
PUBLIC REPORTING BURDEN STATEMENT

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PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

The collection of this information is authorized under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, 16 U.S.C 1801 et seq. The Magnuson-Stevens Act requires that conservation and management measures must prevent over fishing while achieving, on a continuing basis, the optimum yield from each fishery. Vessel logbooks are essential tools in the management of fishery resources. Section 303(a)(5) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act specifically identifies the kinds of data to be collected for fishery management plans (FMPs). The Department will use this information for effective fishery management. 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 COMMERCE/NOAA-6, Fishermen's Statistical Data. Submission is mandatory for those persons falling under the requirements of 50 CFR 679.5. If the information is not provided, enforcement action may result.

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.

Instructions
U.S. VESSEL ACTIVITY REPORT (VAR)

REQUIREMENTS

Fish or fish product onboard.

Except as noted below, the operator of a catcher vessel greater than 60 ft (18.3 m) length overall (LOA), a catcher/processor, or a mothership required to hold a Federal fisheries permit (FFP) issued under 50 CFR part 679 and carrying fish or fish product onboard must complete and submit a VAR by fax to NOAA Fisheries Office for Enforcement (OLE) at 907-586-7313 or electronic file to enf.dataclerk@noaa.gov before the vessel crosses the seaward boundary of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) off Alaska or crosses the U.S.-Canadian international boundary between Alaska and British Columbia.

Combination of non-IFQ groundfish with IFQ halibut, CDQ halibut, IFQ sablefish or CR crab.

If a vessel is carrying non-Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) groundfish and IFQ halibut, Western Alaska Community Development Quota (CDQ) halibut, IFQ sablefish or Crab Rationalization Program (CR) crab, the operator must submit a VAR in addition to an IFQ Departure Report required by § 679.5(l)(4).

Combination of non-IFQ groundfish with IFQ halibut or IFQ sablefish. If a vessel less than or equal to 60 ft (18.3 m) LOA harvested fish using longline pot gear in the GOA and has a combination of non-IFQ groundfish, IFQ sablefish or IFQ halibut product onboard, the operator must submit a VAR as described at §679.5(k) in addition to an IFQ departure report required by paragraph §679.5(l)(4) of this section.

Exemption: IFQ Departure Report.

A VAR is not required if a vessel is carrying only IFQ halibut, CDQ halibut, IFQ sablefish, or CR crab onboard and the operator has submitted an IFQ Departure Report required by § 679.5(l)(4).

Revised VAR.

If fish or fish products are landed at a port other than the one specified on the VAR, the operator must submit a revised VAR showing the actual port of landing before any fish are offloaded.

Assistance.

If you need assistance in completing a VAR or need additional information:

Call: 800-304-4846 (option 1)

Fax: 907-586-7313

e-mail: enf.dataclerk@noaa.gov

INFORMATION REQUIRED

Whether original or revised VAR.

If VAR is the first one sent for a given day, check “Original Report.” If VAR is a revision to a previously sent VAR, check “Revised Report.”

Vessel

Name of vessel and FFP number or RCR permit number.

Type of vessel (whether catcher vessel, catcher/processor, or mothership).

Representative

Name, daytime telephone number (including area code), and fax number and COMSAT number (if available) of representative.

TRIP INFORMATION

Return report.

“Return” means returning to Alaska. If the vessel is crossing the seaward boundary of the EEZ off Alaska or crossing the U.S.- Canadian international boundary between Alaska and British Columbia into U.S. waters, indicate a “return” report and enter:

Intended Alaska port of landing (see Table 14a to 50 CFR part 679);

Estimated date and time (hour and minute, Greenwich Mean Time) the vessel will cross the boundary; and

Estimated position coordinates in latitude and longitude where the vessel will cross.

Depart report.

“Depart” means leaving Alaska. If the vessel is crossing the seaward boundary of the EEZ off Alaska and moving out of the EEZ or crossing the U.S.-Canadian international boundary between Alaska and British Columbia and moving into Canadian waters, indicate a “depart” report and enter:

Intended U.S. port of landing or country other than the United States (see Table 14b to part 679).

Estimated date and time (hour and minute Greenwich Mean Time) the vessel will cross the boundary; and

Estimated position coordinates in latitude and longitude where the vessel will cross.

The Russian Zone.

Indicate whether the vessel is returning from fishing in the Russian Zone or is departing to fish in the Russian Zone.

FISH OR FISH PRODUCT ONBOARD THE VESSEL WHEN CROSSING THE EEZ OFF ALASKA OR U.S. INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY.

For all fish or fish products (including non-groundfish) on board the vessel, enter:

Harvest Zone.

Enter the harvest zone where Fish were harvested.

| VAR Harvest Zones | |
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| A1 | BSAI EEZ |
| A2 | GOA EEZ |
| B | State waters of Alaska |
| C | State waters other than Alaska |
| D | Donut Hole (the international waters of the Bering Sea outside the limits of the EEZ and Russian economic zone as depicted on the current edition of NOAA chart INT 813 Bering Sea (Southern Part)) |
| F | Foreign waters other than Russia |
| I | International waters other than Donut Hole and Seamounts |
| R | Russian waters |
| S | Seamounts in international waters |
| U | U.S. EEZ other than Alaska |

Species Code.

Enter the species code for each product. If no species code is listed for the landed fish, write in the "common" name for that fish species (*e.g.*, swordfish).

Product Code.

Enter the product code for each product. Use the species and product codes presented in Table 1 and Table 2 to part 679, respectively.

Product Weight.

Enter the fish product weight of products in pounds or to the nearest 0.001 mt (2.20 lb). Circle pounds or 0.001 mt.