

ANNUAL
**AMENDMENT 91/CHINOOK EDR
AFA POLLOCK FISHERY
VESSEL MASTER SURVEY
CALENDAR YEAR 20XX**

THIS FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLINE AT
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The Chinook Salmon Economic Data Report (EDR) Program provides additional data to assess the effectiveness of the Chinook salmon bycatch management measures implemented under Amendment 91 to the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area. The information collected is a combination of quantitative and qualitative data to conduct descriptive and quantitative analysis and comparisons of the annual and seasonal changes in the pollock fleet under Amendment 91.

An owner or leaseholder of an American Fisheries Act (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 obtain a completed Vessel Master Surveys and submit all completed surveys to NMFS.

The Vessel Master Survey has two parts. Part 1 is the Vessel Owner Certification Page. Part 2: Pollock Fishing and Salmon Bycatch Avoidance, is to be completed by the vessel master and asks about different aspects of decision-making during the pollock season, including incentives, fishing location choices, and salmon bycatch reduction measures.

If you have questions regarding this survey or need additional information, contact:

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**SUBMIT CERTIFICATION PAGE OR ENTIRE VESSEL MASTER SURVEY ELECTRONICALLY
ON OR BEFORE 1700 HOURS A.L.T. ON JUNE 1 TO:**

<http://www.alaskafisheries.noaa.gov>

**ANNUAL CHINOOK EDR: VESSEL MASTER SURVEY
PART 1: Vessel Owner Certification Page**

AFA-permitted vessel and owner identification and name and CFEC gear operator permit number for all vessel masters operating the vessel in the AFA pollock fishery during calendar year 20xx

Vessel Owner /Leaseholder Name	NMFS_ID
Vessel Name	AFA Permit Number
Vessel Master Name	CFEC ¹ Gear Operator Permit Number
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¹CFEC = State of Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission

Submittal of Vessel Master Survey

Select one of the following statements (check one box below)

<input type="checkbox"/>	You were the AFA owner or leaseholder for an AFA permitted vessel that harvested or processed AFA pollock during the calendar year 20XX. Complete and submit ENTIRE VESSEL MASTER SURVEY FORM (both Part 1 and Part 2)
<input type="checkbox"/>	You were the AFA owner or leaseholder for an AFA permitted vessel that DID NOT HARVEST OR PROCESS AFA pollock during the calendar year 20XX. Complete and submit the VESSEL OWNER CERTIFICATION PAGE (Part 1) ONLY

Person Submitting this Report

Provide the name, title or NMFS ID, and contact information for the individual submitting the form.	
Name	Title or NMFS ID
Business Number Telephone	Business FAX Number
Business E-mail address (if available)	

Certification: Read the following statement, and sign and date the box below:

<i>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.</i>	
Signature	Date signed

**ANNUAL CHINOOK EDR: VESSEL MASTER SURVEY
PART 2: Pollock Fishing and Salmon Bycatch Avoidance**

Each Vessel Master on the AFA-permitted vessel must complete the Hired Master information and sign and date the certification. *Duplicate Part 2 if additional entries are needed.*

Hired Master Certification

Vessel Master Name	CFEC Gear Operator Permit Number
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

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?

YES NO

If YES, please indicate the number of trips that this occurred in each season (use a checkmark ✓ to indicate appropriate answer for each season).

Number of trips suspended due to bycatch	Season	
	A	B
0		
1-3		
4-10		
More than 10		

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.