

Crab Catch Monitoring Plan (CMP) Template

All crab, including crab parts and crab that are dead or otherwise unmarketable, delivered to a Registered Crab Receiver (RCR) must be sorted and weighed to species. A CMP should detail how and where crab are sorted and weighed. This template may be used as a CMP. Another format may be used, but it must include all the required information found in 50 CFR 680.23(g). Additional pages may be submitted if needed.

RCR Name:	Date:	Contact #:	Fax #:	Email:
Plant Liaison(s):			Signature of Applicant:	

Crab Sorting and Weighing Procedures

List all locations where crab can be offloaded:
Describe how crab are removed from the vessel:
Describe how and where crab are sorted:
Describe how crab are transported from the vessel to the scale:
Describe how crab are weighed on the scale. Include procedure for taring container for holding crab:
How are dead loss, crab parts or unmarketable crab sorted and weighed (if different than described above):
Describe any other steps involved in sorting and weighing of crab:

Scales

Identify each scale used for weighing crab and the reason for its use.

Manufacturer	Model	Serial Number	Type	Purpose

Scale Test Procedures

Describe how each scale used for weighing crab is tested. Include the maximum capacity of the scale.

Scale Serial Number	Testing Procedure

List all Test Weights:
Where are test weights stored?
List personnel responsible for conducting scale tests:

Observation Area

Describe the location where an individual can monitor the entire offloading, sorting and weighing of crab. The observation area must; 1)be freely accessible at any time during an offload, 2)provide an unobstructed view of the entire offload between the 1st location where crab are offloaded and a location where all sorting and weighing of each species has taken place, 3)be sheltered from the weather and not exposed to unreasonable safety hazards.

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Printed Record

Include an example of a printed record of a delivery. The printout should include; 1)RCR Name, 2)total weight of crab in each landing, 3) date and time information is printed, 4) name and ADF&G# of each delivering vessel.

Scale Drawing of Delivery Location

Include a scale drawing that contains; 1) each location where crab are removed from a vessel, 2) observation area, 3) location of each scale used to weigh crab, 4) location where crab are sorted, 5) location of printer.

Send completed CMP, Printed Record and Drawing to:

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PUBLIC REPORTING BURDEN STATEMENT

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Before completing this form please note the following: 1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information, subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, unless that collection-of-information displays a currently valid OMB control number; 2) This information is mandatory and is required to manage commercial fishing efforts under 50 CFR part 680, under section 402(a) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act (16 U.S.C. 1801, *et seq.*) and under 16 U.S.C. 1862(j); 3) Responses to this information request are confidential under section 104(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act (16 U.S.C. 1801, *et seq.*) They are also confidential under NOAA Administrative Order 216-100, which sets forth procedures to protect confidentiality of fishery statistics.

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

Authority: The collection of this information is authorized under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, 16 U.S.C 1801 *et seq.*

Purpose: In order to manage U.S. fisheries, the NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service collects permit holder information forms for the At-Sea Scales Program, which was developed in response to the need for catch accounting methods that were more precise and verifiable at the level of the individual haul and less dependent on estimates generated by at-sea observers. This was necessary due to the implementation of large-scale catch share programs that required NMFS to provide verifiable and defensible estimates of quota harvest. NMFS also established a set of performance based standards to allow shoreside processors to describe how they will ensure that all delivered catch can be effectively monitored by NMFS-authorized personnel, and that all catch is accurately sorted and weighed by species.

Routine Uses: The Department will use this information to identify fishery participants and evaluate the qualifications of the applicants. Disclosure of this information is permitted under the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. Section 552a), to be shared within NMFS offices, in order to coordinate monitoring and management of sustainability of fisheries and protected resources, as well as with the applicable State or Regional Marine Fisheries Commissions and International Organizations. Disclosure of this information is also subject to all of the published routine uses as identified in the Privacy Act System of Records Notice COMMERCE/NOAA-19, Permits and Registrations for the United States Federally Regulated Fisheries.

Disclosure: Furnishing this information is required to obtain or retain the benefit of participation in either an at-sea scales program or shore-based catch-monitoring program; failure to provide complete and accurate information will prevent the determination of eligibility for registration in either of these programs.