

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT STATEMENT:

Information collected through the observer program will be used to: (1) monitor catch and bycatch; (2) understand the population status and trends of fish stocks and protected species, as well as the interactions between them; (3) determine the quantity and distribution of net benefits derived from living marine resources; (4) predict the biological, ecological, and economic impacts of existing management actions and proposed management options; and (5) ensure that the observer programs can safely and efficiently collect the information required for the previous four uses. In particular, the observer program provides information that is used in analyses that support the conservation and management of living marine resources and that are required under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA), the Endangered Species Act (ESA), the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA), Executive Order 12866 (EO 12866), and other applicable law. Most of the information collected by observers is obtained through “direct observation by an employee or agent of the sponsoring agency or through non-standardized oral communication in connection with such direct observations.” Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) regulations at 5 C.F.R. 1320.3(h)(3), facts or opinions obtained through such observations and communications are not considered to be “information” subject to the PRA. The public reporting burden for responding to the questions that observers ask and that are subject to the PRA is estimated to average 60 minutes per trip, including the time for hearing and understanding the questions, 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 this burden, to: National Marine Fisheries Service, Alaska Fisheries Science Center, Fisheries Monitoring and Analysis Division, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle, WA 98115. Providing the requested safety information is mandatory under regulations at 50 C.F.R. 600.746; however, providing the other requested information is voluntary. All information collected by observers will be kept confidential as required under Section 402(b) of the MSA (18 U.S.C. 1881a(b)) and regulations at 50 C.F.R. Part 600, Subpart E. Notwithstanding any other provision of the law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. This is an approved information collection under OMB Control No. 0648-0593, expires 9-30-2012.

Vessel Safety Checklist

VESSEL NAME: _____ VESSEL PERMIT: _____

Ensure the USCG Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety decal is not expired based on the information noted on the face of the decal.

Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety EXAMINATION

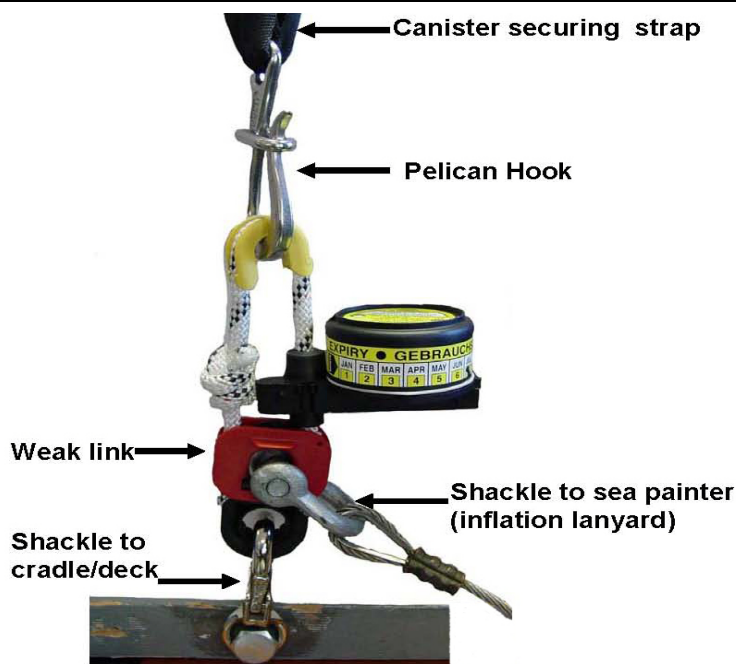
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OPERATIONS		2013 <input type="checkbox"/>
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<input type="checkbox"/> Inside Boundary Line		
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FROM COASTLINE		
<input type="checkbox"/> < 3 NM		JAN JUL
<input type="checkbox"/> < 12 NM		FEB AUG
<input type="checkbox"/> < 20 NM		MAR SEP
<input type="checkbox"/> < 50 NM		APR OCT
<input type="checkbox"/> > 50 NM		MAY NOV
<input type="checkbox"/> > 100 NM		JUN DEC

THIS VESSEL MEETS ALL USCG COMMERCIAL FISHING INDUSTRY VESSEL REGULATIONS FOR OPERATING AREAS AS MARKED

NO.

