



**AMERICAN FISHERIES ACT
(AFA) PERMIT: REBUILT,
REPLACEMENT, OR REMOVED
VESSEL APPLICATION**

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BLOCK A – PURPOSE OF APPLICATION

This application is to be used for (check one):

- Notification of Rebuilt AFA Vessel: Complete Block B. Sign Block E.
- Replacement of AFA Vessel: Complete Block B and Block C. Sign Block E.
- Removal of AFA Catcher Vessel and Assignment of Pollock Catch History of Removed Vessel: Complete Block B, Block C, Block D and Sign Block E.

BLOCK B –AFA PERMITTED VESSEL

Identify existing AFA permitted vessel being rebuilt, replaced, or removed from AFA fishery.

If owner is notifying NMFS of the rebuilding of an AFA vessel, **attach USCG Documentation for Rebuilt Vessel**

1. Vessel Name:

2. ADF&G Vessel Registration Number:

3. USCG Documentation Number:

4. AFA Permit Number:

5. LLP Groundfish License Number:

6. Gross Tons:

7. Shaft Horsepower:

8. Registered Length (feet):

9. Owner Name:

10. Business Mailing Address:

11. Business Telephone Number:

12. Business FAX Number:

13. Business E-mail Address:

BLOCK C - IDENTIFICATION & OWNERSHIP OF REPLACEMENT VESSEL

Only one vessel may be identified as a “replacement vessel” for the vessel listed in Block B.
Attach the current USCG documentation for this vessel showing a valid fishery endorsement.

1. Vessel Name:

2. ADF&G Vessel Registration No.:

3. USCG Documentation No.:

4. LLP Groundfish License No. :

5. Gross Tons:

6. Net Tons (*U.S, tons*):

7. Shaft Horsepower:

8. Registered Length (*feet*):

9. Current Length Overall (*feet*):

10. Owner Name(s):

11. Business Mailing Address:

12. Business Telephone Number:

13. Business Fax Number:

14. Business E-mail Address:

BLOCK D – ASSIGNMENT OF POLLOCK CATCH HISTORY OF REMOVED VESSEL

Identify vessel(s) to which the owner of the removed AFA catcher vessel, listed in Block B, wishes to permanently assign the pollock catch history of the removed vessel and the percentage of the pollock catch history assigned to each vessel. The pollock catch history of the removed vessel may only be assigned to vessel or vessels that were in the same inshore cooperative to which the removed vessel belonged.

Vessel Name	USCG No.	AFA Permit No.	Percentage of Pollock Catch History of Removed Vessel Assigned to Each Vessel

BLOCK E - CERTIFICATION OF APPLICANT

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this application, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information presented here is true, correct and complete. I further certify that if this application is for replacement or rebuilding of an AFA vessel, the purpose of rebuilding or replacement of vessel is to improve safety, improve efficiency (including fuel efficiency) or both.

1. Signature of Owner

2. Date:

3. Printed Name of owner

PUBLIC REPORTING BURDEN STATEMENT

Public reporting for this collection of information is estimated to average 60 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing the instructions, searching the 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 Assistant Regional Administrator, Sustainable Fisheries Division, NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Before completing this form please note the following: 1) Notwithstanding any other provision of 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; 2) This information is mandatory and is required to manage the AFA Limited Access Programs under 50 CFR part 679 and under section 402(a) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act (16 U.S.C. 1801, *et seq.*); 3) Submission of this information is required of persons seeking to participate in groundfish fisheries under authority of AFA; 4) Responses to this information request are confidential under section 402(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act. They are also confidential under NOAA Administrative Order 216-100, which sets forth procedures to protect confidentiality of fishery statistics.

Instructions

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An American Fisheries Act (AFA) vessel is a vessel that is designated on an AFA catcher vessel permit, an AFA catcher/processor vessel permit or an AFA mothership permit.

In order to improve vessel safety and operational efficiency (including fuel efficiency), the owner of an AFA vessel may rebuild or replace that vessel with a vessel documented with a fishery endorsement under section 12113 of Title 46 of the U.S. Code. For the provisions of the AFA regulations on rebuilding, replacing and removing AFA vessels, see 50 CFR 679.4(l), available at <http://www.alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/regs/679a4.pdf>. For information on Federal fishery endorsements for documented vessels, see the website of the National Vessel Documentation Center at http://www.marad.dot.gov/documents/46_U.S.C._12113.pdf.

An AFA rebuilt or replacement vessel shall be eligible in the same manner to participate in fisheries in the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) off Alaska and subject to the same restrictions and limitations as the vessel being rebuilt or replaced. An AFA vessel that was rebuilt or replaced after October 15, 2010, is exempt from the maximum length overall (MLOA) on a License Limitation Program (LLP) groundfish license with a Bering Sea and/or Aleutian Islands area endorsement when the vessel is fishing pursuant to that license, whether the vessel before rebuilding or replacement was exempt.

The owner of an AFA catcher vessel that is a member of an inshore cooperative may remove that vessel from the Bering Sea directed pollock fishery. If the owner applies to do that, the owner must direct NMFS to assign the pollock catch history of the vessel being removed to other vessel or vessels in the cooperative of the removed vessel. The catcher vessel(s) receiving the pollock catch history of the removed vessel must remain in the fishery cooperative for at least one year after the date on which NMFS approves the application for removal of the catcher vessel.

