

Catch Monitoring Control Plan (CMCP)

[**INPUT PROCESSOR NAME HERE**] will fully comply with the provisions of this CMCP. The Alaska Regional office will notify you via email with problems or other discrepancies that arise in regards to the agreed upon CMCP. If the processors have repeated problems with requirements outlined in this CMCP, NMFS may not approve the processor to receive EM selection pool deliveries for the following calendar year. The proposed regulatory requirements for the trawl EM category can be found <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/02/05/2024-01952/fisheries-of-the-exclusive-economic-zone-off-alaska-amendment-126-to-the-fishery-management-plans>

Observers must notify the North Pacific Observer Program of any issues.

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Signatures:

Shoreside Processor Representative _____ Date: _____

Approving Official _____ Date: _____

This CMCP will expire one year from the Approving Official's signature date.

You must provide this CMCP and any subsequent addendums or revisions to all observers assigned to your plant and to any agency personnel upon request.

Plant Summary

Plant Name:	
Federal Processor Permit:	
Plant Location:	
Number of Observers:	
Receiving Deliveries From: (select ALL that apply)	BS ___ AI ___ GOA ___ CDQ ___ EM ___
Plant Manager Name: Email: Phone Number:	
Observer Liaison: Email: Phone Number:	
POC for reasonable asst. Email: Phone Number:	(example: blue hat or shift lead)

Please provide a valid email address. **If you have any amendments, questions or concerns** related to your CMCP, please contact [Melanie Rickett - NOAA Federal](#).

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Communication Requirements

Communication with an observer. The CMCP must describe what communication equipment such as radios, or cellular phones (Including all associated numbers and app profiles - Such as WhatsApp), is used to facilitate communications within the plant. The plant owner must ensure that the plant liaison provides the observer with the same communications equipment used by plant staff. Notification of plans and any changes must be communicated to the observer as soon as possible. Delivery method of the fish ticket should be included along with points of contact if there are discrepancies.

Describe method of communication with observer. Provide information for point of contact (POC)- the plant personnel and personnel who will be communicating with observers:

Please fill in:

List observer cell phone numbers:

List radio channels to monitor:

Other POC for observers (title and cell number):

Other means of communication (example: WhatsApp, or emails):

***Please note failure to communicate the proper information to observers prior to deliveries may result in the shoreside processor being out of compliance with this CMCP.**

Access to the Observation and Sorting Area

All relevant ingress/egress points should have photos and descriptions particularly if observers will be using them. Note any safety obstructions.

Description:

**Attach images of observer sampling area and access points here.
Attach any associated diagram(s) here.**

Observer Sample Station and Collection Point

This section must include descriptions and imagery of all areas associated with the observer sample station(s) and collection point. Details must include sampling area description, observer lockable cabinet location, table, scales location, and salmon storage container must be included. If the facility has more than one observer sampling area then all areas must be described below. Collection point description should include how the diverter mechanism functions and where it is located. Note that the collection point must be located before any sorting of catch has occurred.

- *Please include by what means (i.e. Line of sight or camera relay) the observer will be able to monitor all points of sorting from the observer station and/or collection point. This includes areas where bycatch is kept until it has been weighed.*

Description:

Attach images of observer sampling area and access points here
Attach image of salmon storage container

Scales and Test Weights for Observer use

Storage locations for observer testing equipment and a list of personnel responsible for testing the observers scale must be included in the scale test description. All observer scales and test weights must include the serial number, and storage location. Images of all scales, and test weights being used must be included.

Note: Observer scales must have kilogram (kg) weights available to test at 10, 25, and 50kg (example: 1-10kg, 2-25kg test weights).

List all scales designated for observers below:

Scale#1:

Description of scales (make, model, serial no.):

Description (denomination, serial #, material), and location of test weights:

Date test weights were last certified (must be within the last two years):

Scale#2:

Description of scales (make, model, serial no.):

Description (denomination, serial #, material), and location of test weights:

Date test weights were last certified (must be within the last two years):

Attach image of scales and test weights here

Delivery Point and Observation Area Description

Each CMCP must identify all delivery points and observation areas.

- *The **delivery** point is the first location where fish removed from a delivering catcher vessel can be sorted or diverted to more than one location. If the catch is pumped from the hold of a catcher vessel or a codend, the delivery point normally will be the location where the pump first discharges the catch. If catch is removed from a vessel by brailing, the delivery point normally will be the bin or belt where the brailer discharges the catch.*
- *The **observation area(s)** is a location designated on the CMCP where an individual may monitor the flow of fish during a delivery.*
- *Please include an **estimated tonnage ran over the belts per hour**. Realizing that this can vary based on the species composition, give the best estimate for both A and B Season.*

Delivery Point and Observation Area Images

Delivery Point Description:

Max/Average Tonnage per hour (or processing capacity):

Observation Area(s) Description:

Attach images of delivery point and observation area

Deckload and Offload Meeting Procedures

Prior to offloading any pollock vessel with a deckload or a vessel that will need to transfer fish from the live tank to their RSW; an offload meeting must be held. The following individuals must be present at the offload meeting:

- The on-duty plant observer(s), the vessel observer (non-EM deliveries), the vessel captain or designated vessel representative, and a processing plant representative, which may be one of the following; The offload lead, plant liaison, shift lead, or other management personnel.*

This group will develop a plan for ensuring the codend or live tank transfer to the RSW tanks, or any fish offloaded directly to the sorting belt area is fully monitored. The following items should be discussed:

- 1. The expected date and time of the offload.*
- 2. Any potential conflicts with other observer duties during the expected transfer time. All times should reflect reasonably accurate information and any changes must be communicated to the observers as soon as possible.*
- 3. Notification of any issues that may occur during the offload shall be communicated directly to the plant observer as soon as reasonably possible.*

Description:

Split Vessel Offloads (if applicable)

In the event the processor needs to switch vessels during an offload, regardless of the reason, authorized plant personnel must meet with the plant observer(s) to ensure that they understand the reason for the split delivery and how it will be handled. Observers must be given adequate time to finish any sampling duties currently underway.

At the completion of each partial offload, the same procedures as the completion of a full offload will be followed. The offloading process will be stopped, lines will be flushed, sorting on the line will be stopped, all fish will be removed from the belt upstream of the location of last sorting, the observer on duty will be given the opportunity to count and sample the salmon, and the salmon will be removed from the salmon storage area once the observer has completed their sampling duties.

Description:

General Species Sorting

All groundfish delivered to the plant must be sorted and weighed by species. The CMCP must detail the amount and location of space for sorting catch, the number of staff assigned to catch sorting and the maximum rate that catch will flow through the sorting area. Bycatch handling and weighing must also be included.

- *Include a description of how bycatch totes are tared out from weights, or bycatch tote weight is accounted for when applicable.*

Full Description of Catch Handling:

Prohibited Species Sorting

All prohibited species, salmon, crab, and halibut, delivered to the plant must be sorted, counted, and/or weighed by species. The CMCP must detail the amount and location of space for sorting catch, the number of staff assigned to catch sorting and the maximum rate that catch will flow through the sorting area.

If the processing facility is receiving AFA and/or CDQ then the description must include procedures for handling salmon that are found after the sorting areas.

Description of salmon sorting and storage:

Description of halibut sorting:

Description of crab sorting:

Description of herring sorting:

Scales and Test weights, and Printed Record (non-observer scale)

Images of all scales, readouts, and test weights being used to weigh pollock and bycatch species must be included. Storage locations for testing equipment and a list of personnel responsible for testing must be included in the scale test description. Images of all associated electronics should be included as well as main printing location/rooms. All scales and test weights must include the serial number, purpose (Pollock, bycatch), max capacity, and location. The most recent state certification of the scales must be included as an attachment during the CMCP approval process (attach at the end of this document).

Printed record: Please attach a printed record from scales within the last season of operations. Attached records should be from main pollock scales and any bycatch scales.

Date test weights were last certified (must be within the last two years):

Scale test procedures:

- **Scale testing procedures:**

(A) Describes the procedure the plant will use to test the scale:

(B) Lists the plant personnel responsible for conducting the scale testing:

Scales - Pollock

Description (make, model, serial number):

Description (denomination, serial #, material), and location of test weights:

Date test weights were last certified (must be within the last two years):

Scales – Bycatch

Description (make, model, serial number):

Description (denomination, serial #, material), and location of test weights:

Date test weights were last certified (must be within the last two years):

Attach image of all scales and test weights here.

The Following sections are to be completed when applicable: Monitors and cameras used to fulfill regulatory requirement for observer to see all points of sorting

Monitors:

Location:	
Description	

Attach and label images here

Location:	
Description	

Attach and label images here

Cameras

Include images camera view as well as the associated monitor. Description should include the purpose of the camera.

Location	
Description:	

Attach images here

Location:	
Description:	

Attach images here

Check list of images, diagrams and supporting documents:

- **The most recent state certification of the scales must be included as an attachment during the CMCP approval process.**
- **Diagrams of the shoreside processing facility**
 - **Label observer sampling and observation areas**
 - **Label pump locations and delivery points**
 - **Label any cameras listed in the CMCP**

PUBLIC REPORTING BURDEN STATEMENT

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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: NMFS collects this information to determine how the processor will meet the applicable catch monitoring and control standards. NMFS will approve a CMCP if it meets all the applicable requirements specified in 50 CFR 679.28(g)(7) through (g)(10).

ROUTINE USES: The Department will use this information to identify fishery participants and evaluate the qualifications of the applicants. 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 Privacy Act System of Records Notice COMMERCE/NOAA-19, Permits and Registrations for the United States Federally Regulated Fisheries.

DISCLOSURE: Providing this information is required for a processor that chooses to be in the trawl EM pool of the North Pacific Observer Program. Participation in the trawl EM pool is voluntary. If a processor fails to provide this information, NMFS may not approve the processor to receive EM pool deliveries for the following calendar year.