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**Instructions**  
**BUYING STATION REPORT (BSR)**

**REQUIREMENT**

The operator or manager of a buying station that receives or delivers groundfish harvested from the Gulf of Alaska (GOA) or Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area (BSAI) in association with a shoreside processor, Stationary Floating Processor (SFP), or a mothership must complete and retain a separate BSR for each delivery of unprocessed groundfish or donated prohibited species received from a catcher vessel on behalf of an associated processor.

A **buying station** is a tender vessel or land-based entity that receives unprocessed groundfish from a

vessel for delivery to a shoreside processor, SFP, or mothership and that does not process those fish.

An **associated processor** is a mothership or catcher/processor issued a Federal Fisheries Permit (FFP) or a shoreside processor or SFP issued a Federal Processor Permit (FPP), with a contractual relationship with a buying station to conduct groundfish buying station activities for that processor.

A copy of a BSR is not submitted to NMFS. The BSR must accompany the shipment of fish; and a separate BSR must be created for each incident described in the following table.

Write a Separate BSR
For each associated processor
For each truck, if groundfish offloaded to a truck bound for an associated processor
For each airline shipment, if groundfish offloaded to an airplane bound for an associated processor
For each reporting area, if receiving harvest from more than one reporting area
For each crab protection area. If receiving harvest from a vessel using trawl gear, use two separate BSRs, the first to record the information from the reporting area that includes the COBLZ or RKCSA and the second to record the information from the reporting area that does not include the COBLZ or RKCSA
For each gear type, if receiving harvest from more than one gear type
For each special management program -- Western Alaska Community Development Quota (CDQ) Program, Research Fishery, Exempted Fishery, or Aleutian Islands Pollock Fishery; add identifying number, if appropriate
If receiving halibut under a donated prohibited species program

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BSR Attachments.

The operator or manager must ensure that the following documents accompany each groundfish delivery from the landing site to the associated processor:

- ◆ A complete and accurate BSR that describes the delivery;
- ◆ Any blue catcher vessel daily fishing logbook (DFL) logsheets or equivalent

printed electronic logbook (ELB) discard reports received from a catcher vessel; and

- ◆ Copies of all Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) fish tickets issued to the catcher vessel on behalf of the associated processor.

### Buying Station for Own Catch

The operator of a catcher vessel, by prior arrangement with an associated processor, may function as a buying station for his own catch as follows:

- ◆ By shipping his groundfish catch with a copy of the BSR directly to that processor via truck or airline in the event that the processor is not located where the harvest is offloaded; or
- ◆ By driving a truck that contains his catch and a copy of the BSR to the processor.

### **DATA ENTRY TIME LIMITS.**

The operator or manager of a buying station must record in the BSR all required information and sign the BSR within 2 hours of completion of delivery from a catcher vessel.

### **REQUIRED INFORMATION**

The operator or manager of a buying station must record the following information on a BSR for each delivery:

#### Original/Revised Report.

If a BSR is the first submitted to the Regional Administrator for a given date, gear type, and reporting area, indicate "ORIGINAL REPORT." If a BSR is a correction to a previously submitted BSR for a given date, gear type, and reporting area, indicate "REVISED REPORT."

#### Identification of Buying Station.

Enter name and ADF&G vessel registration number if a vessel; or name, license number, and state of license issuance if a vehicle. The name should be recorded as it is displayed in official documentation.

#### Operator or Manager Name and Signature.

The operator or manager must sign the completed BSR prior to delivery of harvest to a mothership, shoreside processor, or SFP. This signature is verification by the operator or manager of acceptance of the responsibility required in §679.5(d).

### Management Program.

Indicate whether harvest occurred under a special management program (Western Alaska Community Development Quota (CDQ) Program, Research Fishery, Exempted Fishery, or Aleutian Islands Pollock (AIP)) and add identifying number, if appropriate. If harvest is not under one of these management programs, leave blank.

Gear Type. Indicate gear type of harvester. If gear type is not printed, circle OTHER and write description of gear.

### Federal Reporting Area.

Indicate Federal reporting area (see Figures 1 and 3 to part 679) from which groundfish were harvested.

### Crab Protection Areas.

If harvester gear type was trawl and gear retrieval occurred in the COBLZ or RKCSA (see Figures 11 and 13 to part 679), use two separate BSRs to record the information: one BSR for the reporting area that includes COBLZ or RKCSA, and a second BSR to record the information from the reporting area that does not include COBLZ or RKCSA.

### Associated Processor

If associated processor is a mothership, enter the name, ADF&G processor code, and Federal fisheries permit number of the mothership. If associated processor is a shoreside processor or SFP, enter the name, AD&FG processor code, and FPP number of the processor. Enter date (mm/dd/yy) and time (A.l.t., military format) delivery was completed.

### **CATCHER VESSEL DELIVERY INFORMATION**

#### Catcher Vessel Identification.

Name and ADF&G vessel registration number of catcher vessel making the delivery.

Non-Submittal of Discard Report.

Indicate whether the blue logsheet was received from the catcher vessel at the time of catch delivery. If the blue logsheet is not received from the catcher vessel, enter “NO” and the reason given for non-submittal as follows (example: NO-L):

NON-SUBMITTAL OF DISCARD REPORT	CODE
The catcher vessel does not have an FFP	“P”
The catcher vessel is under 60 ft (18.3 m) LOA and does not have an FFP	“P”
The catcher vessel is under 60 ft (18.3 m) LOA and has an FFP	“L”
The catcher vessel delivered an unsorted codend	“U”
Another reason; describe circumstances	“O”

ADF&G Fish Ticket Number. Enter ADF&G fish ticket number issued to catcher vessel.

Species Codes and Scale Weight.

In addition to recording the total estimated delivery weight or actual scale weight of a catcher vessel delivery, if the operator or manager of the buying station sorted the delivery prior to delivery to an associated processor, he or she may enter specific species code and scale weights of individual species to the BSR; indicate whether to the nearest pound or to 0.001 mt.

Groundfish Weight.

Enter the estimated total groundfish hail weight or actual scale weight of delivery.

Hail weight is an estimate of the total weight of the entire catch without regard to species.

In addition to groundfish weight, if the operator or manager sorted the delivery prior to delivery to an associated processor, he or she may enter specific species code and scale weights of individual species.

Indicate whether to the nearest pound or to the nearest 0.001 mt.

**DISCARD AND DISPOSITION INFORMATION**

The operator or manager of a buying station must record in a BSR, discard or disposition that:

- ◆ Occurred on and was reported by a catcher vessel on a blue logsheet;
- ◆ Occurred on the buying station prior to delivery to an associated processor; and
- ◆ Was recorded on a blue DFL logsheet submitted to the buying station by a catcher vessel when no groundfish were delivered by the catcher vessel (for example, disposition code 95 describes fish or fish products eaten onboard or taken off the vessel for personal use).

If no discards or disposition for a delivery, write “no discards.”

Discard or Disposition Weight.

Record the total estimated discard and disposition weight of groundfish and herring Prohibited Species Catch (PSC) by species code and product code (indicate whether to nearest pound or to the nearest 0.001 mt).

PSC Discard or Disposition Numbers.

Record the total PSC discard or disposition number of Pacific salmon, steelhead trout, Pacific halibut, king crab, and Tanner crab by species code and product code.