NOTICE:

Pursuant to the AFA amendments in section 602 of the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2010, P. L. 111-281, a vessel that leaves the AFA fishery by being replaced or removed is ineligible for a Federal fishery endorsement unless such a vessel reenters the AFA fishery as a replacement vessel.

DEADLINES:

- ◆ If the owner of an AFA vessel rebuilds an AFA vessel, the owner shall notify NMFS and provide USCG documentation for the rebuilt vessel **within 30 days of the issuance of the documentation.**
- ◆ In the event of the total or constructive loss of an AFA vessel, the owner of the AFA vessel shall notify NMFS in writing within **120 days** of the date of the vessel loss. The AFA permit on the lost vessel shall remain valid from the date of the vessel loss **until three years from December 31 of the year of the vessel loss**, unless the AFA permit on the lost vessel is revoked before that date because the lost vessel was replaced or removed. For example, if an AFA vessel sinks on June 15, 2015, the AFA permit on the lost vessel will be valid until December 31, 2018, unless the AFA permit on the lost vessel was revoked before that date. After December 31, 2018, if the AFA permit has not been revoked, the AFA permit will be suspended until the owner of the AFA vessel replaces or removes the lost vessel.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Use this application to:

- ◆ Notify NMFS that an AFA vessel has been rebuilt
- ◆ Request an AFA permit for a replacement catcher vessel, catcher/processor, or mothership
- ◆ Request removal of an AFA catcher vessel that is a member of an inshore cooperative and assignment of the catch history of that vessel to other vessel or vessels in the same inshore cooperative

Type or print legibly in ink; retain a copy of completed application for your records.

When completed, submit application to:

By mail to: **NMFS Alaska Region
Restricted Access Management (RAM)
P.O. Box 21668
Juneau, Alaska 99802-1668**

or fax to: **(907) 586-7354**

or deliver to: **709 West 9th Street, Room 713
Juneau, AK 99801**

Items will be sent to you by first class mail, unless you provide alternate instructions and include a prepaid mailer with appropriate postage or corporate account number for express delivery.

If you have any questions, or if you need any assistance in completing the application, please contact RAM as follows:

Telephone (toll Free): 1-800-304-4846 (press "2") or
(Juneau): 907-586-7202

E-Mail Address: RAM.Alaska@noaa.gov

Web Site: www.alaskafisheries.noaa.gov

Please allow at least 10 working days for your application to be processed. Items will be sent by first class mail, unless you provide alternate instructions *and* include a prepaid mailer with appropriate postage or a corporate account number for express delivery.

COMPLETING THE APPLICATION

BLOCK A – PURPOSE OF APPLICATION

Indicate the reason for submission of the application:

If Notification of Rebuilt AFA Vessel, complete Block B and sign Block D.

If Replacement of AFA Vessel, complete Block B and Block C and sign Block D.

If Removal of AFA Catcher Vessel and Assignment of Catch History of Removed Vessel, complete Block A

and Block C, and sign Block D.

BLOCK B –AFA PERMITTED VESSEL

Identify existing AFA permitted vessel being rebuilt, replaced or removed from AFA fishery. If owner is notifying NMFS of the rebuilding of an AFA vessel, **attach** USCG Documentation for Rebuilt Vessel

1. Vessel Name as displayed in official documentation.
2. Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) Vessel Registration Number.
3. U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) Official Documentation Number
4. AFA Permit Number
5. LLP Groundfish License Number to which vessel is currently assigned.
- 6-8. Gross Tons, shaft horsepower, and registered length.
9. Owner Name. list all owners of the vessel as shown on the USCG vessel documentation or abstract of title.
10. Permanent business mailing address of primary vessel owner.
- 11-13. Business telephone number, business fax number, and business e-mail address of primary vessel owner.

BLOCK C – IDENTIFICATION & OWNERSHIP OF REPLACEMENT VESSEL

Only one vessel may be identified as a “replacement vessel” for the vessel listed in Block B. **Attach** the current USCG documentation for this vessel showing a valid fishery endorsement.

1. Vessel Name as displayed in official documentation.
2. ADF&G Vessel Registration Number.
3. USCG Official Documentation Number.
4. LLP Groundfish License Number.
- 5-7. Gross Tons, net tons (U.S. tons), and shaft horsepower.
- 8-9. Registered Length (feet) and current length overall (feet).
10. Owner Name. list all owners of the vessel as shown on the USCG vessel documentation or abstract of title.
11. Enter permanent business mailing address of primary vessel owner.
- 12-14. Enter business telephone number, business fax number, and business e-mail address of primary vessel owner

BLOCK D – ASSIGNMENT OF POLLOCK CATCH HISTORY OF REMOVED VESSEL

NOTE: This Block may only be used if the vessel listed in Block B is being permanently removed from the AFA fishery.

Identify vessel(s) to which the owner of the removed AFA catcher vessel, listed in Block B, wishes to permanently assign the pollock catch history of the removed vessel and the percentage of the pollock catch history assigned to each vessel. The pollock catch history of the removed vessel may only be assigned to vessel or vessels that were in the same inshore cooperative to which the removed vessel belonged.

Identify vessel(s) that the owner of the removed vessel in Block B wishes to permanently assign the catch history of the removed vessel by entering the following:

- ◆ Vessel Name.
- ◆ USCG Official Documentation Number
- ◆ AFA Permit Number
- ◆ Percentage of the pollock catch history that the owner of the removed vessel is assigning to each listed vessel

BLOCK E - CERTIFICATION OF APPLICANT

Signature and printed name of the owner and date application was signed.