anticipated time of departure



Port of Departure



Estimated duration (days)



Anticipated target



Gear type for target (Trawl, Hook and Line, Pot, Jig)



Anticipated area



Submit
Trip



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Trip declaration

(for vessels in the "trip selection list" of the Annual Sampling Plan)

The following trip information has been entered. Please verify or select "go back" to edit your trip. Once you select "verify", a decision will be made if this trip is to be observed or not.

Date of Departure

01/01/2013

Anticipated time of departure

0900

Port of Departure

Kodiak, AK

Estimated duration (days)

3 days

Anticipated target

Rockfish

Gear type for target (Trawl, Hook and Line, Pot, Jig)

Trawl

Anticipated area

Central GOA (620)

Verify Trip

Go back (edit)



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Please wait while we determine whether this trip will be observed....

Each trip has a random chance of being selected according to probabilities determined by available funding, the amount of fishing effort to date, and the anticipated fishing effort for the remainder of the year. The NMFS attempts to keep these rates as stable as possible through the year and close to those rates published in the Annual Sampling Plan.





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Trip receipt

The following trip has been successfully entered.

* Trip Selection Result *

Your vessel (insert vessel name) (insert FFP or ADFG) number (insert number) scheduled to depart on (insert date) from (insert port) (insert is or is not) required to obtain observer coverage prior to departing.

Your Trip Selection Receipt Number is:

T123456

Please print this selection receipt for your records.

Print Trip Receipt with
instructions

(This will print the receipt with instructions on slide 17)

Continue
(without printing)

(This will enable the user to view logged trips and past trips)

Exit
(without printing)