

2014 Observer Sampling Manual Errata and Updates

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Chapter	Page	Correction/Update
2014 Observer Logbook	4	Page 4, Deployment Logistics Form for Observers on Partial Coverage Vessels. In the instructions, cross out "each trip" and replace with "observed sea days". The new instructions will read "Provide the following information for <i>observed sea days</i> on vessels in the vessel selection or trip selection pools." See the handout for more detailed instructions.
Trawl Composition	5-30	Under the heading "GULF OF ALASKA POLLOCK CATCHER VESSELS" on page 5-30 and under the heading "GOA Vessel Observer Offload Census Guidelines" on page 5-31 add the sentence "Vessel observers are not required to complete an offload salmon census for deliveries to a tender."
Trawl Composition	5-48	In the bottom right field of the Deck Form, add "FMA ID" to the genetics sample so that it reads "Genetics/FMA ID". <i>Specimen types should always be labeled in your raw data.</i>
Trawl Composition	5-51	Figure 5-12. Add 2 chum genetic specimens to the Deck Form below the Coho specimens: CHUM/ Sp #14 M, 61, 3.70kg; Sp #15 F, 55, 3.00kg. GOA observers collect genetic samples from all chum salmon encountered in their at-sea samples or offloads.
Trawl Composition	5-51	Figure 5-12. Chinook specimen #8 (bottom left of form) record "FMA ID" next to it. <i>Specimen types should always be labeled in your raw data.</i>
Longline Catch Data Collection	7-4	Left column near the bottom of the page. The "Trip Number" field has been replaced by the "Offload Trip(s) First/Last:" column. Delete the following <i>"Trip Number: Enter the number of the trip during which most of the fishing for the offload occurred. If the vessel made more than one trip to catch fish for the offload, record the trip that includes the majority of the hauls."</i>
Longline Catch Data Collection	7-32	Figure 7-13. Vessel Haul Form - Add "F" to meters or fathoms depth column. The Observer Haul Form is a 2010 form that lacks the "Flow Scale Weight" Column. All the information is correct as this is CV haul data. Observers will be issued 2014 Observer Haul Forms .
Longline Composition Sampling	8-2	The last sentence in the right hand column is cut-off. After "...access is limited and you..." add the following "...are obscured from the view of the crew. <i>Never tally from inside the wheelhouse.</i> "
Longline Composition Sampling	8-24	Right side under Vessels With One Observer bullet 1: "Sample according to the RST or RBT. On Catcher Processors, the expectation is that you will follow the schedule dictated by the RST or RNT..." Should read "...the expectation is that you will follow the schedule dictated by the <u>RST or RBT</u> ..."
Longline Composition Sampling	8-25	Pg 8-25: Second column under Halibut Weight Collection. # 1 bullet point an editing change was not accepted. Snap gear can be seen crossed out.
Longline Composition Sampling	8-29	Left side last paragraph : "...Do not try to weigh fish during your tally period when the line is coming on board time." Cross out "time" so that The last part of the sentence should read "...when the line is coming on board."
Longline Composition Sampling	8-43	Figure 8-15 Sample 101- Keypunch check for weight should be changed to 178.27 kg
Pot Vessel Composition	10-19	Figure 10-2: On the left side of the deck form the P. cod number and weight should be changed from 25@75.2 to 11@35.60kg and an additional P.cod row added under the Halibut number and weight with P.Cod 14@39.60kg.
Shoreside Plants and Floating Processors	11-6	Second column, first bullet, the sentence "Any after scale salmon must be reported to the vessel observer and <i>genetic scales</i> collected (by you <i>is</i> the vessel observer not available)" Change to the following "Any after scale salmon must be reported to the vessel observer and <i>salmon genetic samples</i> collected (by you <i>if</i> the vessel observer is not available)."
Shoreside Plants and Floating Processors	11-14	Under GOA Plants. Second to last sentence. "The vessel observer will have to obtain delivery weight informationon their own <i>form</i> the plant or an FMA office." Change to "...on their own <i>from</i> the plant or an FMA field office..."

