

NOTICE OF OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET ACTION

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In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, OMB has taken the following action on your request for the extension of approval of an information collection received on 03/29/2004.

TITLE: Commercial Operator's Annual Report (COAR)

AGENCY FORM NUMBER(S): None

ACTION : APPROVED WITHOUT CHANGE

OMB NO.: 0648-0428

EXPIRATION DATE: 05/31/2007

BURDEN:	RESPONSES	HOURS	COSTS(\$,000)
Previous	134	1,072	0
New	87	696	0
Difference	-47	-376	0
Program Change		0	0
Adjustment		-376	0

TERMS OF CLEARANCE: None

OMB Authorizing Official	Title
Donald R. Arbuckle	Deputy Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT SUBMISSION

Please read the instructions before completing this form. For additional forms or assistance in completing this form, contact your agency's Paperwork Clearance Officer. Send two copies of this form, the collection instrument to be reviewed, the supporting statement, and any additional documentation to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Docket Library, Room 10102, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503.

1. Agency/Subagency originating request	2. OMB control number b. <input type="checkbox"/> None a. _____ - _____
3. Type of information collection (<i>check one</i>) a. <input type="checkbox"/> New Collection b. <input type="checkbox"/> Revision of a currently approved collection c. <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of a currently approved collection d. <input type="checkbox"/> Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired e. <input type="checkbox"/> Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired f. <input type="checkbox"/> Existing collection in use without an OMB control number For b-f, note Item A2 of Supporting Statement instructions	4. Type of review requested (<i>check one</i>) a. <input type="checkbox"/> Regular submission b. <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency - Approval requested by _____ / _____ / _____ c. <input type="checkbox"/> Delegated
7. Title	5. Small entities Will this information collection have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
8. Agency form number(s) (<i>if applicable</i>)	6. Requested expiration date a. <input type="checkbox"/> Three years from approval date b. <input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: _____ / _____
9. Keywords	10. Abstract
11. Affected public (<i>Mark primary with "P" and all others that apply with "x"</i>) a. ___ Individuals or households d. ___ Farms b. ___ Business or other for-profit e. ___ Federal Government c. ___ Not-for-profit institutions f. ___ State, Local or Tribal Government	12. Obligation to respond (<i>check one</i>) a. <input type="checkbox"/> Voluntary b. <input type="checkbox"/> Required to obtain or retain benefits c. <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory
13. Annual recordkeeping and reporting burden a. Number of respondents _____ b. Total annual responses _____ 1. Percentage of these responses collected electronically _____ % c. Total annual hours requested _____ d. Current OMB inventory _____ e. Difference _____ f. Explanation of difference 1. Program change _____ 2. Adjustment _____	14. Annual reporting and recordkeeping cost burden (<i>in thousands of dollars</i>) a. Total annualized capital/startup costs _____ b. Total annual costs (O&M) _____ c. Total annualized cost requested _____ d. Current OMB inventory _____ e. Difference _____ f. Explanation of difference 1. Program change _____ 2. Adjustment _____
15. Purpose of information collection (<i>Mark primary with "P" and all others that apply with "X"</i>) a. ___ Application for benefits e. ___ Program planning or management b. ___ Program evaluation f. ___ Research c. ___ General purpose statistics g. ___ Regulatory or compliance d. ___ Audit	16. Frequency of recordkeeping or reporting (<i>check all that apply</i>) a. <input type="checkbox"/> Recordkeeping b. <input type="checkbox"/> Third party disclosure c. <input type="checkbox"/> Reporting 1. <input type="checkbox"/> On occasion 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Semi-annually 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Annually 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Biennially 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe) _____
17. Statistical methods Does this information collection employ statistical methods <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	18. Agency Contact (person who can best answer questions regarding the content of this submission) Name: _____ Phone: _____

19. Certification for Paperwork Reduction Act Submissions

On behalf of this Federal Agency, I certify that the collection of information encompassed by this request complies with 5 CFR 1320.9

NOTE: The text of 5 CFR 1320.9, and the related provisions of 5 CFR 1320.8(b)(3), appear at the end of the instructions. *The certification is to be made with reference to those regulatory provisions as set forth in the instructions.*

The following is a summary of the topics, regarding the proposed collection of information, that the certification covers:

- (a) It is necessary for the proper performance of agency functions;
- (b) It avoids unnecessary duplication;
- (c) It reduces burden on small entities;
- (d) It used plain, coherent, and unambiguous terminology that is understandable to respondents;
- (e) Its implementation will be consistent and compatible with current reporting and recordkeeping practices;
- (f) It indicates the retention period for recordkeeping requirements;
- (g) It informs respondents of the information called for under 5 CFR 1320.8(b)(3):
 - (i) Why the information is being collected;
 - (ii) Use of information;
 - (iii) Burden estimate;
 - (iv) Nature of response (voluntary, required for a benefit, mandatory);
 - (v) Nature and extent of confidentiality; and
 - (vi) Need to display currently valid OMB control number;
- (h) It was developed by an office that has planned and allocated resources for the efficient and effective management and use of the information to be collected (see note in Item 19 of instructions);
- (i) It uses effective and efficient statistical survey methodology; and
- (j) It makes appropriate use of information technology.

If you are unable to certify compliance with any of the provisions, identify the item below and explain the reason in Item 18 of the Supporting Statement.

Signature of Senior Official or designee

Date

Agency Certification (signature of Assistant Administrator, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Line Office Chief Information Officer, head of MB staff for L.O.s, or of the Director of a Program or StaffOffice)

Signature

Date

Signature of NOAA Clearance Officer

Signature

Date

**SUPPORTING STATEMENT
COMMERCIAL OPERATOR'S ANNUAL REPORT (COAR)
OMB CONTROL NO. 0648-0428**

INTRODUCTION

This statement applies for a renewal of a collection of information for the COAR for the groundfish fisheries in waters off Alaska. The COAR NMFS collects exvessel and first wholesale value information for fish and shellfish products.

The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act) authorizes the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) to prepare and amend fishery management plans for any fishery in waters under its jurisdiction. Fishing for groundfish by U.S. vessels in the exclusive economic zone in waters off Alaska is managed by NMFS according to the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska (GOA) and the Fishery Management Plan for the Groundfish Fishery of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands (FMPs). Regulations implementing the FMPs are found at 50 CFR part 679 and 50 CFR part 600. Shoreside processors and stationary floating processors are required to annually submit the COAR to State of Alaska, Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G), under Alaska Administrative Code (AAC), chapter 5 AAC 39.130. The information submitted in the COAR is protected by Alaska State confidentiality statute AS 16.05.815. Catcher/processors and motherships operating in the EEZ off Alaska are required to annually submit the COAR to ADF&G under 50 CFR part 679.5(p).

A. JUSTIFICATION

1. Explain the circumstances that make the collection of information necessary.

Catcher/processors and motherships operating in the EEZ off Alaska represent a significant part of the total capacity of groundfish processors in the BSAI and GOA and account for a substantial part of the total landings each year. NMFS requires motherships and catcher/processors that are issued a Federal fisheries permit to complete and submit the Alaska COAR on an annual basis.

Added to the information from shoreside processors and stationary floating processors submitted under State of Alaska requirements, this data collection yields equivalent annual product value information for all respective processing sectors and provides a consistent time series according to which groundfish resources may be managed more efficiently. Use of the information generated by the COAR is coordinated between NMFS and the State of Alaska.

2. Explain how, by whom, how frequently, and for what purpose the information will be used. If the information collected will be disseminated to the public or used to support information that will be disseminated to the public, then explain how the collection complies with all applicable Information Quality Guidelines.

The information is collected annually on COAR paper application forms from all catcher/processors and motherships issued a Federal Fisheries permit to conduct fishing activities in the EEZ of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area (BSAI) or GOA. ADF&G provides the COAR to each mothership and catcher/processor to record information from the previous year.

The motherships and catcher/processors submit by mail the COAR the following April to ADF&G, Division of Commercial Fisheries, Juneau, Alaska. Each mothership or catcher/processor is required to complete and submit one or more pages of the COAR to ADF&G for computer data entry. A certification page is submitted to indicate no receipt or production took place for that year, and no other COAR pages are required. Information from motherships and catcher/processors is verified using the NMFS weekly production report (WPR) data base. Information from processors that operate in State waters and shore-based processors are verified using the ADF&G fish ticket data base.

