# Instructions for

# CATCHER VESSEL: LONGLINE & POT GEAR DAILY FISHING LOGBOOK (DFL)

# RESPONSIBILITY

#### Groundfish fisheries

The operator of a catcher vessel with a length overall (LOA) greater than 60 ft, issued a Federal fisheries permit, and that retains any groundfish from the Gulf of Alaska (GOA) or Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands management area (BSAI) must use the catcher vessel longline or pot gear DFL.

# IFQ halibut, CDQ halibut, and IFQ sablefish fisheries.

The operator of a catcher vessel with an LOA greater than 60 ft, issued a Federal fisheries permit, and using longline or pot gear to harvest IFQ sablefish, IFQ halibut, or CDQ halibut from the GOA or BSAI must maintain a longline and pot gear DFL.

# Crab Rationalization (CR) fisheries.

The operator of a catcher vessel with LOA greater than 60 ft, issued a Federal crab vessel permit, and using pot gear to harvest CR crab from the BSAI, must maintain a longline and pot gear DFL.

The signature of the owner or operator on the DFL is verification of acceptance of that responsibility.

#### TIME LIMITS

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The operator of a catcher vessel must:	Within this time limit	
Record set number, time and date gear set, time and date gear	Within 2 hours after completion of gear	
hauled, begin and end position, Federal fisheries permit number,	retrieval.	
Federal crab vessel permit number (if applicable), CDQ group		
number, halibut CDQ permit number, IFQ permit number, sablefish		
IFQ permit number, crab IFQ permit number, number of pots set,		
and estimated total haul for each set.		
Record all other required information in the DFL	Within 2 hours after the vessel's catch is off-	
•	loaded, notwithstanding other time limits	
Discard/Disposition Information	By noon each day to record the previous	
	day's discard/disposition	
Submit the blue DFL copies to the Mothership, Shoreside	Within 2 hours after catch delivery	
Processor, Stationary Floating Processor (SFP), or Buying Station		
receiving the catch.		
Sign the completed DFL logsheets	By noon of the day following the week-	
	ending date of the weekly reporting period.	
Submit the goldenrod logsheet to the observer	After signed by the operator	
Submit the green logsheet	The green logsheets are provided to support a	
	separate data collection by the International	
	Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) under	
	the joint NMFS/IPHC logbook program.	
	Contact IPHC for more information at phone	
	number 206-634-1838.	
Submit the yellow logsheets each quarter to:	Quarter	Submit by
	1 (Jan 1 - Mar 31)	May 1
NOAA Office for Law Enforcement (OLE)	2 (Apr 1 - Jun 30)	August 1
P.O. Box 21767	3 (Jul 1 - Sep 30)	November 1
Juneau, Alaska 99802-1767	4 (Oct 1 - Dec 31)	February 1 of the
		following year.

# INFORMATION REQUIRED ON ALL LOGSHEETS

#### Active/Inactive

The owner or operator must account for each day of the fishing year and indicate in the DFL whether the catcher vessel is active or inactive throughout the year.

If a catcher vessel is	Then
Active.	Complete up to 7
A period of time when gear	days on one
remains on the grounds in a	logsheet
reporting area (except 300, 400,	
550, or 690), regardless of the	
vessel location	
Inactive.	Use one logsheet.
A period of time when no gear	1. Check "inactive".
remains on the grounds in a	2. Record the first
reporting area	and last day when
	inactive.
	3. Indicate why
	catcher vessel is
	inactive

If the time period that a catcher vessel is inactive extends across two or more successive quarters, complete two logsheets: the one to indicate the last day of the first inactive quarter and the next page to indicate the first day of the second inactive quarter.

	For up to 7 days on one logsheet	
Use a separate logsheet	For each reporting area in which harvest occurred	
	For each gear type	
	For each separate management	
	program type	
If fishing under mo	ore than one management program of	

# Page Numbering.

Number the pages in each DFL consecutively, beginning with page 1 for January 1 and continuing throughout the logbook for the remainder of the fishing year.

the same type, use a separate logsheet for each.

# Two logbooks of same gear type.

If more than one logbook of the same gear type is used in a fishing year, the page numbers must follow the consecutive order of the previous logbook.

# Two logbooks of different gear types.

If two logbooks of different gear types are used in a fishing year, the page numbers in each logbook must start with page one.