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

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Is the decal valid? Y N

SURVIVAL CRAFT:
 Number of: _____
 Total capacity: _____
 # of crew & observer/s on board _____

Sufficient capacity? Y N

Survival craft(s) able to float free? (Note: some vessels have their rafts in a float free cradle - this is an approved cradling system, so long as the painter line is properly attached to a weak link.) Y N

Service Due decal exp. date: ___/___ (expires on date displayed)

Hydrostatic release exp. date: ___/___ (expires on date displayed)

Your raft assignment: _____

EPIRB: (Visual inspection only. Please leave all testing/handling to crew)
 Location(s): _____

Battery exp. date: _____ (expires on date displayed)

Hydrostatic release expiration date: ___/___ (expires on date displayed)

Located in a float free location?: Y N

NOAA Registration Decal:
 Exp. date: _____ (expires on date displayed)
 Registered to this vessel (name of vessel displayed): Y N
 Alphanumeric code on decal matches code on EPIRB: Y N

Signal tested (or asked to see station log in wheelhouse for most recent test. Signal should be tested monthly): Y N

IMMERSION SUIT/PFDs:

Available for everyone on board? Y N

Location(s): _____

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS:

Extinguisher(s) found in every main area/corridor? Y N

Extinguishers in "good and serviceable condition" (gauge in the green, low amounts of rust, canister in good condition, unobstructed, hoses attached, service tags available)? Y N

FLARES: (ask captain for assistance)

Location(s): _____

Expiration dates checked? Y N
 (expires on date displayed)

If checked, number of flares: _____

THROWABLE FLOTATION DEVICES:

Number of flotation devices appropriate for vessel size? Y N

Easily accessible?: Y N

Name of vessel displayed on each? Y N

Location(s): _____

<p>ADDITIONAL SAFETY CHECKS:</p> <p>Watertight doors - do they close properly? Y N</p> <p>Hatches/passageways - are they unobstructed? Y N</p> <p>Discussed safe places to work on deck and in factory with captain/crew? Y N</p> <p>Discussed refrigerant leak procedures? Y N</p> <p>Type of refrigerant used _____</p> <p>Discussed reporting/identifying inoperative alarm/fire systems? Y N</p> <p>Did you hear the general alarm? Y N</p> <p>Where will you go during emergencies: _____</p>	<p>FIRST AID MATERIALS:</p> <p>Location(s): _____</p> <p>Is there an individual trained in CPR/First Aid on board? Y N</p> <p>Who?: _____</p> <hr/> <p>Radios:</p> <p>How many SSB and VHF radios?: _____ / _____</p> <p>Are emergency call instructions posted? Y N</p> <p>Were procedures for making an emergency call discussed? Y N</p>
<p>SAFETY ORIENTATION:</p> <p>If you did not complete drills upon embarking the vessel, did the captain use this safety checklist to complete the required vessel safety orientation? Y N</p> <p>Did the vessel conduct a safety orientation? Y N</p> <p>Who gave the orientation? _____</p> <p>(Detail what was covered in the comment section below)</p>	<p>EMERGENCY DRILLS AND DATE(S) CONDUCTED:</p> <p>Fire _____</p> <p>Abandon Ship _____</p> <p>Man Overboard _____</p> <p>Vessel Flooding/stabilization _____</p> <p>General alarm activation _____</p> <p>Donning immersion suits _____</p> <p>Radio/visual distress signals _____</p> <p>Were the drills hands-on involving actual gear? Y N</p> <p>Did you participate in the drills? Y N</p>
<p>OBSERVER PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT:</p> <p>Personal Locator Beacon? Y N</p> <p>UIN: _____</p> <p>NOAA Registration Decal Expiration Date: _____</p> <p>Immersion Suit with Strobe Light and Battery? Y N</p> <p>Serial #: _____</p> <p>Personal Flotation Device with Strobe Light and Battery? Y N</p>	<p>COMMENTS (ALL "N" RESPONSES REQUIRE A COMMENT):</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>

Observer Name: _____ Cruise #: _____

Observer Signature: _____ Date: _____

Captain Name: _____

Captain Signature (optional): _____ Date: _____

*Did the vessel request a copy of the Checklist? Y N *If so, were you able to supply a copy? Y N

Blue indicates "no go" items!