

**Proposed Amendment 112
to the Fishery Management Plan (FMP) for Groundfish of
the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands (BSAI) Management Area**

Deletions are stricken and additions are in bold.

1. Update Table of Contents as needed
2. Section 3.2.4.1 is revised to read as follows:

3.2.4.1 Observer Program

At the core of the North Pacific **fisheries** monitoring system is a comprehensive, industry-funded, on-board and on-shore observer program, coupled with requirements for total weight measurement of most fish harvested. All vessels fishing for groundfish with a ~~f~~**Federal** ~~F~~**Fisheriesing** ~~P~~**ermit** in ~~f~~**Federal** waters or in a State of Alaska parallel fishery, and all vessels fishing **for halibut or and sablefish IFQ** in ~~f~~**Federal** or ~~s~~**State** waters, are included in the observer program and may be required to carry one or more observers for at least a portion of their fishing time.

Vessels and processors ~~that have <100% in the partial observer coverage category requirements~~ are subject to an ex-vessel value based fee not to exceed 2%, as implemented and revised through regulations, and are required to carry an observer as determined by NMFS, according to an annual sampling and deployment plan. Vessels and processors ~~that have ≥100% in the full observer coverage category requirements~~ obtain observer coverage by contracting directly with observer providers, to meet coverage requirements in regulation.

Generally, catcher vessels and shoreside processors, when not participating in a catch share program with a transferrable PSC limit, ~~comprise~~ **are in the <100% partial observer coverage category**. Catcher processors and motherships, and catcher vessels when participating in a catch share program with a transferrable PSC limit, generally ~~comprise~~ **are in the ≥100% full observer coverage category**. **Some exceptions to these classifications are** ~~, with potential exceptions for some <60' catcher processors,~~ as detailed in regulation. Used in conjunction with reporting and weighing requirements, the information collected by observers provides the foundation for inseason management and for tracking species-specific catch and bycatch amounts.

3. Appendix A is amended to add the following text in Section A.1, Amendments to the FMP, in chronological amendment order, as follows (insert amendment implementation date):

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Amendment 112, implemented on _____:
Revised regulations governing the basis for NMFS to place small catcher/processors in the partial observer coverage category in the North Pacific Groundfish and Halibut Observer Program (Observer Program) in the Gulf of Alaska and the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area.

**Proposed Amendment 102
to the Fishery Management Plan (FMP) for Groundfish of
the Gulf of Alaska (GOA)**

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6. Appendix A is amended to add the following text in Section A.1, Amendments to the FMP, in chronological amendment order, as follows (insert amendment implementation date):

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Amendment 102, implemented on _____:
Revised regulations governing the basis for NMFS to place small catcher/processors in the partial observer coverage category in the North Pacific Groundfish and Halibut Observer Program (Observer Program) in the Gulf of Alaska and the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area.

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