

Instructions for

U.S. VESSEL ACTIVITY REPORT (VAR)

RESPONSIBILITY

Fish or Fish Product **Other than Crab** Onboard

Except as noted below, the operator of a

- a catcher vessel greater than 60 ft (18.3 m) LOA,
- a catcher/processor required to hold a Federal fisheries permit issued under 50 CFR part 679, or
- a mothership required to hold a Federal fisheries permit issued under 50 CFR part 679 and carrying fish or fish product onboard must complete and submit a VAR to **OLE, Juneau, AK** by FAX

FAX: (907-586-7313)

or electronic file

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before the vessel crosses the seaward boundary of the EEZ off Alaska or crosses the U.S.-Canadian international boundary between Alaska and British Columbia.

Combination of non-IFQ groundfish with IFQ halibut, CDQ halibut, IFQ sablefish **or CR crab**.

If a vessel is carrying non-IFQ groundfish and IFQ halibut, CDQ halibut, IFQ sablefish **or CR crab**, the operator must submit a VAR **in addition to** an IFQ Departure Report required by § 679.5(1)(4).

Exception: IFQ Departure Report.

A VAR is not required if a vessel is carrying only IFQ halibut, CDQ halibut, IFQ sablefish, **or CR crab** onboard and the operator has submitted an IFQ Departure Report required by § 679.5(1)(4).

Revised VAR.

If fish or fish products are landed at a port other than the one specified on the VAR, the operator must submit a revised VAR showing the actual port of landing before any fish are offloaded.

INFORMATION REQUIRED

Whether original or revised VAR. If VAR is the first one sent for a given day, check ORIGINAL REPORT. If VAR is a revision to a previously sent VAR, check REVISED REPORT.

Vessel Name.

Enter vessel name as it appears on the Federal fisheries permit.

Permit Number

Enter Federal fisheries permit number **or RCR permit number**.

Type of vessel (whether catcher vessel, catcher/processor, or mothership).

Representative name, daytime telephone number (including area code), and facsimile number and COMSAT number (if available) .

Return report. “Return” means returning to Alaska.

If the vessel is crossing the seaward boundary of the EEZ off Alaska or crossing the U.S.-Canadian international boundary between Alaska and British Columbia into U.S. waters, indicate a “return” report and enter:

Intended Alaska port of landing (see Table 14 to 50 CFR part 679);

Estimated date and time (hour and minute, Greenwich mean time) the vessel will cross the boundary; and

The estimated position coordinates in latitude and longitude where the vessel will cross.

Depart report. “Depart” means leaving Alaska.

If the vessel is crossing the seaward boundary of the EEZ off Alaska and moving out of the EEZ or crossing the U.S.-Canadian international boundary between Alaska and British Columbia and moving into Canadian waters, indicate a “depart” report and enter:

The intended U.S. port of landing or country other than the United States;

Estimated date and time (hour and minute, Greenwich mean time) the vessel will cross the boundary; and

The estimated position coordinates in latitude and longitude where the vessel will cross.

The Russian Zone. Indicate (YES or NO) whether the vessel is returning from fishing in the Russian Zone or is departing to fish in the Russian Zone.

Fish or fish products. For all fish or fish products (including non-groundfish) on board the vessel, enter:

Harvest Zone. Enter the harvest zone where Fish were harvested.

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| A1 | BSAI EEZ | A2 | GOA EEZ |
| B | State waters of Alaska | | |
| C | State waters other than Alaska | | |
| D | Donut Hole | | |
| F | Foreign waters other than Russia | | |
| I | International waters other than Donut Hole and Seamounts | | |
| R | Russian waters | | |
| S | Seamounts in international waters | | |
| U | U.S. EEZ other than Alaska | | |

Species Code. Enter the species code for each product. If no species code is listed for the landed fish, write in the "common" name for that fish species (e.g., swordfish, albacore).

Product Code. Enter the product code for each product.

Use the species and product codes presented in Table 1 and Table 2 to part 679
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Product Weight. Circle pounds or 0.001 mt. Enter the fish product weight of products in pounds or to the nearest 0.001 mt (2.20 lb).