The COAR information collection is an enhanced socioeconomic database that NMFS uses to accurately measure economic and socioeconomic impacts and to prepare economic analyses of proposed or existing management measures. It provides detailed (and consistent) data on production, prices, and product forms that is used by NMFS to respond to requests for economic information that are frequently required by Federal and state management agencies, the fishing industry, and the general public.

The COAR data is also used by NMFS to comply with legislative mandates as follows:

- (1) E.O. 12866 and the Magnuson-Stevens Act.
- (2) American Fisheries Act to monitor and report to Congress on the effects and efficacy of the new groundfish management programs.
- (3) Regulatory Flexibility Act, to the extent that any of the entities reporting under the COAR program are classified as "small" (using SBA definitions), access to these data is key to our fulfilling the impact assessments required of the agency as pertaining to IRFAs.
- (4) The National Standards 4, 5, and 7 of the Magnuson-Stevens Act National Standards for Fishery Conservation and Management.

(5) The new National Standards 8 mandate, included in the last Magnuson-Stevens re-authorization, increases the agency's need for these economic performance data across sectors in a compatible and consistent format.

The database is used in the annual NMFS Stock Assessment and Fishery valuation documents for the groundfish fisheries of the BSAI and GOA, annual Federal publications on the value of U.S. commercial fisheries, and in periodic reports that describe the fisheries and that serve as reference documents to management agencies, the industry, and others.

COAR

A separate form must be completed for each ADF&G processor code.

Certification page.

Company name and address, including street, city, state and zip code; also seasonal mailing address, if applicable.

Vessel name and ADF&G processor code.

Check YES or NO to indicate whether fishing activity was conducted during the appropriate year.

If YES, complete the applicable forms of the COAR (see Table 18 to this part) and complete and sign the certification page.

If NO, complete and sign only the certification page.

Signature and printed or typed name, e-mail address, title, telephone number, and FAX number of owner.

Printed or typed name, e-mail address, and telephone number of alternate contact.

Buying (exvessel) forms A(1-3), C(1-2), E, G, I(1-2), K, and M.

Species name and code.

Area purchased.

Gear code.

Delivery code (form G only).

Total pounds (to the nearest lb) purchased from fishermen.

Total amount paid to fishermen, including all post season adjustments and/or bonuses and any credit received by fishermen for gas expenses, ice, delivery premiums, and other miscellaneous expenses.

Price per pound. If additional adjustments may be made after this report has been filed, check the "\$ not final" box, and submit form M when those adjustments are paid.

Do not include fish purchased from another processor.

Wholesale production forms B(1-6), D, F, H, J(1-2), and K).

Production-except-canned.

Area of processing. List production of Canadian harvested fish separately.

Processed product

Process prefix code

Process suffix code

Product code

Total net weight. Enter total weight of the finished product.

Total value(\$). Enter the total wholesale value of the finished product

Price per pound.

Canned production. Complete an entry for each can size produced.

Area of processing

Process 51 or 52, Enter conventional canned code (51) or smoked, conventional canned code (52).

Total value(\$). Enter the total wholesale value of the finished product

Price per pound

Can size in ounces, to the hundredth of an ounce

Number of cans per case

Number of cases

Custom production forms L(1-2).

Custom production.

Custom-process for another processor. If a mothership custom-processed fish or shellfish for another processor, the owner must list the processor name and ADF&G processor code (if known) to describe that processor, but not include any of that production in this report.

Custom-process by another processor. If another processor custom-processed fish or shellfish for a mothership or catcher/processor, the owner must use a separate page to list each processor.

Custom fresh/frozen miscellaneous production. If a mothership or catcher/processor, the owner must list the following information to describe production intended for wholesale/retail market and which are not frozen for canning later:

Species name and code

Area of processing

Processed product

Process prefix code

Process suffix code

Product code

Total net weight. Enter total weight of the finished product.

Total wholesale value(\$). Enter the total wholesale value of the finished product

Custom canned production. Record the following information for each can size produced:

Species name and code

Area of processing

Process 51 or 52. Enter conventional canned code (51) or smoked, conventional canned code (52).

Total wholesale value(\$). Enter the total wholesale value of the finished product

Can size in ounces, to the hundredth of an ounce.

Number of cans per case

Number of cases

Fish buying retro payments/post-season adjustments, form M.

Species name and code

Area purchased

Gear code

Total pounds purchased from fisherman

Total amount paid to fishermen (base + adjustment)

The time to complete a COAR is estimated to range from 0.5 to 16 hr; an average of 8 hr per year. In the year 2002, 469 catcher/processors or motherships completed and submitted a COAR to ADF&G. Subtracting those catcher/processors or motherships that conducted business only in State waters, 87 catcher/processors or motherships submitted a COAR to describe business in the EEZ off the coast of Alaska. Each COAR must be submitted to ADF&G by mail at an estimated mailing cost of \$1.11.

COAR, Respondent	
Estimated number of responses	87
Total annual responses per year (87 x 1)	87
Estimated response time for each COAR	8 hr
Total annual time burden hours (87 x8)	696 hr
Cost per hour, in dollars	\$25
Total personnel cost to all applicants (696 x \$25)	\$17,400
Cost to submit COAR by mail (87 x \$1.11=\$96.57)	\$97
Total miscellaneous cost	\$97

The information collected is disseminated to the public or used to support publicly disseminated information. As explained in the preceding paragraphs, the information gathered has utility. NOAA Fisheries will retain control over the information and safeguard it from improper access, modification, and destruction, consistent with NOAA standards for confidentiality, privacy, and electronic information. See response #10 of this Supporting Statement for more information on confidentiality and privacy. The information collection is designed to yield data that meet all applicable information quality guidelines. Prior to dissemination, the information will be subjected to quality control measures and a pre-dissemination review pursuant to Section 515 of Public Law 106-554.

3. Describe whether, and to what extent, the collection of information involves the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological techniques or other forms of information technology.

NMFS currently does not have the capability to collect COAR information by means of electronic submission, although the form is available on the internet to review or print. The applicant provides a completed COAR in printed form to ADF&G. Also, because of the requirement for an original signature on the COAR, converting to electronic submission is not an option at this time.

4. Describe your efforts to identify duplication.

Although many of the questions on the COAR appear to duplicate requests for information that appear on the WPR, the COAR requests one annual amount for each species by product and area, compared with the many weekly amounts by species that are recorded and reported by the industry on daily cumulative production logbooks (DCPLs) and WPRs. It is deemed a preferred method to request this summary along with associated value information, since each mothership and catcher/processor has a

year-end summary by species and product in their own bookkeeping system. These requests are not a duplication because applicants are either verifying information already on file (similar to persons verifying their income to the IRS although information has already been provided through W-2 forms) or providing information that is not on file. In addition, for economic data purposes, areas of buying and areas of processing are requested instead of reporting area of the harvested fish.

5. If the collection of information involves small businesses or other small entities, describe the methods used to minimize burden.

This collection-of-information does not impose a significant impact on small entities.

6. Describe the consequences to the Federal program or policy activities if the collection is not conducted or is conducted less frequently.

A Federal requirement for processors to submit the COAR is a method to obtain complete and equivalent annual product value information for all respective processing sectors. The COAR data is fundamental to the agency's mandated obligations under E.O. 12866 and the Magnuson-Stevens Act, American Fisheries Act, Regulatory Flexibility Act, National Standards 4, 5, 7, and 8. The COAR database is used in the annual NMFS Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation documents for the groundfish fisheries of the BSAI and GOA, annual Federal publications on the value of U.S. commercial fisheries, and in periodic reports that describe the fisheries and that serve as reference documents to management agencies, the industry, and others. Without the COAR data base, NMFS would be deficient in these very important data sectors.

7. Explain any special circumstances that require the collection to be conducted in a manner inconsistent with OMB guidelines.

No special circumstances exist that would require information collection to be conducted in a manner inconsistent with OMB guidelines.

8. Provide a copy of the PRA *Federal Register* notice that solicited public comments on the information collection prior to this submission. Summarize the public comments received in response to that notice and describe the actions taken by the agency in response to those comments. Describe the efforts to consult with persons outside the agency to obtain their views on the availability of data, frequency of collection, the clarity of instructions and recordkeeping, disclosure, or reporting format (if any), and on the data elements to be recorded, disclosed, or reported.

