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## Summary of Federal and State Charter Vessel Trip Ticket/Logbook Reporting Requirements in the United States

### **New England Fishery management Council**

New England has general reporting requirements for commercial and recreational for-hire vessels as a condition of obtaining a permit. Logbooks identify vessels as 1) commercial, 2) charter, or 3) partyboat vessels. Trip reports must be submitted on a monthly basis. Data collected includes area fished (statistical grid, but some operators provide lat-long or LORAN coordinates), number of anglers, catch by species (numbers of fish for recreational, pounds for commercial), and discards (not kept). In the recreational component of their Multi-species FMP, the NEFMC is going to consider alternatives to paper logbook reporting (e.g., reporting via computer).

### **Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council**

The Mid-Atlantic region has had a reporting requirement for the charter/headboat fisheries since the early 1990s. The data are used only as general descriptive/background info during the quota setting process. While it is mandatory that these boats report, there have been times when as little as 30% of the permitted vessels actually do report. These data are not used for season, bag limit, or size regulations. MRFSS data are used for management measures.

### **South Atlantic Fishery Management Council**

There is no federal trip ticket system for the for-hire sector in the South Atlantic. However, South Carolina has a state reporting system for the for-hire sector'

### **Pacific Fishery Management Council**

Neither federal nor state management in this region has trip ticket reporting requirements for charter or private recreational vessels.

### **North Pacific Fishery Management Council**

There is no federal trip ticket system for the for-hire sector in the North Pacific. However, a federal charter boat permit and moratorium is currently under consideration, with qualification for a moratorium permit to be based on a minimum amount of bottomfishing trips as reported in the Alaska DF&G Saltwater Sport Fishing Charter Vessel Logbook (SCVL).

## **Alaska**

Saltwater charter fishing services are required to report catch and effort information on weekly State Saltwater Logbooks (see attached) under State of Alaska Department of Fish and Game authority. Information on clients is collected through State mail back surveys and port agent interviews.

Guide operators have historically operated under a State business license. Attached is a copy of the DRAFT recordkeeping and reporting section for the proposed halibut charter moratorium that could change the current structure.

## **Western Pacific Fishery Management Council**

There are currently no federal reporting requirements for our WPFMC's recreational (i.e. no sales) fisheries. However the Council recently recommended that recreational fishermen targeting bottomfish around Hawaii submit federal trip reports (logbooks). Details on what they would report would be left up to the Science Center.

## **Hawaii**

In Hawaii, charter vessels are considered commercial fishing vessels, and the state requires that the captain and crew each have a permit. The captain of a charter vessel is required to submit monthly reports providing information on:

Vessel name/id

For each trip:

- date of trip, or starting and ending dates for multi-day trips
- number of days fished
- fishing method
- effort data appropriate to the gear type (e.g., number of hooks, number of sets, soak time, etc.)
- Total catch by species in both numbers and pounds
- Fate of catch, i.e.,
  - o kept and sold
  - o kept for personal use
  - o used for bait
  - o released
  - o lost to predators





State of Alaska  
Department of Fish & Game  
Division of Sport Fish

Alaska Trip Report Form

2006 Saltwater Charter Logbook and Vessel Registration

**Vessel Name:**  
Vessel AK. or U.S.C.G. #

Please read the INSTRUCTIONS carefully as reporting requirements have changed.



LOGBOOK INSPECTION  
*Upon request from any representative of the department or any peace officer of the state, a person is required to present the Alaska Department of Fish and Game Saltwater Sportfishing Charter Vessel Logbook for inspection.*



LOGBOOK NO:

ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH & GAME SALTWATER SPORT FISHING CHARTER TRIP LOGBOOK.  
333 RASPBERRY RD., ANCHORAGE, ALASKA 99518. QUESTIONS: CALL (907) 267-2369

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete one row below for each client and crew who fished on this trip.

