

2012 Observer Sampling Manual Errata

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Chapter	Page	Correction
Essential Information	2-4	Header "Providing Data the to Vessel/Plant" should read "Providing Data to the Vessel/Plant."
*Trawl Catch Data	4-3	Under Electronic Logbooks add "On vessels with flowscales, be sure to check for updates to the vessel estimate at the end of each haul."
Trawl Catch Data	4-10	Second column, first paragraph - delete "blue" from "blue observer baskets."
Trawl Catch Data	4-10	Second column, item 1, bullet - replace "you must fill them to the bottom of the handles with unsorted catch and use the volume given in Figure 4-7" with "you must fill them with unsorted catch to the level indicated for each basket type and use the volume shown for each basket type in Figure 4-7 on page 4-12. "
*Trawl Catch Data	4-23	Add "At the end of each haul check to see if the vessel estimate was updated and update your forms accordingly."
Trawl Composition Sampling	5-20	Under "Catch Estimates" the last sentence of the first paragraph should read "Catch estimates are not required in the GOA pollock fishery unless the vessel is heavily sorting at sea."
Trawl Composition Sampling	5-46 and 5-49	Examples for haul 165 sample 2 - change "Sturgeon Poacher" to "Poacher unid" on pages 5-46 and 5-49. Change the associated species code on page 5-49 from 452 to 450.
Trawl Composition Sampling	5-53	Change Aleutian skate vertebrae specimen numbers from 1, 2, and 3 to 100001, 100002, and 100003 respectively.
Longline Catch Data Collection	7-1	Table of Contents: the page reference for "Verifying the Number of Segments in a Set" is listed twice. Delete the first listing (after Hook Count and Spacing Form).
Longline Catch Data Collection	7-6	Last paragraph in left column should have a bullet.
Longline Catch Data Collection	7-22	Vessel Haul Form - the Trip Number (1) should be entered for the non-fishing days.
Longline Composition Sampling	8-33	Second weight for maturity scan fish is not needed.
Fish Measurement and Specimen Collection	13-8	Left column, second sentence in third paragraph under "Example" - "Pick a random number k between 1 and 10..." should read "Pick a random number from 1 to 11... "
Fish Measurement and Specimen Collection	13-22	Under "Specimen Number" add "Specimen numbers for skate vertebrae collections must start with 100001." Note that multiple specimens collected from the same individual must have the same specimen number.
Fish Measurement and Specimen Collection	13-30	Change Aleutian skate vertebrae specimen numbers from 1, 2, and 3 to 100001, 100002, and 100003 respectively.

Fish Measurement and Specimen Collection	13-34 and 13-35	The instructions for skate vertebrae collections should read "up to 5 vertebrae specimens from each of Aleutian, big, and longnose skates." Add the word "specimens" after each occurrence of the word "vertebrae" (1 on page 13-34 and 3 total on page 13-35).
Prohibited Species Sampling	12-4	The last sentence in the last paragraph of the first column is cut-off. It should read "Refer to Figure 12-2 and Figure 12-3 for images depicting the differences between the abdominal flap shape of the mature male and female crab. "
Bird Sightings and Interactions	16-8	Seventh line of first paragraph - the word "albatross" should not be capitalized.
Stomach and Isotope Collection	*17-1	Isotope specimens are no longer collected.
ATLAS Instructions	18-22	Under the header "Transmitting Central GOA Rockfish Program Data" the bold sentence should read "Once data has been entered you will copy your data to a USB flash drive and the plant observer OR a NMFS field agent will transmit the data off the flash drive to the NMFS office in Seattle."
Appendix	A-3	Delete code 530, Lump sucker, Pacific Spiny, <i>Eumicrotremus orbis</i> and code 531, Lump sucker, Smooth, <i>Aptocyclus ventricosus</i> .
Index	All	Appendix page numbers are shown with the chapter letter and page number but should be the letter "A" and page number.