#### Vessel Name.

Enter complete name as displayed in official documentation.

#### Operator Name and Signature.

Enter printed name and signature of operator. Signature verifies the accuracy and completeness of data on the logsheet.

# ADF&G Vessel No.

Enter State of Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) Vessel Registration Number of the catcher vessel.

# Federal fisheries permit number (if groundfish).

# Federal crab vessel permit number (if CR crab)

<u>In old logbooks</u>, add Federal crab vessel permit number in the right hand corner of the box entitled "vessel name."

<u>In new logbooks</u>, enter Federal crab vessel permit number.

# INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR EACH DAY THE VESSEL IS ACTIVE

# Other permit numbers.

Enter the permit number(s) for the applicable fishery in which vessel participated.

<u>IFQ permit number</u> of the operator and of each IFQ permit holder aboard the vessel.

# CDQ group number

# Halibut CDQ permit number

# Management Program.

Circle to indicate whether fishing activity is under the CDQ Program, a Research Fishery, Exempted Fishery, or Aleutian Islands Pollock Fishery (AIP) and add identifying number, if appropriate.

If harvest is not under one of these management programs, leave blank.

# Federal reporting area.

Groundfish. Federal reporting area code where gear retrieval was completed, regardless of where the majority of the set took place (see Figures 1 and 3 to part 679).

<u>IFQ halibut, CDQ halibut</u>. IPHC regulatory areas where gear retrieval was completed, regardless of where the majority of the set took place (see Figure 15 to part 679).

# CR crab. Leave this field blank

# Gear type.

Circle gear type used to harvest the fish and enter appropriate gear ID in the catch information section.

If gear type is:	Then	
Other	If gear is other than those listed, circle	
gear	"Other" and describe gear	
	Circle "pot gear" and enter the number of	
Pot gear	pots set and the number of pots lost (if	
	applicable)	
	Circle "hook and line gear" and Indicate	
	whether gear is	
	fixed hook (conventional or tub),	
	autoline, or	
	snap ( <i>optional</i> , but may be required by	
	IPHC regulations).	
	Enter length of skate to the nearest foot	
	(optional, but may be required by IPHC	
Hook-	regulations)	
and-line	Enter number of skates set and number of	
gear	skates lost ( <i>optional</i> , but may be required	
	by IPHC regulations)	
	Enter size of hooks, hook spacing in feet,	
	and number of hooks per skate	
	Enter the alphabetical letter that coincides	
	with gear description in the "Catch by	
	Set"	
	Enter seabird avoidance gear code(s) (see	
	§ 679.24(e) and Table 19 to part 679).	

# IF GEAR INFORMATION IS THE SAME

on subsequent pages, mark the box instead of re-entering the gear-type information.

#### Crew Size.

Enter the number of crew, excluding observer(s) on the last day of the trip.

# Observer information.

Record the number of observers aboard, the name of the observer(s), and the observer cruise number(s).

#### CATCH BY SET.

A set includes a test set, unsuccessful harvest, or when gear is not working and is pulled in, even if no fish are harvested

# A set means

- a string of longline gear,
- a string of pots, or
- a group of pots with individual pots deployed and retrieved in the water in a similar location with similar soak time.

In the case of **pot gear**, when the pots in a string are hauled more than once in the same position, a new set is created each time the string is retrieved and redeployed.

If no catch occurred for a day, write "no catch."

The operator must record the following information for each set:

Set number, sequentially by year.

Date Set (month-day)

 $\underline{\text{Time Set}}$  (in military format, to the nearest hour, A.l.t.)

Begin and end buoy or bag numbers (*optional*, but may be required by IPHC regulations).

<u>Location of Set</u> (see following table)

Gear deployment (to set gear)	Hook-and-line gear:	Jig or troll gear	Pot gear
<b>Position</b> (lat and long to the nearest minute) <i>Optional</i> : record to the nearest second or fraction of a minute	The beginning position of a set of hook-and-line gear.	The position where the jig or troll gear enters the water.	The position of the first pot in a string of pots.
Time	The time when the first hook-and-line gear of a set is deployed.	The time when jig or troll gear enters the water.	The time when the first pot in a string of pots is deployed.