COMPLETE THIS SECTION FOR EVERY TRIP

**BUSINESS AND VESSEL INFORMATION**

2006 ADF&G BUSINESS OWNER LICENSE #: 1 2 3 4  
(License # assigned to you by ADF&G)

2006 ADF&G GUIDE LICENSE #: 5 6 7 8  
(If same as Business Owner license #, write same)

VESSEL AK. OR U.S.C.G. #: AK 1234A

**TRIP INFORMATION**

DATE OF OFF-LOADING: MO. June DAY: 21, 2006  
(Date that fish or clients were off-loaded from vessel)

PORT OR SITE OF OFF-LOADING: Seward  
(Port or Site where fish or clients were off-loaded from vessel)

TOTAL NO. CLIENTS ON THE VESSEL: 6  
(Include those that do not fish)

PRIMARY STAT AREA, RODS FISHED & NO. OF BOAT HOURS:

Targeted Species	Primary Stat. Area where most fish were caught. (6-digit Code)	Max. no. of Rods Fished	No. of Boat Hours Fished this Trip
Salmon	59532	5	3
Bottomfish	59532	5	4

DAY NO. 1 OF 1. (NO. OF CALENDAR DAYS FOR A MULTIDAY TRIP).

PAGE NO. 1 OF 1. (TOTAL NO. OF PAGES FOR THIS TRIP).

**RETURN LOGBOOK**

LOGBOOK TRIP REPORTS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE INSIDE OF THE FRONT COVER OF THIS LOGBOOK BY THE DATE SPECIFIED ON THE SCHEDULED RETURN DATE.

LOGBOOK TRIP SHEETS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE INSIDE OF THE FRONT COVER OF THIS LOGBOOK BY THE DATE SPECIFIED ON THE SCHEDULED RETURN DATE.

**INDIVIDUAL ANGLER AND CATCH INFORMATION**

Sport Fishing License Number of each Client and Crew Fishing OR Record those anglers under 16 as "Youth Angler" (#1, #2 etc.)	Number of King Salmon			Number of Other Salmon			Number of Lingcod	Number of Pelagic Rockfish (halibut, etc.)			Number of Nonpelagic Rockfish (log including Yelloweye)			Number of Salmon Shark	All Other Fish (optional)	
	28" and Larger	"Shakers" Less Than 28"	Coho	Sockeye	Pink	Chum		Kept	Released	Kept	Released	Kept	Released			Kept
6012345	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
6023345	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
6012345	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
600123	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Youth Angler #1	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
6002345	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

Date that clients and fish were off-loaded from vessel. If it was an overnight trip or multi-day trip, this would be the date returned.

Circle the residency of every client that fished, resident or nonresident, or if crew fished.

Note that the crew member did not catch anything.

Note that there were 6 paying clients on board the vessel, but only 5 (including the Youth) actually fished.

The guide must sign the bottom of every logsheet for each trip he was in charge of.

Note that all clients kept and released Halibut (4 were caught, 2 were kept and 2 were released). Three clients also fished for and kept King salmon.

Note that one fish not already specified on this page was kept. This column is optional, you do not need to fill it out.

Continue on another page if more than 17 clients and crew fished OR if more than one trip on the same day was taken.

**CERTIFICATION:** I certify that the information contained in this document is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

NAME OF ANGLER: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTINUE ON NEXT PAGE IF MORE ANGLERS OR TRIPS.

Use separate logbook

# Sample of Fishing Report Form

(Please Print)

## Fishing Report

FOR OFFICE USE

R/L \_\_\_\_\_

K/D \_\_\_\_\_

Licensee Name \_\_\_\_\_ Commercial Marine License No.

Vessel Name \_\_\_\_\_ HA No.  -  USCG No.

Month & Year Fished \_\_\_\_\_  
 Month Year

FISHING EFFORT									SPECIES	CATCH		L/R	
Day Fished	Charter Trips "X"	Buoy or Area Fished	Fishing Method (See Methods List)	Hours Fished Per Method/Area	Number of Net Sets	Number of Fishing Lines, Traps or Net Length in Feet	No Catch "X"	Port of Landing	Species Name (See Species List)	Number Landed	Pounds Landed	Number of Lost and Released Fish L = Lost R = Released	
												L	R

Hawaii Trip Report Form

