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# Inshore Vessel Contract Fishing Notification AMERICAN FISHERIES ACT (AFA)

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All AFA Inshore Cooperatives that intend to contract with non-member vessels to harvest a portion of the cooperative's annual pollock allocation must submit complete information in Blocks A and B of this form.

Block A - AFA Permit Holder	
1. Name of Vessel's Home Cooperative:	2. Address of Vessel's Home Cooperative:
3. Name of Home Cooperative Representative:	4. Contract Vessel AFA Permit Number:
5. Email Address:	6. Telephone Number:
7. Signature of Home Cooperative Representative:	8. Date:
Block B - Chartering Cooperative Information	
1. Name Contract Vessel's Chartering Cooperative	: 2. Address of Contract Vessel's Chartering Cooperative:
3. Description of Complete Harvest Schedule:	
4. Email Address:	5. Telephone Number:
6. Name of Chartering Cooperative Representative:	
7. Signature of Chartering Cooperative Representati	ve: 8.Date:
BLOCK C- Vessel Owner Information	
1. Vessel Owner Name:	
2. Vessel Owner Address:	
3. Email Address:  4. Telephone Number:	
5. Vessel Owner Signature	6. Date

#### **Paperwork Reduction Act Statement**

- 1. This information 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.)
- 2. This information is used to manage the American Fisheries Act (AFA) Program.
- 3. Public reporting for this collection of information is estimated to average 4.0 hours 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 suggestions for reducing the burden, to Assistant Regional Administrator, Sustainable Fisheries Division, NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service, Alaska Region, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668.
- 4. 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

#### **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: NMFS is collecting this information to manage the American Fisheries Act (AFA) Program.

**Routine Uses:** NMFS will use this information to identify AFA inshore cooperatives that intend to contract with non-member vessels to a harvest a portion of that cooperative's annual pollock allocation and to identify those vessels that might be reporting with an alternative cooperative identification. Disclosure of this information is permitted under the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. Section 552a) to be shared among authorized staff for work-related purposes. Disclosure of this information is also subject to all of the published routine uses as identified in the Privacy Act System of Records Notice COMMERCE/NOAA-19, Permits and Registrations for the United States Federally Regulated Fisheries.

**Disclosure:** Furnishing this information is required to obtain or retain benefits. . Failure to provide complete and accurate information may delay or prevent participation in the AFA groundfish fisheries.

# Instructions for INSHORE VESSEL CONTRACT FISHING NOTIFICATION AMERICAN FISHERIES ACT (AFA)

Each AFA inshore cooperative that intends to contract with a non-member vessel to harvest a portion of the cooperative's annual pollock allocation must submit this completed form to NMFS, Alaska Region, Restricted Access Management (NMFS/AKR/RAM). (See regulations at 50 CFR part 679.62(c)).

A separate notification must be submitted for each cooperative for which the vessel harvests. This information will assist cooperatives to understand how their catch is accounted and also alert NMFS In-season Management that some vessels might be reporting with an alternative cooperative ID.

Submit the completed Inshore Vessel Contract Fishing Notification to NMFS using one of the following methods:

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

• Fax: (907) 586-7354

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

### COMPLETING THE APPLICATION

#### Block A – AFA Permit Holder

- 1. Name of Vessel's Home Cooperative
- 2. Address Vessel's Home Cooperative
- 3. Name of Home Cooperative Representative
- 4. AFA contract permit number (The AFA catcher vessel must have an inshore fishing endorsement and be a member of an inshore cooperative.)
- 5. Email Address
- 6. Telephone Number
- 7. Signature of Home Cooperative Representative:
- 8. Date of Signature

## **Block B – Chartering Cooperative**

- 1. Name of Contract Vessel's Chartering Cooperative
- 2. Address of Contract Vessel's Chartering Cooperative
- 3. Description of Complete Harvest Schedule. The harvest schedule must show how all catch and any overages by the contracted vessel will be allocated between the contracting cooperative (or cooperatives) and the contract vessel's home cooperative. If multiple cooperatives are contracting with the same non-member vessel, each harvest schedule submitted must clearly specify how all catch and any overages will be allocated among the various cooperatives with which the vessel is contracted as of the date of submission.
- 4. Email Address
- 5. Telephone Number
- 6. Name of Chartering Cooperative Representative
- 7. Signature of Home Cooperative Representative
- 8. Date of Signature

#### **Block C – Vessel Owner Information**

- 1. Vessel Owner Name
- 2. Vessel Owner Address
- 3. Email Address
- 4. Telephone Number
- 5. Signature of Vessel Owner
- 6. Date of Signature

**NOTE:** NMFS/AKR/RAM will notify the parties to the inshore vessel contract that the inshore vessel contract fishing notification has been received. However, NMFS will not make any determinations as to the legality of any contract between/among the parties or its compliance with AFA requirements.