



Attention: U.S. Albacore Vessel Owners and Operators
Instructions for Complying with Federal Regulations to Fish in Canadian Waters for 2008

1. You must register for the 2008 Annual Vessel Fishing List by:

- Contacting NMFS at: (562) 980-4024, FAX: (562) 980-4047, or email (albacore.fish@noaa.gov) at least 7 days prior to the first day you plan to fish in Canadian waters; and
- Providing: a) vessel and owner name, address, and phone number; b) USCG documentation number (or state registration if not documented); c) vessel operator (if different from the owner) and his or her address with phone number; d) vessel clearly marked with name and identification number (either U.S. Coast Guard Documentation number or state registration) followed by the letter "U"; e) vessel identification must be clearly visible both from the air and from a surface vessel.
- The list is only valid for a single year, and is developed on an individual vessel by vessel basis. Members of various albacore fishermen associations are individually responsible for this registration with NMFS.

2. You must report in 24 Hours BEFORE Fishing to BOTH ShipCom and Tofino.

- **You must report to ShipCom** at least 24 hours before engaging in fishing in waters under the fisheries jurisdiction of Canada and within 24 hours after leaving Canadian waters;

Ways to contact Shipcom:

(you must set up an account with ShipCom at (800) 633-1312) before you can use their services.

Station KLB (Seattle, WA) ITU channels 417, 805, 1209, 1624;

Station WLO (Mobile, AL) ITU channels 405, 824, 1212, 1641, 1807, 2237;

<http://www.shipcom.com> email: albacore@shipcom.com

- **You must report to the Canadian Coast Guard at Tofino** at least 24 hours prior to entering Canadian waters and at least 72 hours before leaving Canadian waters (250) 726-7716).

Ways to contact Tofino:

VHF channel 26 (within a 60 mile range);

MF channel 2054 (within a 200 mile range);

HF channel 4125 (within a 400 mile range)

3. You must submit Federal Albacore Troll Logbooks for all fishing activity in the U.S. EEZ and any albacore landed to U.S. ports. You are also encouraged to log fishing activity in the Canadian EEZ and landed to Canadian ports.

- Submit logbooks to the Southwest Fisheries Science Center within 15 days of the end of a trip to Mr. John Childers, Southwest Fisheries Center, 8604 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla, CA 92037-1508, (858) 546-7192, john.childers@noaa.gov.
- Need a logbook? Call (562) 980-4024 or check <http://swr.nmfs.noaa.gov/logbooks.htm>
- You are encouraged to document any IUU (Illegal, Unregistered, Unreported) fishing vessel activity in your logbook, including pictures, email and radio reports.

4. You must have a valid HMS Permit from NMFS if you also fish in U.S. waters!

- Permit applications can be obtained at: <http://swr.nmfs.noaa.gov/hms/hmsapp.pdf>

5. Do Not Fish Inside of 12 NM from Canadian Shores

Need Further Information? Check out the "Guide for Complying with the Vessel Fishing Requirements of the U.S.-Canada Albacore Treaty" found at <http://swr.nmfs.noaa.gov/fmd/compguide.htm> and albacore treaty reporting requirements at <http://www.albacoretreaty.org/>

The information listed above is provided as a quick reference. Any discrepancies between this public notice and the regulations will be resolved in favor of Federal regulations at 50 CFR Part 300, subpart L.