

Instructions

A separate application must be completed for each vessel or processor. Type or print legibly in ink; retain a copy of completed application. Completed forms should be mailed to: NMFS Alaska Region, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668. If you have any questions, please call Enforcement at 907-586-7225.

Block A—Permit Amendment Information

If you already have a valid Federal permit, but the information originally provided on your application has changed, you should fill out this block. Provide your current Federal Fisheries Permit number and/or your Federal Processor Permit number, and check the item(s) that have changed. Written notification of changes must be received within 10 days of the date of the change.

Block B—Vessel Information

Complete Block B if the permit is for a vessel.

Vessel Name—Enter complete vessel name as displayed in official documentation.

ADF&G Number—Enter 5-digit State of Alaska Department of Fish & Game (ADF&G) number (example: 51233).

Coast Guard Number—Enter Coast Guard documentation number (example 566722) or state registration number (example: AK3456C).

Homeport—Enter homeport (city and state) as recorded in official documentation.

Length Overall—Enter the vessel's length overall in feet, which is defined as the horizontal distance, rounded to the nearest foot, between the foremost part of the stem and the aftermost part of the stern, excluding bowsprits, rudders, outboard motor brackets, and similar fittings or attachments.

Net Tonnage—Enter registered net tonnage (U.S. tons) as stated in official documentation.

Vessel Telephone, FAX, and INMARSAT Numbers—Enter telephone, FAX, and INMARSAT (satellite communication) numbers used onboard the vessel.

Block C—Shoreside Processor Information

Complete Block C if the permit is for a shoreside processor, which is defined as any person, that receives unprocessed fish, except Catcher/Processors, Mothership Processor Vessels, Buying stations, restaurants, or persons buying fish from fishermen for use as bait or personal consumption.

Processor Name—Enter complete name as displayed in official documentation.

Business Street Address—Enter complete street address of the shoreside processing facility, including street number, city, state and zip code.

ADF&G Processor Code—Enter the Alaska Department of Fish and Game Processor Number assigned to the processor.

Telephone and FAX Numbers—Enter telephone and FAX numbers used at the shoreside processor.

Block D—Owner Information

Enter information on the owner of the vessel listed in block B or the shoreside processor listed in block C.

Owner Name(s)—Enter the full name(s) of the vessel or processor owner(s). If there is more than one owner, list the principal owner first; the permit will be issued to the first owner listed, with an ET AL. notation. The permit MUST be issued to the owner of the vessel or processor, not operators or lessees.

Business Mailing Address—Enter your complete PERMANENT business mailing address, including state and zip code. Your permit will be sent to this address. If you need to have your permit sent to a different address, please enter your PERMANENT business address on the application and attach a note with your alternate address.

Managing Company—Enter the name of any company (other than the owner) that manages the operations of your vessel or processor.

Telephone and FAX Numbers—Enter telephone and FAX numbers used by the vessel or processor owner. It is very important that you provide a telephone number where we can contact you, or where we can leave messages for you; if questions arise concerning your application and we cannot contact you by telephone, issuance of your permit will be delayed.

Block E—Federal Fisheries Permit Information

Federal Fisheries Permits are required for all vessels conducting groundfish operations in the 3–200 mile zone off Alaska. This includes vessels fishing for groundfish, vessels processing groundfish, and support vessels assisting other groundfish vessels. "Groundfish" means pollock, Pacific cod, sablefish, Atka mackerel, rockfish, smelt, eulachon, capelin, sharks, skates, sculpins, octopus, squid, and any species of flatfish except Pacific halibut.

Fisheries—Indicate the fishery or fisheries for which you are applying. You may apply for a single fishery or both.

Vessel Operations Categories—Indicate the type of operations you conduct in the groundfish fishery. Check Support Vessel, or any combination of Catcher Vessel, Catcher/Processor, Mothership, and Tender Vessel. (A vessel permitted as a Catcher Vessel, Catcher/Processor, Mothership, and/or Tender Vessel may conduct all operations authorized for a Support Vessel.) These categories are defined as follows:

Catcher Vessel—A vessel that is used for catching fish and that does not process onboard.

Catcher/Processor—A vessel that is used for catching fish and processing that fish.

Mothership—A vessel that receives and processes fish from other vessels.

Tender Vessel—A vessel that is used to transport *unprocessed* fish received from another vessel to a shoreside processor, mothership, or buying station.

Support Vessel—Any vessel that is used in support of a permitted vessel, including, but not limited to, supplying a fishing vessel with water, fuel, provisions, fishing equipment, fish processing equipment or other supplies, or transporting *processed* fish. This category does not include processors or Tender Vessels.

Processing is defined as the preparation of fish to render it suitable for human

consumption, industrial uses, or long-term storage, including but not limited to cooking, canning, smoking, salting, drying, freezing, or rendering into meal or oil, but does not mean icing, bleeding, or gutting.

Gear Type—Groundfish Catcher Vessels and Catcher/Processors need to indicate the gear type(s) used for groundfish operations.

Catcher Vessels Only—Indicate whether the only groundfish you retain is bycatch from halibut, crab, or salmon fisheries, or whether the only groundfish you expect to target on is blackcod in the Gulf of Alaska. Your answers will not restrict you from participating in other groundfish fisheries; they will only be used to determine whether NMFS will send you a 25-page Catcher Vessel logbook, or a 50-page logbook.

Block F—Federal Processor Permit Information

Any shoreside facility or vessel that processes fish from Research Plan fisheries for commercial use or consumption and any person, except restaurants or buying stations, who receives fish from fishermen for commercial purposes must have a Federal Processor Permit.

Indicate the fishery or fisheries for which you are applying. You may apply for a single fishery or any combination.

Indicate the semi-annual period for which you are applying. You may not apply for both periods. Processors who receive permits for January 1–June 30 will receive renewal applications for permits for the second half of the year. All Research Plan fees must be paid before the next semi-annual processor permit will be issued.

Block G—Signature

The owner must sign and date the application certifying that all information is true, correct, and complete to the best of the owner's knowledge and belief. The application will be considered incomplete without this signature.

Logbooks

If you apply for a Federal Fisheries Permit, you will receive a logbook for each Vessel Operations Category that you check. For example, if you check Catcher Vessel and Catcher/Processor, you will receive a Catcher Vessel Daily Fishing Logbook AND a Catcher/Processor Daily Cumulative Production Logbook. There are two exceptions:

Support Vessels do not receive logbooks.

Vessels under 5 net tons do not receive logbooks.

A Shoreside Processor logbook will also be sent with each Federal Processor Permit for groundfish issued to a shoreside processor. A Mothership logbook will be sent with each Federal Processor Permit for groundfish issued to a vessel that does not also have a Federal Fisheries Permit.

Special Handling of Permits

Please allow at least 10 days for processing your permit. *Do not wait until right before an opening to apply for your permit*—we may not be able to get it to you in time. You may fax your permit application to us at 907-586-7313, but we cannot fax your permit back to you.