

Below are the questions in the draft submission form we anticipate including in the online submission. Note, Questions 1, 2,6,7,8, and 10 are new or modified questions from the previous safety deviation protocol.

Draft Submission Form

The proposed regulations would require a vessel operator to submit, via a NMFS website, the same information currently contained in the logbook entry along with new information relevant to the deviation event. Below are proposed questions that NMFS would use for the online reporting.

(1) Vessel name, length overall, draft (at the time of the deviation) and where applicable, the vessel IMO number and Maritime Mobile Service Identity

(MMSI) number;

(2) Reason for the deviation: a) maneuverability constraints, or b) emergency;

(3) Date, time, latitude, and longitude where deviation began;

(4) Date, time, latitude, and longitude where deviation ended;

(5) Speed or average speed at which the vessel transited during the deviation;

(6) Wind speed and direction at the time of the deviation;

(7) Information on water current speed and direction at the time of the deviation, including measurements from the vessel acoustic doppler current profiler

(ADCP), if the vessel is equipment with this device;

(8) If the vessel was operating within a restricted/dredged channel, indicate whether one-way or two-way vessel traffic was present within the channel at the time the deviation was employed;

(9) The vessel master, and, if the vessel was under pilotage, the pilot, must attest to the accuracy of the information contained within the Report. If the vessel was under pilotage, indicate the name of the harbor pilot;

(10) Opportunity to briefly provide additional narrative (300 word limit), if desired, to explain the circumstances of a safety deviation.

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