

WAC 220-355-110 Otter trawl logbook required. (1) It is unlawful for any vessel operator engaged in commercial otter trawl fishing in Coastal Marine Fish-Shellfish Management and Catch Reporting Areas 58B, 59A-1, 59A-2, 59B, 60A-1, 60A-2, 61, 62, and 63, or possessing groundfish taken with such gear from those areas, to fail to obtain and accurately maintain the appropriate logbook.

(2) It is unlawful for the operator of the harvest vessel to fail to keep the logbook aboard the vessel while the vessel is engaged in groundfish fishing or has groundfish onboard.

(3) It is unlawful for the vessel operator to fail to submit harvest logs for inspection upon request by fish and wildlife officers and/or authorized department employees.

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

(a) Vessel operators responsible for submitting logs to the department must maintain a copy of all submitted logs for up to three years after the fishing activity ended. The copies must verify that logs sent by mail were received by the department, except that operators submitting logs directly to authorized department employees must record the name and date of the contact on the fisherman's copy of the log. The operators must maintain these copies for up to three years after the fishing activity ended.

(b) The department's copies of completed log sheets must be submitted to the department for each month in which fishing activity occurs. The department's copies must be received within ten days following any calendar month in which fishing activity occurred, or within ten days following the termination of the commercial fishing activity, whichever occurs first.

(5) It is unlawful for vessel operators engaged in commercial groundfish fishing or possessing groundfish to fail to permanently and legibly record in ink the following information within the following time constraints:

(a) For each vessel trip, the operator shall record the vessel name and registration number, crew size, departure and return date and time, and buyers of fish landed.

(b) For each trawl tow conducted, the vessel operator shall record the month and day, time gear was set and retrieved, latitude and longitude fished, depth at which most fish were caught, net type, target species, and estimated weight of fish species retained. Species or species groups with trip or cumulative limits must be identified separately and cannot be recorded in combination with other species.

(6) Violation of this section is a misdemeanor, punishable under RCW 77.15.280.

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