

INSTRUCTIONS -- RECORD OF DAILY FLOW SCALE TEST

1. Enter name of vessel on which the scale test is conducted
2. Enter date of test
3. Enter time of test
4. Enter number of sand bags used for each run of the test
5. Weigh sandbags on Platform scale. *Weigh no more than 50 kg of bags per load*
6. Record the number of times the sand bags were run across the scale. Each run can be no less than 40 kg of bags
7. **Multiply the total weight of the sand bags on the platform scale by the number of times the sand bags are run.**
8. Record the weight of sand bags run across the Flow scale for all runs
9. Record the flow scale error. *Subtract Platform scale weight from Flow scale weight*
10. Record the percent error of the flow scale. *Divide Error by Platform scale weight & multiply by 100*
11. Record whether the scale passed or failed the daily test. **If the percent error is between -3.0 % and +3.0%, the scale passes.**
12. Record name(s) of person(s) conducting the test
13. Record the cruise number of the observer that witnessed the test
14. Vessel operator must sign the form

DAILY FLOW SCALE TEST ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- ◆ A daily scale test must be conducted once each calendar day, not to exceed 24 hours, when the scale is being used to weigh catch at sea.
- ◆ Record all tests including failed tests
- ◆ If the scale fails the daily test, it may be re-tested at any time. However, it may not be used to weigh fish until it passes the daily test.
- ◆ This form must be maintained on board the vessel until the end of the fishing year in which it was completed. It must be retained by the vessel owner for three years, and must be made available to NMFS personnel, observers or authorized officers when requested.
- ◆ Questions or comments concerning this form or the daily test can be directed to:

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Before completing this form please note the following: 1) NMFS cannot 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 being used to manage the At-Sea Scales Program; 3) Federal law and regulations require and authorize NMFS to manage commercial fishing effort; 4) Submission of this information is required for scales approved by NMFS to weigh catch at sea; 5) Responses to this information request are not confidential.
