

WAC 220-314-050 Charter logbook required—Highly migratory species. (1) It is unlawful for any vessel operator engaged in charter fishing for highly migratory species (HMS) in those areas as defined in Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.), Title 50, Part 660, Subpart K, to fail to:

(a) Possess an HMS logbook aboard the vessel while the vessel is engaged in HMS fishing or has HMS species on board;

(b) Submit the HMS logbook for inspection upon request by fish and wildlife officers.

(2) It is unlawful for any vessel operator engaged in charter fishing for HMS to fail to comply with the following methods and time frames of logbook submittal:

(a) Completed HMS log books must be submitted to the department or the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Fisheries, Southwest Fisheries Science Center.

(b) Completed HMS log book sheets must be signed and submitted within thirty days following any calendar month in which fishing activity occurred.

(c) Copies of all submitted HMS logbooks must be retained for up to three years after the fishing activity ended.

(3) It is unlawful for vessel operators engaged in charter fishing for or in possession of highly migratory species (HMS) to fail to permanently and legibly record in ink the following information within the following time constraints:

(a) For each logbook sheet, the operator shall record:

(i) The vessel operators name;

(ii) Vessel name;

(iii) Year;

(iv) Port; and

(v) HMS permit number.

(b) The vessel operator shall record within twenty-four hours after the completion of each charter trip the following information:

(i) Departure and return month and day;

(ii) General latitude and longitude fished;

(iii) Number of anglers;

(iv) Number of jig lines, number of bait poles;

(v) Number of albacore retained and released, including average weight in pounds; and

(vi) Number of other fish species retained or released.

(4) For the purposes of this section, HMS logbook means a charter logbook issued by the Washington department of wildlife available upon request from the following locations:

(a) Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, 600 Capitol Way, Olympia, WA 98501

(b) Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, 48 Devonshire Road, Montesano, WA 98563

(5) Violation of each subsection of this section is punishable as a separate infraction, under RCW 77.15.160.

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