A *Federal Register* notice was published and is attached. No comments were received.

9. Explain any decisions to provide payments or gifts to respondents, other than remuneration of contractors or grantees.

No payment or gift is provided under this program.

10. Describe any assurance of confidentiality provided to respondents and the basis for assurance in statute, regulation, or agency policy.

The information collected is confidential under section 402(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act (16 U.S.C. 1801, *et seq.*). It is also confidential under NOAA Administrative Order 216-100, which sets forth procedures to protect confidentiality of fishery statistics. The information submitted in the COAR also is protected by Alaska State confidentiality statute AS 16.05.815.

11. Provide additional justification for any questions of a sensitive nature, such as sexual behavior and attitudes, religious beliefs, and other matters that are commonly considered private.

This information collection does not involve information of a sensitive nature.

12. Provide an estimate in hours of the burden of the collection of information.

Total estimated respondents and responses are 87, a decrease of 47. The estimated total burden is 696 hr, a decrease of 376 hr. Personnel costs are estimated to be \$17,400, a decrease of \$8,600.

13. Provide an estimate of the total annual cost burden to the respondents or record-keepers resulting from the collection (excluding the value of the burden hours in #12 above).

Total estimated miscellaneous costs are \$97, a decrease of \$403.

14. Provide estimates of annualized cost to the Federal government.

There will be no appreciable costs to NMFS.

15. Explain the reasons for any program changes or adjustments reported in Items 13 or 14 of the OMB 83-I.

The number of respondents (processors) is adjusted to reflect more complete information based on actual numbers of COAR from catcher/processors and motherships received by ADF&G, from 134 to 87. This decreases the estimated burden, personnel costs, and miscellaneous costs.

16. For collections whose results will be published, outline the plans for tabulation and publication.

Individual data from the COAR is confidential. However, in early 2004 ADF&G will reinstate publication of the "Catch and Production Leaflet" which summarizes the data from the COAR. In

addition, this summary data will be available on the internet. Fishermen, researchers, economists, etc. request and receive ad hoc reports (non-confidential data) from COAR data for various reasons. NMFS economists use data from COAR as a source for a variety of tables that appear in an economic appendix to the SAFE documents and also in regulatory analyses for groundfish fisheries such as the programmatic SEIS and RIRs.

17. If seeking approval to not display the expiration date for OMB approval of the information collection, explain the reasons why display would be inappropriate.

As this is an Alaska State form, the OMB number and expiration date will not be displayed on the COAR.

18. Explain each exception to the certification statement identified in Item 19 of the OMB 83-I.

The COAR is an Alaska State form and is distributed by the State; as such, the OMB number and expiration date will not be displayed on the form.

B. COLLECTIONS OF INFORMATION EMPLOYING STATISTICAL METHODS

This collection does not employ statistical methods.

**State of Alaska
Department of Fish and Game
Division of Commercial Fisheries**

**2002 Commercial Operator's
Annual Report
Booklet**

*This form can be downloaded at:
<http://www.cf.adfg.state.ak.us/geninfo/permits/intent/coar02.pdf>*



Mail all completed forms by April 1, 2003 to:

*Alaska Department of Fish & Game
Division of Commercial Fisheries
Attn: Sheila Amestoy
P. O. Box 25526
Juneau, AK 99802-5526*

Instructions for completing the 2002 Commercial Operator's Annual Report

Instructions for Certification Page (Page 1)

Everyone who processes, exports, purchases, and/or sells processed fish MUST complete this page. If you had more than one processor code for 2002, you must complete a separate form for each processor code. If you did not operate with this processor code in 2002, either inside or outside of the 3-mile zone, the Certification Page is the only page you need to return to Fish & Game.

Buying Information (Forms A (1-3), C (1-2), E, G, I (1-2), K):

The buying information includes the amount paid to fishermen by your operation and refers specifically to species, areas, gear types, delivery codes, weights, and pricing that are listed on fish tickets filled out using your company's processor code. After completing the checklist on page 2, fill out the appropriate sections on each form for each species purchased by your operation. List the number of pounds purchased, by gear group and delivery code, in each area bought and the total amount paid to the fishermen. **Do not combine different species, areas, gear types, or delivery codes on the same line.** Do not include fish you purchased from another licensed processor (where they wrote the fish ticket). Please include all POST-SEASON adjustments and/or BONUSES, including credit received by fishermen for gas expenses, ice, delivery premiums, and other miscellaneous expenses.

If you think additional adjustments may be made after this report has been filed, please check the "\$ NOT FINAL" box and submit Form M when those adjustments are paid.

If you are a fisherman who processes, exports, and/or sells your own catch (i.e., catcher/exporter or catcher/processor), the Buying Forms do not pertain to you. Proceed to "Production Information."

Production Information (Forms B (1-6), D, F, H, J (1-2), K):

List only the production done by your company where you own the fish. This includes both processed and unprocessed seafood for which your company wrote fish tickets. Use Form L (1-2) for all production done for you by another company where you retain ownership of the fish (Custom Production). List all production for each fishery that pertains to your operation, based on the checklist on Page 2. Indicate each species, area of processing, product, total weight of the finished product, and the total wholesale value of that finished product on each form that applies to your operation. **Do not combine different species, areas, processes, or products on the same line.** Enter a retail value instead of wholesale value, if that is how you market your product.

The "Total Value (\$)" is the amount that the processor receives for the finished product (FOB plant or vessel within the state of Alaska). For products finished but not yet sold (still held in inventory), calculate the estimated value using the average price received to date for that product.

When entering the process code, **note that there is no longer a prefix and suffix required.** The codes are combined into one code. The table at the bottom of the form contain choices for selection of the code. For example, you have 21,000 pounds of Pink Salmon that was minced and frozen into blocks in Kodiak. The appropriate codes would be: Area of Processing = K (for Kodiak); Process = 2B (for frozen blocks); Product = 31 (for minced); then enter weight and the total dollar value.

Custom Production Information (Form L (1-2):

List all production done for you by another company/operation. You can find species codes on the bottom of the forms that pertain to the species. Additional delivery/product, area, and gear codes can be found on page ii. Instructions are similar to those for Production pages.

If you have questions, please call ADF&G at: 907-465-6131.