Gear retrieval (to haul gear)	Hook-and-line gear:	Jig or troll gear	Pot gear
<b>Position</b> (lat and long to the	The position where the	The position where the jig	The position where the
nearest minute) <i>Optional</i> : record	last hook-and-line gear	or troll gear leaves the	last pot of a set is
to the nearest second or fraction	of a set leaves the	water.	retrieved, regardless of
of a minute	water, regardless of		where the majority of
	where the majority of		the set took place.
	the set took place.		
Time	The time when the last	The time when the jig or	The time when the last
	hook-and-line gear of a	troll gear leaves the water.	pot of a set is retrieved
	set leaves the water.		

# Date Hauled (month-day)

<u>Time Hauled</u> (in military format, to the nearest hour, A.l.t.)

<u>Begin and end gear depths</u> to the nearest fathom (*optional*, but may be required by IPHC regulations);

# Target species code.

Groundfish, IFQ halibut, CDQ halibut -- Species code of the species you intend to catch (see Table 2 to part 679).

<u>CR crab</u> – Crab species code of the species you intend to catch (see Table 2 to part 680).

# CDQ/IFQ Halibut.

Estimated total round weight of IFQ halibut or CDQ halibut (indicate which) to the nearest pound.

# IFQ Sablefish.

Number and estimated total round weight of IFQ sablefish to the nearest pound.

Circle to indicate whether IFQ sablefish product is: western cut (WC), eastern cut (EC), or round weight (RD).

# CR Crab.

<u>In old logbooks</u> – Cross out "CDQ/IFQ Halibut" and enter "CRAB." Divide each box in half by drawing a horizontal line. Enter number and scale weight of raw CR crab to the nearest pound.

<u>In new logbooks</u> -- Enter number and scale weight of raw CR crab to the nearest pound.

# Estimated Haul Weight.

 $\underline{\text{In old logbooks}}$  – enter the weight of all other species.

<u>In new logbooks</u> -- enter the total estimated haul weight of all retained species. Indicate whether to the nearest pound or to at least the nearest 0.001 mt.

#### DISCARD/DISPOSITION INFORMATION.

Unless delivering unsorted codends, the operator of a catcher vessel must record discard or disposition information that occurred on board and prior to delivery to a buying station, mothership, shoreside processor, or SFP.

# No discard/disposition.

If there are no discards or disposition for a day, write "NO DISCARDS", "0", or "ZERO" on the "daily total" line

# **Date**

Enter date of discard or disposition.

Species and product codes.

<u>Groundfish</u> -- Species code (see Table 2 to part 679) and product code (see Table 1 to part 679) for each discard or disposition.

<u>CR crab</u> – Crab species code (see Table 2 to part 680) for each discard or disposition.

#### Daily Balance Forward.

Enter the total amount of discard/disposition, by species and product codes, carried forward from the previous day.

# Daily Total Weight.

Record daily the total estimated discard/disposition amounts in whole fish weight for each groundfish species or species group and Pacific herring in pounds or to at least the nearest 0.001 mt.

# Daily Total Numbers of animals.

Record daily the total estimated numbers of Pacific salmon, steelhead trout, Pacific halibut, king crab, and Tanner crab.

#### NOTE

After discard/dispositions are reported to a Mothership, Shoreside Processor, SFP, or Buying Station, the total discard/disposition amount is zero; no balance shall be carried forward from previous fishing activity.

#### Cumulative Total Since Last Delivery.

Enter the total discard/disposition amount or number by species and product codes, calculated by adding the relevant daily total and the total carried forward. Calculate cumulative discard/disposition totals for each reporting area, gear type, and management program type.

#### DELIVERY INFORMATION.

Enter the following information for harvest delivered to a mothership, shoreside processor, SFP, buying station, Registered Buyer, or Registered Crab Receiver.

#### Date

Enter date that harvest was delivered.

#### ADF&G Fish Ticket Number.

Enter ADF&G fish ticket number provided at delivery.

Recipient's Name or IFQ Registered Buyer Name. Enter name of mothership, shoreside processor, SFP, buying station, Registered Buyer, or Registered Crab Receiver that received harvest.

# Unloading Port.

Enter name of unloading port

Use port codes provided in Tables 14a, 14b, and 14c.

#### **COMMENTS** (optional)