



NOAA FISHERIES

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COMPLIANCE GUIDE

Squid Jig Fishing in the Western Pacific

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This guide provides information about squid jig fishing requirements published in the *Federal Register* on November 21, 2008 (73 FR 70600), and September 4, 2009 (74 FR 45756). For the complete set of official regulations, see Title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 665. NOAA Fisheries issued this guide under Section 212 of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act (P.L. 104-121, March 29, 1996, as amended by P.L. 110-28, May 25, 2007). Regulations change, and any discrepancy between this guide and the regulations will be resolved in the favor of the regulations published in the *Federal Register* and the Code of Federal Regulations.

Q1. What are the origin and purpose of the requirements?

The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council amended its Fishery Ecosystem Plan for Pelagic Fisheries of the Western Pacific Region to improve our understanding of U.S. squid jig fisheries and their impact on marine ecosystems. The Council and NOAA Fisheries designated three species of squid as management unit species, and established permitting, reporting, and observer requirements

Q2. Who is affected by the requirements?

The requirements apply to owners and operators of vessels longer than 50 ft using jigs to fish for squid management unit species in Federal waters of the western Pacific (the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone, generally 3-200 nm offshore), or to land squid in U.S. ports in the region. These fishermen must obtain Federal permits, report their catch and effort, and carry an observer if NOAA Fisheries assigns one.

Q3. What are the squid management unit species?

Common name	Scientific name
Diamondback squid (diamond squid sode ika)	<i>Thysanoteuthis rhombus</i>
Neon flying squid (red squid, aka ika)	<i>Ommastrephes bartramii</i>
Purpleback flying squid (purple squid, tobi ika)	<i>Sthenoteuthis oualaniensis</i>

Q4. How do I get a permit?

You may obtain a permit application in one of the following ways:

- Download at www.fpir.noaa.gov/SFD/SFD_permits_index.html
- Request by email: piro-permits@noaa.gov
- Request by phone: (808) 944-2200; ask for fishing permits
- Pick up at the Pacific Islands Regional Office (address below)

There is a non-refundable application processing fee. Please see the current application form for the fee amount. The permit is valid for one year. Send your completed application, fee payment, a copy of your vessel's current U. S. Coast Guard Certificate of Documentation or state vessel registration, and (if needed) verification of a designated agent to:

Fishing Permits
Pacific Islands Regional Office
NOAA Fisheries
1601 Kapiolani Blvd. 1110
Honolulu, HI 96814-4733

NOAA Fisheries will mail the permit to the address provided on the application. The permit or a legible copy must be carried on board the vessel.

Q5. What do I have to report?

You must record your catch, fishing effort, and other information in a NOAA Fisheries squid fishing logbook. You must complete a logbook form within 24 hours of completing each fishing day. The vessel operator (captain) must sign and date the logbook and provide it to NOAA Fisheries within 72 hours of landing.

You may obtain new logbooks from, and send completed logbooks to:

Fisheries Monitoring Branch
Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center
NOAA Fisheries
2570 Dole St.
Honolulu, HI 96822
Tel: (808) 983-5326
Fax: (808) 983-2902
www.pifsc.noaa.gov
www.pifsc.noaa.gov/wpacfin

You may also get new logbooks and deliver completed logbooks here:

Honolulu Service Center
NOAA Fisheries
Pier 38, Honolulu Harbor
1139 N. Nimitz Hwy. 220
Honolulu, HI 96817
Tel: (808) 944-2300

Q6. Do I need to carry an observer?

If you are squid jig fishing in the U.S. western Pacific EEZ, and your vessel is longer than 50 ft, you may need to carry an observer. You must notify NOAA Fisheries (through Saltwater, Inc.) at least 72 hours before your fishing trip. The 72-hour advance notice does not include weekends and Federal holidays. When you call, provide the vessel name and official number, the intended departure date, time, and location, the operator's name, and the name and telephone number of the permit holder or designated agent. The contact person must be available between 8 am and 5 pm (local time) on weekdays for NOAA Fisheries to arrange observer placement. NOAA Fisheries will notify you if you need an observer.

Contact Saltwater, Inc., as follows:

- Monday through Friday 8 am to 4:30 pm, Hawaii Standard Time
- Phone: (888) 824-7933 or (808) 949-1141.

Q7. What are the vessel marking requirements?

You must display the vessel's official number or call sign on both sides of deckhouse or hull, and on an appropriate deck surface, to be visible from enforcement vessels and aircraft. For size, placement, and other marking details, please review the **Vessel Identification Compliance Guide (June 2012)** at www.fpir.noaa.gov/SFD/SFD_regs_2.html.

Q8. Where can I get more information?

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www.fpir.noaa.gov/SFD/SFD_index.html

You can read the notices for this rule in the *Federal Register* volume 73, page 70600 (November 21, 2008), and volume 74, page 45756 (September 4, 2009).

Search the *Federal Register* at www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/search.html.

Search the Code of Federal Regulations at ecfr.gpoaccess.gov.