COAR Codes

<u>Delivery/Product Codes</u>				
<p><u>Whole Fish Codes (all species)</u> 01-Whole Food Fish 02-Whole Bait 03-Bled Only 04-Gutted Only 12-Salted & Split 37- Split with no backbone</p> <p><u>Headed & Gutted Codes</u> 05-H&G, general 06-H&G, w/ roe 07-H&G, western cut 08-H&G, eastern cut 10-H&G, tail removed</p> <p><u>Fillet Codes</u> 20-Fillets with skin & ribs 21-Fillets with skin & no ribs 22-Fillets with ribs & no skin 23-Fillets with no skin & no ribs 24-Fillets, deep skin</p>	<p><u>Roe Codes</u> 14-Roe only 82-Roe bait (not for human consumption)</p> <p><u>Other Primary Codes</u> 11-Kirimi 30-Surimi 84-Steaks</p> <p><u>Salmon Only Codes</u> 85-Dressed only</p> <p><u>Ancillary Product Codes</u> 13-Wings 15-Pectoral girdle only 16-Heads 17-Cheeks 18-Chins 19-Belly flaps 31-Minced 35-Stomachs 38-Skins (shellfish only)</p>	<p><u>Byproduct Codes</u> 32-Fish Meal 33-Fish Oil 34-Milt 39-Bones</p> <p><u>Shellfish Only Codes</u> 36-Mantle (squid & octopus) 78-Tails (shrimp only) 80-Sections (shellfish only) 81-Meat (shellfish only)</p> <p><u>Herring Only Codes</u> 43-Herring (whole fish) sac roe 44-Herring (whole fish) food/bait 45-Herring eggs on kelp – unsalted 46-Herring eggs on kelp – salted</p> <p><u>Products Not Specified</u> 97** - <i>Please Specify (on form where used)</i></p>		
<p>**If a code 97 is entered for a product, please enter a description on the form where you recorded the 97.</p>				
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Gear Codes</u></p> <p>01-Purse Seine 02-Beach Seine 03-Drift Gillnet 04-Set Gillnet 05-Hand Line/Jig/Troll 07-Non-Pelagic/Bottom Trawl 08-Fishwheel 10-Ring Nets 11-Diving 12-Handpicked 13-Dip Net 14-Weir 15-Power Gurdy Troll 17-Beam Trawl 18-Shovel 21-Pound 22-Dredge 23-Hydro/Mechanical Dredge 25-Dinglebar Troll 26-Mechanical Jigs 27-Double Otter Trawl</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Gear Codes</u></p> <p>34-Herring Gillnet 37-Pair Trawl 41-Sunken Gillnet 47-Pelagic/Mid-water Trawl 61-Longline 77-Hatchery 90-Trap 91-Pots 99-Other/ <u>Specify</u> on appropriate form</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>“COAR Reporting” Area Codes</u></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> <p><u>Southeast</u></p> <p>A1-Juneau/Haines A2-Yakutat B-Ketchikan/Craig C-Petersburg/Wrangell D-Sitka/Pelican E-Prince William Sound <u>EEZ (Federal Waters)</u> FB-Bering Sea FG-Gulf of Alaska <u>Cook Inlet</u> HL-Lower Cook Inlet HU-Upper Cook Inlet K-Kodiak L-Chignik <u>Alaska Peninsula</u> MS-South Peninsula MN-North Peninsula O-Dutch Harbor</p> </td> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> <p><u>Bering Sea</u></p> <p>Q1-Pribilof Islands Q2-St. Matthew Island Q4-St. Lawrence Island R-Adak/W. Aleutians* T-Bristol Bay <u>Kuskokwim</u> W1-Kuskokwim River/Bay W2-Security Cove W3-Goodnews Bay W4-Nelson Island W5-Nunivak Island W6-Cape Avinof X-Kotzebue <u>Yukon River</u> YL-Lower Yukon YU-Upper Yukon Z-Norton Sound</p> </td> </tr> </table> <p>*Use Area “O” for all King Crab caught in the Adak/W. Aleutian area.</p>	<p><u>Southeast</u></p> <p>A1-Juneau/Haines A2-Yakutat B-Ketchikan/Craig C-Petersburg/Wrangell D-Sitka/Pelican E-Prince William Sound <u>EEZ (Federal Waters)</u> FB-Bering Sea FG-Gulf of Alaska <u>Cook Inlet</u> HL-Lower Cook Inlet HU-Upper Cook Inlet K-Kodiak L-Chignik <u>Alaska Peninsula</u> MS-South Peninsula MN-North Peninsula O-Dutch Harbor</p>	<p><u>Bering Sea</u></p> <p>Q1-Pribilof Islands Q2-St. Matthew Island Q4-St. Lawrence Island R-Adak/W. Aleutians* T-Bristol Bay <u>Kuskokwim</u> W1-Kuskokwim River/Bay W2-Security Cove W3-Goodnews Bay W4-Nelson Island W5-Nunivak Island W6-Cape Avinof X-Kotzebue <u>Yukon River</u> YL-Lower Yukon YU-Upper Yukon Z-Norton Sound</p>
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State of Alaska Department of Fish and Game
2002 COMMERCIAL OPERATORS ANNUAL REPORT

CERTIFICATION PAGE

STATEWIDE FISH AND SHELLFISH
 EXVESSEL VALUE AND PRODUCTION INFORMATION

You must return this page to be in compliance with 5AAC
 39.130, regardless of operational activity status.

FOR ADF&G USE ONLY
LOGGED CERTIFICATION PAGE:
ENTERED BUYING INFO:
ENTERED PRODUCTION INFO:

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Directions: Complete one report/Certification Page, for each State processor code held by your company. To meet the new NMFS requirements, this should include activity within the EEZ. Complete additional reports for vessels operating exclusively within the EEZ.

This report is divided into separate Buying (exvessel) and Production (wholesale or retail) forms for the following fisheries you may have participated in during 2002: Salmon, Herring, Crab, Shrimp/Misc. Shellfish/Finfish, Groundfish, and Halibut. This booklet also includes reporting sections for Custom Production. Please complete those sections that apply to your company for the year 2002 by using the checklist on page 2.

Return your original completed report form(s) to ADF&G by April 1, 2003. Keep a copy for your records!
Additional forms available at <http://www.cf.adfg.state.ak.us>

Enter the State Processor Code documented by this report:	<input type="checkbox"/> This report is for a vessel operating exclusively in the EEZ.
<u>DID YOU OPERATE USING THIS PROCESSOR CODE OR IN THE EEZ IN 2002?</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/> YES – you must complete the applicable forms contained in this booklet and sign the certification section below. <input type="checkbox"/> NO – you must complete and sign only this certification page.	
Did you write fish tickets using this processor code in 2002? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
Beginning in the year 2003, even if you operated only in Federal Waters in 2002, NMFS requires that you fill out a COAR report for the previous year. If you did not require a state processor code, we will assign you a number to use for recordkeeping purposes.	
Return all forms to: ADF&G Division of Commercial Fisheries, PO Box 25526, Juneau, AK 99802-5526.	
Company Name and Address: If address as shown is incorrect or missing, please correct the error on the label or print your permanent address here.	Physical Location of Land-Based Plant:
Company Name:	Name of Vessel:
Street:	
City/State/Zip:	
Contact Name (Printed or typed)	Title
E-Mail Address	Telephone Number
Company Fax Number	
Alternate Contact (Printed or typed)	Alternate Contact Title
Alternate Contact E-Mail Address	Alternate Contact Telephone Number
<u>CERTIFICATION:</u> Please be sure that you have reviewed all information in the remaining pages of this report before signing the following statement.	
I, <input type="text"/>	(signature) <input type="text"/>
(date signed)	
certify under penalty of perjury that I have reviewed all information contained in this report, that it is true and complete to the best of my knowledge, and that I am the owner/authorized agent for this operation.	

Return all completed forms to ADF&G, PO Box 25526, Juneau, AK 99802-5526

Please read through the following statements (1-3). If you need assistance determining which statement applies to you during 2002, please contact the Alaska Department of Fish and Game at 907-465-6131.

1.

I am a fisherman who ONLY processes, sells, and/or exports and sells my own catch in the following types of fisheries:

Fishery:	Required Forms:
<input type="checkbox"/> Salmon	Form B (1-6) (AND Certification Page)
<input type="checkbox"/> Herring	Form D (AND Certification Page)
<input type="checkbox"/> Crab	Form F (AND Certification Page)
<input type="checkbox"/> Shrimp/Misc. Shellfish & Finfish	Form H (AND Certification Page)
<input type="checkbox"/> Groundfish	Form J (AND Certification Page)
<input type="checkbox"/> Halibut	Form K (AND Certification Page)

Check all that apply and tear out the corresponding forms from the booklet to complete and return.

OR

2.

I am a fisherman who has all my catch processed for me by another licensed processor for further sale by me (e.g., vacuum packed, smoked sockeye fillets to domestic markets):

Form L (1-2) AND Certification Page

Tear out the corresponding forms from the booklet to complete and return.

OR

3.

My company/operation purchased fish from fishermen on the grounds and/or dockside. Those purchases were either: a) processed on the purchasing vessel or at our shorebased facility by means of freezing, butchering, canning, smoking, etc.; b) not processed; and/or c) exported out of the state of Alaska and involved the following fisheries:

Fishery:	Required Forms:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Salmon	<input type="checkbox"/> Buying	Form A (1-3) (AND Cert. Page)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Production	Form B (1-6) (AND Cert. Page)
<input type="checkbox"/> Herring	<input type="checkbox"/> Buying	Form C (1-2) (AND Cert. Page)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Production	Form D (AND Cert. Page)
<input type="checkbox"/> Crab	<input type="checkbox"/> Buying	Form E (AND Cert. Page)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Production	Form F (AND Cert. Page)
<input type="checkbox"/> Shrimp/Shellfish & Misc. Finfish	<input type="checkbox"/> Buying	Form G (AND Cert. Page)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Production	Form H (AND Cert. Page)
<input type="checkbox"/> Groundfish	<input type="checkbox"/> Buying	Form I (1-2) (AND Cert. Page)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Production	Form J (1-2) (AND Cert. Page)
<input type="checkbox"/> Halibut	<input type="checkbox"/> Buying	Form K (AND Cert. Page)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Production	Form K (AND Cert. Page)

Check all that apply and tear out the corresponding forms from the booklet to complete and return.

