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NOTIFICATION OF PACIFIC COD FREEZER LONGLINE MONITORING OPTION

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**Note:** Selection must occur by November 1<sup>st</sup> for the upcoming year. Once selected, the vessel owner or operator must comply with the selected monitoring option for the entire year.

| BLOCK A – VESSEL INFORMATION  |                         |                               |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Name of Vessel   |                         | 2. Federal Fishery Permit No. |
| 3. Name of Vessel Owner or Operator (circle one):   |                         |                               |
| 4. Permanent Business Address:  |                         |                               |
| 5. Business Telephone Number:   | 6. Business Fax Number: | 7. Business E-mail Address:   |
| BLOCK B – PACIFIC COD MONITORING OPTION  Check one to indicate monitoring option:   |                         |                               |
| Opt-out of directed fishing for Pacific cod in the BSAI and groundfish CDQ fishing  |                         |                               |
| Motion Compensated Scales  If this option is chosen complete and submit all the sections of the Inspection Request Form:  https://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/webapps/forms/inspection.jsp |                         |                               |
| Increased Observer Coverage   |                         |                               |
| If this option is chosen complete and submit only the Observer Sampling Station portion of the Inspection Request Form: https://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/webapps/forms/inspection.jsp   |                         |                               |

## PUBLIC REPORTING BURDEN STATEMENT

Public reporting for this collection of information is estimated to average 10 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 commercial fishing efforts under 50 CFR part 679 and under section 402(a) of the Magnuson- Stevens Act (16 U.S.C. 1801, *et seq.*); 3) 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.

## **PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT**

**Authority:** The collection of this information is authorized under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, 16 U.S.C 1801 et seq.

**Purpose:** In order to manage U.S. fisheries, the NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service collects permit holder information forms for the At-Sea Scales Program, which was developed in response to the need for catch accounting methods that were more precise and verifiable at the level of the individual haul and less dependent on estimates generated by at-sea observers. This was necessary due to the implementation of large-scale catch share programs that required NMFS to provide verifiable and defensible estimates of quota harvest. NMFS also established a set of performance based standards to allow shoreside processors to describe how they will ensure that all delivered catch can be effectively monitored by NMFS-authorized personnel, and that all catch is accurately sorted and weighed by species.

**Routine Uses:** The Department will use this information to identify fishery participants and evaluate the qualifications of the applicants. Disclosure of this information is permitted under the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. Section 552a), to be shared within NMFS offices, in order to coordinate monitoring and management of sustainability of fisheries and protected resources, as well as with the applicable State or Regional Marine Fisheries Commissions and International Organizations. Disclosure of this information is also subject to all of the published routine uses as identified in the <a href="Privacy Act System of Records Notice">Privacy Act System of Records Notice</a> COMMERCE/NOAA-19, Permits and Registrations for the United States Federally Regulated Fisheries.

**Disclosure:** Furnishing this information is required to obtain or retain the benefit of participation in either an at-sea scales program or shore-based catch monitoring program; failure to provide complete and accurate information will prevent the determination of eligibility for registration in either of these programs.