

FIRST AND LAST NAME
Primary Contact Address or PO Box
Primary Contact City, State, and Zip

November 30, 2012

Dear FIRST AND LAST NAME

A letter detailing changes to observer coverage in the new North Pacific Observer Program (Observer Program) was mailed to you on October 29, 2012. In that letter we identified that the following vessel/s under your ownership have been placed in the Vessel Selection pool of the Partial Coverage Category:

VESSEL NAME

It was also explained that each vessel in this category has the opportunity to be selected for observer coverage on every groundfish and halibut trip occurring within the 2-month selection period.

This letter is notifying you that your vessel: **VESSEL NAME** has been randomly selected for observer coverage for the months of January and February 2013. During this 2 month period, you are required to carry an observer on your vessel for every groundfish or halibut trip occurring within the months of January and February 2013.

The Observer Program has contracted directly with AIS Inc. as the observer provider to deploy observers on vessels in the Partial Coverage Category. AIS Inc. will coordinate with you to get an observer to your vessel for every groundfish and halibut trip within the 2-month period. If you have not been contacted by AIS Inc. within seven days of receiving this letter, feel free to call them directly at 855-247-6746.

If you do not intend to fish during this 2-month period or believe your vessel cannot accommodate an observer, please complete the Vessel Selection Survey in the Observer Declare and Deploy System (ODDS). You can complete this survey by either logging onto the ODDS website or by calling the NOAA Data Technician Office.

Navigate to the ODDS website using a web browser at <https://odds.afsc.noaa.gov>, click on the Vessel Selection Survey Button, then login using your ODDS User ID and temporary password listed below.

ODDS User ID = **FIRST.LAST**
Temporary Password = **E7K68T4xtst74**

Telephone: Call the NOAA Data Technician Office at 800-304-4864, option #1, or 907-586-7163. The NOAA Data Technician Office is open from 6 am to midnight (Alaska Time), 7 days a week. You will be asked for your ODDS User ID and your phone number by the NOAA Data Technician Office.

Please note that indicating that your vessel cannot accommodate an observer does not release you from coverage during the selection period- but will notify NMFS that an on-site assessment of your vessel is needed.

Your cooperation and participation in the new Observer Program will help ensure the best available scientific data is provided to NMFS and the North Pacific Fishery Management Council to successfully manage the future of Alaskan fishery resources.

Sincerely,

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