**Note: if your company/operation had another company process some of your fish, fill out and return

Form L (1-2) for that portion of your production.



STOP!! Tear out the forms you checked above before proceeding.

SALMON BUYING: FORM A (1)

See Buying Instructions on Page i.

Note: If you run out of space on this page, continue on Form A (3) on page 5.

Species Name	Species Code	Area Purchased	Gear Used	Delivery Code	Total Pounds Purchased from Fishermen	Total Amount Paid to Fishermen	Price/Lb <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If \$ Not Final
SEINE GEAR (01 or 02) (Write in the correct gear code)							
<i>For Example:</i> Pink Salmon	440	B	01	05	6,937	\$ 1,518.16	<input type="checkbox"/> 0.22
							<input type="checkbox"/>
							<input type="checkbox"/>
							<input type="checkbox"/>
							<input type="checkbox"/>
							<input type="checkbox"/>
							<input type="checkbox"/>
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							<input type="checkbox"/>
GILLNET GEAR 03 or 04 (Write in the correct gear code)							
<i>For Example:</i> Chinook Salmon	410	T	03	05	19,453	\$ 12,644.45	<input type="checkbox"/> 0.65
							<input type="checkbox"/>
							<input type="checkbox"/>
							<input type="checkbox"/>
							<input type="checkbox"/>
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ROE CODES	SALMON CODES
401 – Chinook Roe	410 – Chinook Salmon
402 – Sockeye Roe	420 – Sockeye Salmon
403 – Coho Roe	430 – Coho Salmon
404 – Pink Roe	440 – Pink Salmon
405 – Chum Roe	450 – Chum Salmon
<i>Area, Gear, and Delivery Codes listed on page ii.</i>	

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SOCKEYE SALMON PRODUCTION: FORM B (2)

See Production Instructions on Page i.

SOCKEYE SALMON — 420

<i>Area of Processing</i>	<i>Process Code</i>	<i>Product Code</i>	<i>Total Net Weight</i>	<i>Total Value (\$)</i>	<i>Price/Lb</i>
<i>For Example:</i> T	28	85	2,568,550	\$ 5,162,786.00	2.01

SOCKEYE SALMON CANNED PRODUCTION

Complete an entry for each can size produced, indicating can size in hundredths of an ounce as in example below.

SOCKEYE SALMON — 420

<i>Area of Processing</i>	<i>Process Code 51 or 52</i>	<i>Total Value</i>	<i>Can Size (oz)</i>	<i># Cans Per Case</i>	<i># Of Cases</i>
<i>For Example:</i> B	51	\$1,850,000.00	7.50	24	57,000

PROCESS CODES

1 - Fresh	2S - Frozen/Shatter Pack	52 - Canned/Smoked
18 - Vacuum Packed/Fresh	3 - Salted/Brined	8 - Dried
2 - Frozen	38 - Vacuum Packed/Salt Brined	9 - Pickled
28 - Vacuum Packed/Frozen	4 - Smoked	
2B - Frozen/Block	48 - Vacuum Packed/Smoked	
2I - Frozen/IQF	51 - Canned/Conventional	

Area and Product Codes listed on Page ii.

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COHO SALMON PRODUCTION: FORM B (3)

See Production Instructions on Page i.

COHO SALMON — 430

<i>Area of Processing</i>	<i>Process Code</i>	<i>Product Code</i>	<i>Total Net Weight</i>	<i>Total Value (\$)</i>	<i>Price/Lb</i>
<i>For Example:</i> C	2	85	425,695	\$ 800,307.00	1.88

COHO SALMON CANNED PRODUCTION

Complete an entry for each can size produced, indicating can size in hundredths of an ounce as in example below.

COHO SALMON — 430

<i>Area of Processing</i>	<i>Process Code 51 or 52</i>	<i>Total Value</i>	<i>Can Size (oz)</i>	<i># Cans Per Case</i>	<i># Of Cases</i>
<i>For Example:</i> B	05	\$ 1,850,000.00	7.50	24	57,000

PROCESS CODES		
1 - Fresh	2S - Frozen/Shatter Pack	52 - Canned/Smoked
18 - Vacuum Packed/Fresh	3 - Salted/Brined	8 - Dried
2 - Frozen	38 - Vacuum Packed/Salt Brined	9 - Pickled
28 - Vacuum Packed/Frozen	4 - Smoked	
2B - Frozen/Block	48 - Vacuum Packed/Smoked	
2I - Frozen/IQF	51 - Canned/Conventional	
<i>Area and Product Codes listed on Page ii.</i>		

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PINK SALMON PRODUCTION: FORM B (4)

See Production Instructions on Page i.

PINK SALMON — 440

<i>Area of Processing</i>	<i>Process Code</i>	<i>Product Code</i>	<i>Total Net Weight</i>	<i>Total Value (\$)</i>	<i>Price/Lb</i>
<i>For Example:</i> C	2S	20	36,850	\$ 47,905.00	1.30

PINK SALMON CANNED PRODUCTION

Complete an entry for each can size produced, indicating can size in hundredths of an ounce as in example below.

PINK SALMON — 440

<i>Area of Processing</i>	<i>Process Code 51 or 52</i>	<i>Total Value</i>	<i>Can Size (oz)</i>	<i># Cans Per Case</i>	<i># Of Cases</i>
<i>For Example:</i> B	51	\$ 1,850,000.00	7.50	24	57,000

PROCESS CODES		
1 - Fresh	2S - Frozen/Shatter Pack	52 - Canned/Smoked
18 - Vacuum Packed/Fresh	3 - Salted/Brined	8 - Dried
2 - Frozen	38 - Vacuum Packed/Salt Brined	9 - Pickled
28 - Vacuum Packed/Frozen	4 - Smoked	
2B - Frozen/Block	48 - Vacuum Packed/Smoked	
2I - Frozen/IQF	51 - Canned/Conventional	
<i>Area and Product Codes listed on Page ii.</i>		

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SHRIMP/MISC. SHELLFISH/FINFISH BUYING: FORM G

See Buying Instructions on Page i.

<i>Species Name</i>	<i>Species Code</i>	<i>Area Purchased</i>	<i>Gear Used</i>	<i>Delivery Code</i>	<i>Total Pounds Purchased from Fishermen</i>	<i>Total Amount Paid to Fishermen</i>	<i>Price/Lb</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>If \$ Not Final</i>
TRAWL GEAR (7 or 17) (Write in the correct gear code)							
<i>For Example:</i> Shrimp, Pink	961	C	17	01	500	\$ 115.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 0.23
							<input type="checkbox"/>
							<input type="checkbox"/>
							<input type="checkbox"/>
							<input type="checkbox"/>
POT GEAR (91)							
			91				<input type="checkbox"/>
			91				<input type="checkbox"/>
			91				<input type="checkbox"/>
			91				<input type="checkbox"/>
			91				<input type="checkbox"/>
DIVING or HANDPICKED GEAR (11 or 12) (Write in the correct gear code)							
							<input type="checkbox"/>
							<input type="checkbox"/>
							<input type="checkbox"/>
							<input type="checkbox"/>
							<input type="checkbox"/>
OTHER GEAR (Specify)							
							<input type="checkbox"/>
							<input type="checkbox"/>
							<input type="checkbox"/>
							<input type="checkbox"/>
							<input type="checkbox"/>

SPECIES CODES			DELIVERY CODES
510 – Smelt	830 – Razor Clam	892 – Red Sea Urchin	01 – Whole/Round Food Fish
511 – Eulachon	840 – Littleneck Clam	893 – Green Sea Urchin	02 – Whole Bait Fish
516 – Capelin	850 – Scallop, Weathervane	961 – Pink Shrimp	05 – H&G
520 – Artic Char	855 – Blue Mussel	962 – Sidestriped Shrimp	36 – Mantles
540 – Steelhead Trout	860 – Abalone	963 – Humpy Shrimp	78 – Tails
570 – Sheefish	870 – Octopus	964 – Coonstriped Shrimp	80 – Sections
580 – Whitefish	875 – Squid	965 – Spot Shrimp	81 – Meat
810 – Butter Clam	895 – Sea Cucumber		
815 – Geoduck	890 – Snail		

Area and Gear Codes listed on page ii.

