

**AMERICAN FISHERIES ACT
(AFA)
Inshore Vessel
Contract Fishing Application**

U.S. Dept. of Commerce/NOAA
National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)
Restricted Access Management (RAM)
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An AFA inshore cooperative (co-op) that wishes to contract with a vessel that is a member of another inshore cooperative must submit a complete inshore vessel contract fishing application to NMFS, Alaska Region, Restricted Access Management (NMFS/AKR/RAM). (See regulations at 50 CFR part 679.62) A separate application should be submitted for each cooperative for which the vessel harvests. This information will assist co-ops to understand how their catch is accounted, and also alert the NMFS in season management that some vessels might be reporting with an alternative co-op ID. This inshore vessel contract fishing application may assume any format you choose, but must contain the following information:

- The name and AFA permit number of the contract vessel. This AFA catcher vessel must have an inshore fishing endorsement and be a member of an inshore cooperative
- The name and signature of the contract vessel's owner
- The name of the contract vessel's home cooperative
- The name and signature of the home cooperative's designated representative
- The name of the AFA inshore cooperative wishing to contract with the vessel
- The name and signature of the AFA inshore cooperative's designated representative
- A complete harvest schedule. This harvest schedule must show how all catch and any overages by the contracted vessel will be allocated between the contracting cooperative (or cooperatives) and the contract vessel's home cooperative. In the event that multiple cooperatives are contracting with the same non-member vessel, each harvest schedule submitted must clearly specify how all catch and any overages will be allocated among the various cooperatives with which the vessel is contracted as of the date of submission.

This inshore vessel contract fishing application is not valid unless it is signed by:

- 1) The contracting cooperative's designated representative,
- 2) The contract vessel owner, and
- 3) The vessel's home cooperative designated representative

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Note: NMFS/AKR/RAM will notify the parties to the inshore vessel contract that the inshore vessel contract fishing application has been received. However, NMFS will not make any determinations as to the legality of any contract between/among the parties or its compliance with AFA requirements.