

(e) A permit holder must accommodate a NMFS observer assigned under this section. The Regional Administrator's office, and not the observer, will address any concerns raised over accommodations.

(f) The permit holder, vessel operator, and crew must cooperate with the observer in the performance of the observer's duties, including:

(1) Allowing for the embarking and debarking of the observer.

(2) Allowing the observer access to all areas of the vessel necessary to conduct observer duties.

(3) Allowing the observer access to communications equipment and navigation equipment as necessary to perform observer duties.

(4) Allowing the observer access to VMS units to verify operation, obtain data, and use the communication capabilities of the units for official purposes.

(5) Providing accurate vessel locations by latitude and longitude or loran coordinates, upon request by the observer.

(6) Providing sea turtle, marine mammal, or sea bird specimens as requested.

(7) Notifying the observer in a timely fashion when commercial fishing operations are to begin and end.

(g) The permit holder, operator, and crew must comply with other terms and conditions to ensure the effective deployment and use of observers that the Regional Administrator imposes by written notice.

(h) The permit holder must ensure that assigned observers are provided living quarters comparable to crew members and are provided the same meals, snacks, and amenities as are normally provided to other vessel personnel.

§ 660.720 Interim protection for sea turtles.

(a) Until the effective date of §§ 660.707 and 660.712 (d) and (e), it is unlawful for any person who is not operating under a Hawaii longline limited access permit under § 660.21(b) to do any of the following:

(1) Direct fishing effort toward the harvest of swordfish (*Xiphias gladius*) using longline gear deployed on the

high seas of the Pacific Ocean west of 150° W. long. and north of the equator (0° lat.).

(2) Possess a light stick on board a longline vessel on the high seas of the Pacific Ocean west of 150° W. long. north of the equator. A light stick as used in this paragraph is any type of light emitting device, including any fluorescent glow bead, chemical, or electrically powered light that is affixed underwater to the longline gear.

(3) An operator of a longline vessel subject to this section may land or possess no more than 10 swordfish from a fishing trip where any part of the trip included fishing west of 150° W. long. and north of the equator (0° N. lat.).

(4) Fail to employ basket-style longline gear such that the mainline is deployed slack when fishing on the high seas of the Pacific Ocean west of 150° W. long. north of the equator.

(5) When a conventional monofilament longline is deployed by a vessel subject to this section, no fewer than 15 branch lines may be set between any two floats. Vessel operators using basket-style longline gear must set a minimum of 10 branch lines between any 2 floats when fishing in waters west of 150° W. long. north of the equator.

(6) Longline gear deployed by a vessel subject to this section must be deployed such that the deepest point of the main longline between any two floats, *i.e.*, the deepest point in each sag of the main line, is at a depth greater than 100 m (328.1 ft or 54.6 fm) below the sea surface.

(b) [Reserved]

TABLE 2 TO PART 660—VESSEL CAPACITY RATINGS FOR WEST COAST GROUND-FISH LIMITED ENTRY PERMITS

Vessel length	Capacity rating
<20	1.00
21	1.13
22	1.27
23	1.42
24	1.58
25	1.75
26	1.93
27	2.12
28	2.32
29	2.53
30	2.76
31	2.99
32	3.24
33	3.50

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Vessel length	Capacity rating	Vessel length	Capacity rating
34	3.77	107	66.20
35	4.05	108	67.76
36	4.35	109	69.34
37	4.66	110	70.94
38	4.98	111	72.57
39	5.31	112	74.21
40	5.66	113	75.88
41	6.02	114	77.57
42	6.39	115	79.28
43	6.78	116	81.02
44	7.18	117	82.77
45	7.59	118	84.55
46	8.02	119	86.36
47	8.47	120	88.18
48	8.92	121	90.03
49	9.40	122	91.90
50	9.88	123	93.80
51	10.38	124	95.72
52	10.90	125	97.66
53	11.43	126	99.62
54	11.98	127	101.61
55	12.54	128	103.62
56	13.12	129	105.66
57	13.71	130	107.72
58	14.32	131	109.80
59	14.95	132	111.91
60	15.59	133	114.04
61	16.25	134	116.20
62	16.92	135	118.38
63	17.61	136	120.58
64	18.32	137	122.81
65	19.04	138	125.06
66	19.78	139	127.34
67	20.54	140	129.64
68	21.32	141	131.97
69	22.11	142	134.32
70	22.92	143	136.70
71	23.74	144	139.10
72	24.59	145	141.53
73	25.45	146	143.98
74	26.33	147	146.46
75	27.23	148	148.96
76	28.15	149	151.49
77	29.08	150	154.05
78	30.04	151	156.68
79	31.01	152	155.31
80	32.00	153	155.94
81	33.01	154	156.57
82	34.04	155	157.20
83	35.08	156	157.83
84	36.15	157	158.46
85	37.24	158	159.10
86	38.34	159	159.73
87	39.47	160	160.36
88	40.61	161	160.99
89	41.77	162	161.62
90	42.96	163	162.25
91	44.16	164	162.88
92	45.38	165	163.51
93	46.63	166	164.14
94	47.89	167	164.77
95	49.17	168	165.41
96	50.48	169	166.04
97	51.80	170	166.67
98	53.15	171	167.30
99	54.51	172	167.93
100	55.90	173	168.56
101	57.31	174	169.19
102	58.74	175	169.82
103	60.19	176	170.45
104	61.66	177	171.08
105	63.15	178	171.72
106	64.67	179	172.35