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HALIBUT BUYING AND PRODUCTION: FORM K

See Buying and Production Instructions on Page i.

BUYING

HALIBUT 200

<i>Area Purchased</i>	<i>Gear Used</i>	<i>Delivery Code</i>	<i>Total Pounds Purchased from Fishermen</i>	<i>Total Amount Paid to Fishermen</i>	<i>Price/Lb</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>If \$ Not Final</i>
<i>For Example:</i> E	61	05	1,480	\$ 3,848.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 2.60
	61				<input type="checkbox"/>
	61				<input type="checkbox"/>
	61				<input type="checkbox"/>
	61				<input type="checkbox"/>
	61				<input type="checkbox"/>
	61				<input type="checkbox"/>
	61				<input type="checkbox"/>

PRODUCTION

HALIBUT 200

<i>Area Processed</i>	<i>Process Code</i>	<i>Product Code</i>	<i>Total Net Weight</i>	<i>Total Value (\$)</i>	<i>Price/Lb</i>
<i>For Example:</i> HL	2	05	1,480	\$ 4,736.00	3.20

PROCESS CODES

1 - Fresh	4 - Smoked
18 - Vacuum Packed/Fresh	48 - Vacuum Packed/Smoked
2 - Frozen	51 - Canned/Conventional
28 - Vacuum Packed/Frozen	52 - Canned/Smoked
2B - Frozen/Block	6 - Cooked
2I - Frozen/IQF	7 - Live
3 - Salted/Brined	8 - Dried
<i>Area and Product Codes listed on Page ii.</i>	

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CUSTOM PRODUCTION: FORM L (1)

List all processors for whom your company custom-processed fish and shellfish. DO NOT include any of that production information on the lower portion of this report. The processors that you name will file the information in their own reports.

<i>Name of Company (For whom you processed fish)</i>	<i>State Processor Code (If known)</i>	<i>Location of Company or Vessel Name</i>

Complete the rest of this form if another company performed custom production FOR YOUR COMPANY. List one company per page, duplicating the next page (Form L (2)) for additional space if necessary. Use the codes at the bottom of the page for process.

Company Name _____ Processor Code F-
(Company Performing Custom Production) (If known)

Location OR Vessel Name _____

CUSTOM FRESH/FROZEN MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTION

List production intended for wholesale/retail market and not frozen for canning later.

<i>Species Name</i>	<i>Species Code</i>	<i>Area of Processing</i>	<i>Process Code</i>	<i>Product Code</i>	<i>Total Net Weight (Lb)</i>	<i>Total Value (\$)</i>
<i>For Example: Halibut</i>	200	T	2	04	40,105	\$ 120,315.00

CUSTOM CANNED PRODUCTION

Complete an entry for each can size produced, indicating sizes in hundredths of an ounce (7.5, 15.75 etc).
 This total wholesale value is the amount that the processor receives for the product.

<i>Species Name</i>	<i>Species Code</i>	<i>Area of Processing</i>	<i>Process Code 51 or 52</i>	<i>Total Wholesale Value</i>	<i>Can Size (oz)</i>	<i>Number of cans per case</i>	<i>Number of Cases</i>
<i>For Example: Sockeye Salmon</i>	420	T	51	\$ 515,280.00	7.50	48	9,500

PROCESS CODES	
1 - Fresh	4 - Smoked
18 - Vacuum Packed/Fresh	48 - Vacuum Packed/Smoked
2 - Frozen	51 - Canned/Conventional
28 - Vacuum Packed/Frozen	52 - Canned/Smoked
2B - Frozen/Block	6 - Cooked
2I - Frozen/IQF	7 - Live
3 - Salted/Brined	8 - Dried
<i>Area and Product Codes listed on Page ii.</i>	

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CUSTOM PRODUCTION: FORM L (2)

Complete one form for each company that performed processing for you. Make copies of this page for additional processors.

Company Name _____ Processor Code F-
(Company Performing Custom Production) (If known)

Location OR Vessel Name _____

CUSTOM FRESH/FROZEN MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTION

List production intended for wholesale/retail market and not frozen for canning later.

Species Name	Species Code	Area of Processing	Process Code	Product Code	Total Net Weight (Lb)	Total Value (\$)
<i>For Example:</i> Halibut	200	T	2	04	40,105	\$ 120,315.00

CUSTOM CANNED PRODUCTION

Complete an entry for each can size produced, indicating sizes in hundredths of an ounce (7.5, 15.75 etc). This total wholesale value is the amount that the processor receives for the product.

Species Name	Species Code	Area of Processing	Process Code 51 or 52	Total Wholesale Value	Can Size (oz)	Number of cans per case	Number of Cases
<i>For Example:</i> Sockeye Salmon	420	T	51	\$ 515,280.00	7.50	48	9,500

PROCESS CODES	
1 - Fresh	4 - Smoked
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3 - Salted/Brined	8 - Dried
<i>Area and Product Codes listed on Page ii.</i>	

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Fishery Conservation and Management

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- (ii) Catcher vessel ADF&G number;
- (iii) Inshore processor Federal processor permit number;
- (iv) Delivery date;
- (v) Amount of pollock (in lb) delivered plus weight of at-sea pollock discards;
- (vi) ADF&G fish ticket number.

(p) **Commercial Operator's Annual Report (COAR)**—(1) *Requirement.* The owner of a mothership or catcher/processor must annually complete and submit to ADF&G the appropriate Forms A through M and COAR certification page for each year in which the mothership or catcher/processor was issued a Federal Fisheries permit. The owner of a mothership must include all fish received and processed during the year, including fish received from an associated buying station. The ADF&G COAR is further described under Alaska Administrative Code (5 AAC 39.130) (see § 679.3 (b)(2)).

(2) *Time limit and submittal of COAR.* The owner of a mothership or catcher/processor must submit to ADF&G the appropriate Forms A through M and COAR certification page by April 1 of the year following the year for which the report is required to the following address:

Alaska Department of Fish & Game,
Division of Commercial Fisheries,
Attn: COAR, P.O. Box 25526, Juneau,
AK 99802-5526

(3) *Information required, certification page.* The owner of a mothership or catcher/processor must:

- (i) Enter the company name and address, including street, city, state, and zip code; also seasonal mailing address, if applicable.
- (ii) Enter the vessel name and ADF&G processor code.
- (iii) Check YES or NO to indicate whether fishing activity was conducted during the appropriate year.
- (iv) If response to paragraph (p)(3)(iii) of this section is YES, complete the applicable forms of the COAR (see table 18 to this part) and complete and sign the certification page.
- (v) If response to paragraph (p)(3)(iii) of this section is NO, complete and sign only the certification page.
- (vi) Sign and enter printed or typed name, e-mail address, title, telephone number, and FAX number of owner.

(vii) Enter printed or typed name, e-mail address, and telephone number of alternate contact.

(4) *Buying information (exvessel), Forms A (1-3), C (1-2), E, G, I (1-2), and K.*—(i) *Requirement.* The owner of a mothership (if the first purchaser of raw fish) must complete and submit the appropriate COAR buying forms (A (1-3), C (1-2), E, G, I (1-2), and K) for each species purchased from fishermen during the applicable year.

(ii) *Buying information required.* The owner of the mothership must record the following information on the appropriate COAR buying forms:

(A) Species name and code (see table 2 to this part).

(B) Area purchased (see table 16 to this part).

(C) Gear code (see table 15 to this part).

(D) Delivery code (form G only) (see table 1 to this part).

(E) Total weight (to the nearest lb) purchased from fishermen.

(F) Total amount paid to fishermen, including all post-season adjustments and/or bonuses and any credit received by fishermen for gas expenses, ice, delivery premiums, and other miscellaneous expenses.

(G) Price per pound. If additional adjustments may be made after this report has been filed, the owner must check the "\$ not final" box, and submit Form M when these adjustments are paid. Do not include fish purchased from another processor.

(5) *Production forms, Forms B (1-6), D, F, H, J (1-2), and K.* For purposes of this paragraph, the total wholesale value is the amount that the processor receives for the finished product (free on board pricing mothership or catcher/processor). For products finished but not yet sold (still held in inventory), calculate the estimated value using the average price received to date for that product.

