

PRE-TRIP VESSEL SAFETY CHECKLIST  
NMFS West Coast Region Fisheries Observer Program

Observers must verify the presence of each item on the list when embarking a vessel. Please advise the Logistics Coordinator or Project Manager if a vessel does not provide these safety items. **DO NOT LEAVE ON A VESSEL YOU FEEL IS UNSAFE**

Trip Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Observer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Total # People On Board: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**USCG Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Examination Decal**



**Immersion Suits** (required north of 32° N latitude)

Enough for all people on board (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_

**Survival Craft** (check type)

\_\_\_ Inflatable Liferaft

\_\_\_ Inflatable Buoyant  
Apparatus \_\_\_ Buoyant  
Apparatus

(Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_

**Flares**

Parachute \_\_\_ 3  
Handheld \_\_\_ 6  
\_\_\_ 3 Smoke

(minimum required = 3/6/3)

**Life Rings** (check if present)

\_\_\_ 1 Ring Life Buoy (vessels 26 feet to less than 65 feet)

\_\_\_ 3 Ring Life Buoys (vessels 65 feet or greater)

**Fire Extinguishers**

Location 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Location 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Location 3 \_\_\_\_\_

**First Aid Equipment**

**NOTES**

OMB Control N

**Radios**

(check all that apply)

VHF  SSB

**GPS/Plotter** (check if present)