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Vessel length	Capacity rating	Vessel length	Capacity rating
180	172.98	253	219.04
181	173.61	254	219.67
182	174.24	255	220.30
183	174.87	256	220.94
184	175.50	257	221.57
185	176.13	258	222.20
186	176.76	259	222.83
187	177.40	260	223.46
188	178.03	261	224.09
189	178.66	262	224.72
190	179.29	263	225.35
191	179.92	264	225.98
192	180.55	265	226.61
193	181.18	266	227.25
194	181.81	267	227.88
195	182.44	268	228.51
196	183.07	269	229.14
197	183.71	270	229.77
198	184.34	271	230.40
199	184.97	272	231.03
200	185.60	273	231.66
201	186.23	274	232.29
202	186.86	275	232.93
203	187.49	276	233.56
204	188.12	277	234.19
205	188.75	278	234.82
206	189.38	279	235.45
207	190.02	280	236.08
208	190.65	281	236.71
209	191.28	282	237.34
210	191.91	283	237.97
211	192.54	284	238.60
212	193.17	285	239.24
213	193.80	286	239.87
214	194.43	287	240.50
215	195.06	288	241.13
216	195.69	289	241.76
217	196.33	290	242.39
218	196.96	291	243.02
219	197.59	292	243.65
220	198.22	293	244.28
221	198.85	294	244.91
222	199.48	295	245.55
223	200.11	296	246.18
224	200.74	297	246.81
225	201.37	298	247.44
226	202.01	299	248.07
227	202.64	300	248.70
228	203.27	301	249.33
229	203.90	302	249.96
230	204.53	303	250.59
231	205.16	304	251.22
232	205.79	305	251.86
233	206.42	306	252.49
234	207.05	307	253.12
235	207.68	308	253.75
236	208.32	309	254.38
237	208.95	310	255.01
238	209.58	311	255.64
239	210.21	312	256.27
240	210.84	313	256.90
241	211.47	314	257.54
242	212.10	315	258.17
243	212.73	316	258.80
244	213.36	317	259.43
245	213.99	318	260.06
246	214.63	319	260.69
247	215.26	320	261.32
248	215.89	321	261.95
249	216.52	322	262.58
250	217.15	323	263.21
251	217.78	324	263.85
252	218.41	325	264.48

Vessel length	Capacity rating
326	265.11
327	265.74
328	266.37
329	267.00
330	267.63
331	268.26
332	268.89
333	269.52
334	270.16
335	270.79
336	271.42
337	272.05
338	272.68
339	273.31
340	273.94
341	274.57
342	275.20
343	275.83
344	276.47
345	277.10
346	277.73
347	278.36
348	278.99
349	279.62
350	280.25
351	280.88
352	281.51
353	282.14
354	282.78
355	283.41
356	284.04
357	284.67
358	285.30
359	285.93
360	286.56
361	287.19
362	287.82
363	288.46
364	289.09
365	289.72
366	290.35
367	290.98
368	291.61
369	292.24
370	292.87
371	293.50
372	294.13
373	294.77
374	295.40
375	296.03
376	296.66
377	297.29
378	297.92
379	298.55
380	299.18
381	299.81
382	300.44
383	301.08
384	301.71
385	302.34
386	302.97
387	303.60
388	304.23
389	304.86
390	305.49
391	306.12
392	306.75
393	307.39
394	308.02
395	308.65
396	309.28
397	309.91
398	310.54

Vessel length	Capacity rating
399	311.17
>400	311.80

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