(i) *Requirement—(A) Mothership.* The owner of a mothership must record and submit the appropriate COAR production forms (B(1-6), D, F, H, J(1-2), and K) for all production that occurred for each species during the applicable year:

(J) That were purchased from fishermen on the grounds and/or dockside,

including both processed and unprocessed seafood.

(2) That were then either processed on the mothership or exported out of the State of Alaska.

(B) *Catcher/processor*. The owner of a catcher/processor must record and submit the appropriate COAR production forms (B(1-6), D, F, H, J (1-2), and K) for each species harvested during the applicable year that were then either processed on the vessel or exported out of the State of Alaska.

(ii) *Information required, non-canned production*—(A) Enter area of processing (see table 16 to this part). List production of Canadian-harvested fish separately.

(B) Processed product. Processed product must be described by entering three codes:

(1) Process prefix code (see table 17 to this part)

(2) Process suffix code (see table 17 to this part)

(3) Product code (see table 1 to this part)

(C) Total net weight. Enter total weight (in pounds) of the finished product.

(D) Total value(\$). Enter the total wholesale value of the finished product.

(E) Enter price per pound of the finished product.

(iii) *Information required, canned production*. Complete an entry for each can size produced:

(A) Enter area of processing (see table 16 to this part).

(B) Process 51 or 52. Enter conventional canned code (51) or smoked, conventional canned code (52).

(C) Total value(\$). Enter the total wholesale value of the finished product.

(D) Enter can size in ounces, to the hundredth of an ounce.

(E) Enter number of cans per case.

(F) Enter number of cases.

(6) *Custom production forms, Form L (1-2)*—(i) *Requirement*. The owner of a mothership or catcher/processor must record and submit COAR production form L (1-2) for each species in which custom production was done by the mothership or catcher/processor for another processor and for each species in which custom production was done for the mothership or catcher/processor by another processor.

(ii) *Custom-production by mothership or catcher/processor for another processor*. If the mothership or catcher/processor custom-processed fish or shellfish for another processor during the applicable year, the owner of the mothership or catcher/processor must list the processor name and ADF&G processor code (if known) to describe that processor, but must not include any of that production in production form L (1-2).

(iii) *Custom-production by another processor for mothership or catcher/processor*. If a processor custom-processed fish or shellfish for the mothership or catcher/processor during the applicable year, the owner of the mothership or catcher/processor must use a separate page to list each processor and must include the following information.

(A) *Custom fresh/frozen miscellaneous production*. The owner of a mothership or catcher/processor must list the following information to describe production intended for wholesale/retail market and that are not frozen for canning later:

(1) Species name and code (see table 2 to this part).

(2) Area of processing (see table 16 to this part).

(3) Processed product. Processed product must be entered using three codes:

(i) Process prefix code (see table 17 to this part).

(ii) Process suffix code (see table 17 to this part).

(iii) Product code (see table 1 to this part).

(4) Total net weight. Enter total weight in pounds of the finished product.

(5) Total wholesale value(\$). Enter the total wholesale value of the finished product.

(B) *Custom canned production*. The owner of a mothership or catcher/processor must list the following information to describe each can size produced in custom canned production:

(1) Species name and code (see table 2 to this part).

(2) Area of processing (see table 16 to this part).

(3) Process 51 or 52. Enter conventional canned code (51) or smoked, conventional canned code (52).

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(4) Total wholesale value (\$). Enter the total wholesale value of the finished product.

(5) Can size in ounces, to the hundredth of an ounce.

(6) Number of cans per case.

(7) Number of cases.

(7) *Fish buying retro payments/post-season adjustments, Form M*—(i) *Requirement*. The owner of a mothership must record and submit COAR production Form M to describe additional adjustments and/or bonuses awarded to a fisherman, including credit received by fishermen for gas expenses, ice, delivery premiums, and other miscellaneous expenses.

(ii) *Information required*—(A) Enter species name and code (see table 2 to this part).

(B) Enter area purchased (see table 16 to this part)

(C) Enter gear code (see table 16 to this part).

(D) Enter total pounds purchased from fisherman.

(E) Enter total amount paid to fishermen (base + adjustment).

[61 FR 31230, June 19, 1996, as amended at 61 FR 35578, July 5, 1996; 61 FR 41525, Aug. 9, 1996; 61 FR 49981, Sept. 24, 1996; 62 FR 2045, Jan. 15, 1997; 62 FR 17756, Apr. 11, 1997; 62 FR 19690, Apr. 23, 1997; 62 FR 26247, May 13, 1997; 62 FR 26749, May 15, 1997; 63 FR 30399, June 4, 1998; 63 FR 47356, Sept. 4, 1998; 64 FR 61972, Nov. 15, 1999; 64 FR 69673, Dec. 14, 1999; 65 FR 14923, Mar. 20, 2000; 65 FR 41380, July 5, 2000; 66 FR 13672, Mar. 7, 2001; 66 FR 27910, May 21, 2001; 66 FR 43526, Aug. 20, 2001; 67 FR 999, Jan. 8, 2002; 67 FR 4108, Jan. 28, 2002; 67 FR 5148, Feb. 4, 2002; 67 FR 22011, May 2, 2002]

§ 679.6 Exempted fisheries.

(a) *General*. For limited experimental purposes, the Regional Administrator may authorize, after consulting with the Council, fishing for groundfish in a manner that would otherwise be prohibited. No exempted fishing may be conducted unless authorized by an exempted fishing permit issued by the Regional Administrator to the participating vessel owner in accordance with the criteria and procedures specified in this section. Exempted fishing permits will be issued without charge and will expire at the end of a calendar year unless otherwise provided for under paragraph (e) of this section.

(b) *Application*. An applicant for an exempted fishing permit shall submit to the Regional Administrator, at least 60 days before the desired effective date of the exempted fishing permit, a written application including, but not limited to, the following information:

(1) The date of the application.

(2) The applicant's name, mailing address, and telephone number.

(3) A statement of the purpose and goal of the experiment for which an exempted fishing permit is needed, including a general description of the arrangements for disposition of all species harvested under the exempted fishing permit.

(4) Technical details about the experiment, including:

(i) Amounts of each species to be harvested that are necessary to conduct the experiment, and arrangement for disposition of all species taken.

(ii) Area and timing of the experiment.

(iii) Vessel and gear to be used.

(iv) Experimental design (e.g., sampling procedures, the data and samples to be collected, and analysis of the data and samples).

(v) Provision for public release of all obtained information, and submission of interim and final reports.

(5) The willingness of the applicant to carry observers, if required by the Regional Administrator, and a description of accommodations and work space for the observer(s).

(6) Details for all coordinating parties engaged in the experiment and signatures of all representatives of all principal parties.

(7) Information about each vessel to be covered by the exempted fishing permit, including:

(i) Vessel name.

(ii) Name, address, and telephone number of owner and master.

(iii) USCG documentation, state license, or registration number.

(iv) Home port.

(v) Length of vessel.

(vi) Net tonnage.

(vii) Gross tonnage.

(8) The signature of the applicant.