Shoreside Plants and Floating Processors	11-16	Under Plant Offload Form instruction, change text to " <i>Offload Trips</i> " instead of "Trip Number"
Prohibited Species Sampling	12-12	Page 12-11 FMA ID SCALE COLLECTION: Last bullet (on page 12-12) under All other vessel types , add " <i>Collect FMA ID salmon scales systematically from every 20th Chinook and every 20th chum encountered during your deployment. Maintain the systematic collection (the same collection as on pollock vessels) for your entire cruise.</i> " and add " <i>other</i> " to the existing sentence so that it reads, " <i>Collect FMA ID scales from all <u>other</u> salmon species within your at-sea or offload species composition sample.</i> "
Prohibited Species Sampling	12-13	Page 12-13, under Collection Instructions. Add to Bullet 4. " <i>If you realize you missed a genetics collection (due to a slight miscount, forgetfulness, etc.), collect a specimen from the next fish, then resume your original systematic sampling interval.</i> "
Prohibited Species Sampling	12-19	Figure 12-8 on page 12-19, in sample 1 and 2 label the chum specimens as "FMA ID" scales. <i>Specimen types should always be labeled in your raw data.</i>
Fish Measurement and Specimen Collection	13-2	Page 13-2 , Under "Collecting Fish For Measurement and Specimen Data", at the end of the second paragraph make a note that in the Gulf of Alaska when pollock are predominant the collection will be approximately 50 sex/length records.
Fish Measurement and Specimen Collection	13-28	Figure 13-18 : "Length and Specimen Priority List for the Gulf of Alaska" GOA Pollock - Change the number of Sex/Lengths collected per haul to ~50 and the number of otoliths to 8 pairs for every sampled haul. <i>This should also be updated on the 2014 water proof version of the "Length and Specimen Priority List for the Gulf of Alaska" that is issued with the observer sampling gear.</i>
Stomach Collection	17-3	Under "Selecting Fish for Your Specimens", add a sentence in the middle " <i>Arrowtooth stomachs may be collected from inside or outside your sample. All arrowtooth lengths associated with a stomach collection in the BSAI should be listed at the haul level regardless of where they were collected from. Always use code 4 - size selected, unless all arrowtooth within the entire haul were collected, in this circumstance use code 10 - census.</i> "
Stomach Collection	17-4,17-5	No GOA CV collection until further notice. Observers in the BSAI should check in with their inseason advisor or the Dutch office before beginning the project.
Health and Safety Information	19-5	Left column under "ISSUES TO ADDRESS DURING A SAFETY ORIENTATION", bullet number 2 after the sentence "Life rafts are to be serviced annually with the exception of new life rafts which have 2 years before having to be serviced." add the following sentence " <i>Your vessel may be equipped with a rigid life boat (see "Rigid Life Boats" on page 19-14 for a description). Rigid life boats will not have a service due decal and so you are not expected to complete this no-go item on your safety checklist. Note in the comments of the safety checklist that the vessel had a rigid, non-serviceable life boat.</i> "
Health and Safety Information	19-14	Page 19-14 under Life Rafts , first paragraph last sentence, add the following text, " <i>See bullet 2 on page 19-5 for raft servicing and inspection requirements. Rigid life boats will not have a USCG Service Due Decal as they do not require annual or bi-annual inspection.</i> "
Appendix	A-1	The following coral codes should be added to Appendix A: Species Codes for Fishes and Invertebrates , starting on page A-1 of the Appendix. (Species ID codes for corals are also listed in the ID Manual.) 815 HYDROCORAL ANTHOATHECATAE 816 STONY CORAL SCLERACTINIA 817 GORGONIAN GORGONACEA 818 BLACK CORAL ANTIPATHARIA 819 SOFT CORAL ALCYONACEA
Appendix	A-3	Species code 145, Bering Flounder. Cross out the asterisk next to "Bering *". Collection of a specimen from this species is no longer required for identification.
Appendix	A-52	Under USCG, add to contacts fishsafewest.info website (Commercial Fishing Industry Vessel Safety) that has a lot of helpful safety information for observers.