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NOAA Fisheries Service  
Office For Law Enforcement  
VMS Fax number: **907-586-7703**



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# VMS Fax

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**Note: Please register your VMS unit with an approved service provider prior to using this fax.**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Vessel Name: \_\_\_\_\_

U.S. Coast Guard Official #: \_\_\_\_\_

Alaska Federal Fisheries Permit #: \_\_\_\_\_

or

Alaska Federal Crab Vessel Permit #: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_

VMS Transmitter Name and ID or serial #: \_\_\_\_\_

***PUBLIC REPORTING BURDEN STATEMENT***

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 12 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, 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 the burden, to Assistant Regional Administrator, Sustainable Fisheries Division, Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802.

***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 mandatory and is required to manage the VMS data collection program for groundfish under 50 CFR part 679 and CR crab fisheries under 50 CFR part 680, and under section 402(a) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.) and 16 U.S.C. 1862(j); 3) Federal law and regulations require and authorize NMFS to manage commercial fishing effort; 4) Responses to this information request are not confidential.

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***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 requires tracking of vessel location using VMS. The collection of this information is required to monitor compliance with complicated time and area closures designed to protect Steller sea lions or essential fish habitat, to monitor compliance with area-specific catch allocations, and to monitor compliance with requirements to redeploy or remove fishing gear from commercial fishing grounds.

**Routine Uses:** The Department will use this information to facilitate enforcement of area closures in certain fisheries and to check the accuracy of vessel position information reported by the vessel operator in the daily logbooks. Disclosure of this information is permitted under the Privacy Act of 1974 (5U.S.C. Section 552a), to be shared with authorized Federal and State of Alaska law enforcement agencies or individuals in those agencies to coordinate fishery conservation, management, and monitoring responsibilities. Disclosure of this information is also subject to all of the published routine uses as identified in the Privacy Act System of Records Notice for COMMERCE/NOAA-6, Fishermen's Statistical Data (<http://www.osec.doc.gov/opog/PrivacyAct/SORNs/noaa-6.html>).

**Disclosure:** Furnishing this information is mandatory and is required to manage the VMS data collection program under 50 CFR part 679 (groundfish) and 50 CFR part 680 (crab). Failure to supply the information may result in action by NMFS Office of Law Enforcement.