(9) The Regional Administrator may request from an applicant additional

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Public Law 94-265

As amended through October 11, 1996

SEC. 303. CONTENTS OF FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLANS 16 U.S.C. 1853

95-354, 99-659, 101-627, 104-297

(a) REQUIRED PROVISIONS.--Any fishery management plan which is prepared by any Council, or by the Secretary, with respect to any fishery, shall--

(1) contain the conservation and management measures, applicable to foreign fishing and fishing by vessels of the United States, which are--

(A) necessary and appropriate for the conservation and management of the fishery to prevent overfishing and rebuild overfished stocks, and to protect, restore, and promote the long-term health and stability of the fishery;

(B) described in this subsection or subsection (b), or both; and

(C) consistent with the national standards, the other provisions of this Act, regulations implementing recommendations by international organizations in which the United States participates (including but not limited to closed areas, quotas, and size limits), and any other applicable law;

(2) contain a description of the fishery, including, but not limited to, the number of vessels involved, the type and quantity of fishing gear used, the species of fish involved and their location, the cost likely to be incurred in management, actual and potential revenues from the fishery, any recreational interest in the fishery, and the nature and extent of foreign fishing and Indian treaty fishing rights, if any;

(3) assess and specify the present and probable future condition of, and the maximum sustainable yield and optimum yield from, the fishery, and include a summary of the information utilized in making such specification;

(4) assess and specify--

(A) the capacity and the extent to which fishing vessels of the United States, on an annual basis, will harvest the optimum yield specified under paragraph (3),

(B) the portion of such optimum yield which, on an annual basis, will not be harvested by fishing vessels of the United States and can be made available for foreign fishing, and

(C) the capacity and extent to which United States fish processors, on an annual basis, will process that portion of such optimum yield that will be harvested by fishing vessels of the United States;

(5) specify the pertinent data which shall be submitted to the Secretary with respect to commercial, recreational, and charter fishing in the fishery, including, but not limited to, information regarding the type and quantity of fishing gear used, catch by species in numbers of fish or weight thereof, areas in which fishing was engaged in, time of fishing, number of hauls, and the estimated processing capacity of, and the actual processing capacity utilized by, United States fish processors;

(6) consider and provide for temporary adjustments, after consultation with the Coast Guard and persons utilizing the fishery, regarding access to the fishery for vessels otherwise prevented from harvesting because of weather or other ocean conditions affecting the safe conduct of the fishery; except that the adjustment shall not adversely affect conservation efforts in other fisheries or discriminate among participants in the affected fishery;

(7) describe and identify essential fish habitat for the fishery based on the guidelines established by the Secretary under section 305(b)(1)(A), minimize to the extent practicable adverse effects on such habitat caused by fishing, and identify other actions to encourage the conservation and enhancement of such habitat;

(8) in the case of a fishery management plan that, after January 1, 1991, is submitted to the Secretary for review under section 304(a) (including any plan for which an amendment is submitted to the Secretary for such review) or is prepared by the Secretary, assess and specify the nature and extent of scientific data which is needed for effective implementation of the plan;

(9) include a fishery impact statement for the plan or amendment (in the case of a plan or amendment thereto submitted to or prepared by the Secretary after October 1, 1990) which shall assess, specify, and describe the likely effects, if any, of the conservation and management measures on--

(A) participants in the fisheries and fishing communities affected by the plan or amendment; and

(B) participants in the fisheries conducted in adjacent areas under the authority of another Council, after consultation with such Council and representatives of those participants;

(10) specify objective and measurable criteria for identifying when the fishery to which the plan applies is overfished (with an analysis of how the criteria were determined and the relationship of the criteria to the reproductive potential of stocks of fish in that fishery) and, in the case of a fishery which the Council or the Secretary has determined is approaching an overfished condition or is overfished, contain conservation and management measures to prevent overfishing or end overfishing and rebuild the fishery;

(11) establish a standardized reporting methodology to assess the amount and type of bycatch occurring in the fishery, and include conservation and management measures that, to the extent practicable and in the following priority--

(A) minimize bycatch; and

(B) minimize the mortality of bycatch which cannot be avoided;

(12) assess the type and amount of fish caught and released alive during recreational fishing under catch and release fishery management programs and the mortality of such fish, and include conservation and management measures that, to the extent practicable, minimize mortality and ensure the extended survival of such fish;

(13) include a description of the commercial, recreational, and charter fishing sectors which participate in the fishery and, to the extent practicable, quantify trends in landings of the managed fishery resource by the commercial, recreational, and charter fishing sectors; and

(14) to the extent that rebuilding plans or other conservation and management measures which reduce the overall harvest in a fishery are necessary, allocate any harvest restrictions or recovery benefits fairly and equitably among the commercial, recreational, and charter fishing sectors in the fishery.

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(b) DISCRETIONARY PROVISIONS.--Any fishery management plan which is prepared by any Council, or by the Secretary, with respect to any fishery, may--

(1) require a permit to be obtained from, and fees to be paid to, the Secretary, with respect to--

(A) any fishing vessel of the United States fishing, or wishing to fish, in the exclusive economic zone [or special areas,]* or for anadromous species or Continental Shelf fishery resources beyond such zone [or areas]*;

(B) the operator of any such vessel; or

(C) any United States fish processor who first receives fish that are subject to the plan;

(2) designate zones where, and periods when, fishing shall be limited, or shall not be permitted, or shall be permitted only by specified types of fishing vessels or with specified types and quantities of fishing gear;

(3) establish specified limitations which are necessary and appropriate for the conservation and management of the fishery on the--

(A) catch of fish (based on area, species, size, number, weight, sex, bycatch, total biomass, or other factors);

(B) sale of fish caught during commercial, recreational, or charter fishing, consistent with any applicable Federal and State safety and quality requirements; and

(C) transshipment or transportation of fish or fish products under permits issued pursuant to section 204;

(4) prohibit, limit, condition, or require the use of specified types and quantities of fishing gear, fishing vessels, or equipment for such vessels, including devices which may be required to facilitate enforcement of the provisions of this Act;

(5) incorporate (consistent with the national standards, the other provisions of this Act, and any other applicable law) the relevant fishery conservation and management measures of the coastal States nearest to the fishery;

(6) establish a limited access system for the fishery in order to achieve optimum yield if, in developing such system, the Council and the Secretary take into account--

- (A) present participation in the fishery,
- (B) historical fishing practices in, and dependence on, the fishery,
- (C) the economics of the fishery,
- (D) the capability of fishing vessels used in the fishery to engage in other fisheries,
- (E) the cultural and social framework relevant to the fishery and any affected fishing communities, and
- (F) any other relevant considerations;

(7) require fish processors who first receive fish that are subject to the plan to submit data (other than economic data) which are necessary for the conservation and management of the fishery;

(8) require that one or more observers be carried on board a vessel of the United States engaged in fishing for species that are subject to the plan, for the purpose of collecting data necessary for the conservation and management of the fishery; except that such a vessel shall not be required to carry an observer on board if the facilities of the vessel for the quartering of an observer, or for carrying out observer functions, are so inadequate or unsafe that the health or safety of the observer or the safe operation of the vessel would be jeopardized;

(9) assess and specify the effect which the conservation and management measures of the plan will have on the stocks of naturally spawning anadromous fish in the region;

(10) include, consistent with the other provisions of this Act, conservation and management measures that provide harvest incentives for participants within each gear group to employ fishing practices that result in lower levels of bycatch or in lower levels of the mortality of bycatch;

(11) reserve a portion of the allowable biological catch of the fishery for use in scientific research; and

(12) prescribe such other measures, requirements, or conditions and restrictions as are determined to be necessary and appropriate for the conservation and management of the fishery.

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(c) PROPOSED REGULATIONS.--Proposed regulations which the Council deems necessary or appropriate for the purposes of--

(1) implementing a fishery management plan or plan amendment shall be submitted to the Secretary simultaneously with the plan or amendment under section 304; and

(2) making modifications to regulations implementing a fishery management plan or plan amendment may be submitted to the Secretary at any time after the plan or amendment is approved under section 304.

nation or one that is otherwise prohibited from exporting tuna to the United States. Forms are submitted by importers, processors, and/or purse seine vessel operators.

II. Method of Collection

Forms may be submitted by fax, mail, or electronically.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0335.

Form Number: NOAA Form 370.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 350.

Estimated Time Per Response: 20 minutes for a processor response; and 5 minutes for a Captain's statement.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,033.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$100.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: September 26, 2003.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 092903F]

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Commercial Operator's Annual Report (COAR)

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before December 2, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Patsy Bearden, 907-586-7008, or e-mail Patsy.Bearden@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Owners of catcher/processor vessels and motherships in the groundfish fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone off Alaska (Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands, Gulf of Alaska) are required to complete the State of Alaska, Department of Fish and Game Commercial Operator's Annual Report (COAR). The COAR provides information on ex-vessel and first wholesale values for statewide fish and shellfish products. This information enhances the socio-economic database that is used to analyze and measure the impact of proposed or enacted management measures.

II. Method of Collection

A paper form is submitted.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0428.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.
Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations, individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 134.

Estimated Time Per Response: 8 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,072.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: September 26, 2003.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Federal Consistency Appeal by Islander East Pipeline Company From an Objection by the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (Commerce).

ACTION: Supplemental notice of public hearing.

SUMMARY: This notice provides scheduling information concerning a public hearing to be held by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in New Haven, Connecticut. The hearing involves an administrative appeal filed with the