Instructions
U.S. VESSEL ACTIVITY REPORT (VAR)

REQUIREMENTS

Fish or fish product onboard.
Except as noted below, the operator of a catcher vessel greater than 60 ft (18.3 m) length overall (LOA), a catcher/processor, or a mothership required to hold a Federal fisheries permit (FFP) issued under 50 CFR part 679 and carrying fish or fish product onboard must complete and submit a VAR by fax to NOAA Fisheries Office for Enforcement (OLE) at 907-586-7313 or electronic file to enf.dataclerk@noaa.gov before the vessel crosses the seaward boundary of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) off Alaska or crosses the U.S.-Canadian international boundary between Alaska and British Columbia.

Combination of non-IFQ groundfish with IFQ halibut, CDQ halibut, IFQ sablefish or CR crab. If a vessel is carrying non-Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) groundfish and IFQ halibut, Western Alaska Community Development Quota (CDQ) halibut, IFQ sablefish or Crab Rationalization Program (CR) crab, the operator must submit a VAR in addition to an IFQ Departure Report required by § 679.5(l)(4).

Combination of non-IFQ groundfish with IFQ halibut or IFQ sablefish. If a vessel less than or equal to 60 ft (18.3 m) LOA harvested fish using longline pot gear in the GOA and has a combination of non-IFQ groundfish, IFQ sablefish or IFQ halibut product onboard, the operator must submit a VAR as described at §679.5(k) in addition to an IFQ departure report required by paragraph §679.5(l)(4) of this section.

A VAR is not required if a vessel is carrying only IFQ halibut, CDQ halibut, IFQ sablefish, or CR crab onboard and the operator has submitted an IFQ Departure Report required by § 679.5(l)(4).

Revised VAR.
If fish or fish products are landed at a port other than the one specified on the VAR, the operator must submit a revised VAR showing the actual port of landing before any fish are offloaded.

Assistance.
If you need assistance in completing a VAR or need additional information:
Call: 800-304-4846 (option 1)
Fax: 907-586-7313
e-mail: enf.dataclerk@noaa.gov

INFORMATION REQUIRED

Whether original or revised VAR.
If VAR is the first one sent for a given day, check “Original Report.” If VAR is a revision to a previously sent VAR, check “Revised Report.”

Vessel
Name of vessel and FFP number or RCR permit number.

Type of vessel (whether catcher vessel, catcher/processor, or mothership).

Representative
Name, daytime telephone number (including area code), and fax number and COMSAT number (if available) of representative.

TRIP INFORMATION

Return report.
“Return” means returning to Alaska. If the vessel is crossing the seaward boundary of the EEZ off Alaska or crossing the U.S.-Canadian international boundary between Alaska and British Columbia into U.S. waters, indicate a “return” report and enter:
Intended Alaska port of landing (see Table 14a to 50 CFR part 679);

Estimated date and time (hour and minute, Greenwich Mean Time) the vessel will cross the boundary; and

Estimated position coordinates in latitude and longitude where the vessel will cross.

**Depart report.**

“Depart” means leaving Alaska. If the vessel is crossing the seaward boundary of the EEZ off Alaska and moving out of the EEZ or crossing the U.S.-Canadian international boundary between Alaska and British Columbia and moving into Canadian waters, indicate a “depart” report and enter:

Intended U.S. port of landing or country other than the United States (see Table 14b to part 679).

Estimated date and time (hour and minute Greenwich Mean Time) the vessel will cross the boundary; and

Estimated position coordinates in latitude and longitude where the vessel will cross.

**The Russian Zone.**

Indicate whether the vessel is returning from fishing in the Russian Zone or is departing to fish in the Russian Zone.

**FISH OR FISH PRODUCT ONBOARD THE VESSEL WHEN CROSSING THE EEZ OFF ALASKA OR U.S. INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY.**

For all fish or fish products (including non-groundfish) on board the vessel, enter:

**Harvest Zone.**

Enter the harvest zone where Fish were harvested.

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**Species Code.**

Enter the species code for each product. If no species code is listed for the landed fish, write in the "common" name for that fish species (e.g., swordfish).

**Product Code.**

Enter the product code for each product. Use the species and product codes presented in Table 1 and Table 2 to part 679, respectively.

**Product Weight.**

Enter the fish product weight of products in pounds or to the nearest 0.001 mt (2.20 lb). Circle pounds or 0.001 mt.