

Standardized Bycatch Reporting Methodology (SBRM)

SBRM Requirements p1-2

- MSA requires that **any FMP** establish a **standardized reporting methodology** to **assess amount and type of bycatch occurring in the fishery**, include conservation and management measures that **minimize bycatch** and **minimize mortality of bycatch**
- MSA does **not** define standardized reporting methodology
- Final rule (2017) established national guidance for compliance

National Guidance ([Final Rule 82 FR 6317](#))

- SBRM = “an established, consistent procedure or procedures used to collect, record, and report bycatch data in a fishery”
 - **Standardized** = consistent approach for all participants in a fishery
 - **Bycatch** under MSA = commercial fish discards
 - ex: Observer Program, industry reports (fish tickets)






National Guidance ([Final Rule 82 FR 6317](#))

- any FMP must **identify** these [SBRM] procedures and **explain how** the procedure meets the purpose to collect, record, and report bycatch data, based on **4 considerations**:
 - 1) Characteristics of bycatch in the fishery
 - 2) Feasibility of the methodology
 - 3) Uncertainty of the data
 - 4) How the data will be used to assess the amount and type of bycatch
- Councils must review FMPs and make any necessary changes so all FMPs are consistent with the national guidance by Feb 21, 2022.

Standardized Bycatch REPORTING Methodology

- Different from methods used to ASSESS bycatch and the development of measures to minimize bycatch or bycatch mortality.
 - **Bycatch assessment is not part of SBRM.**

FMP	Does it have a SBRM?	Fishery or gear-specific SBRMs within FMP
BSAI Groundfish/ GOA Groundfish	Yes, observer program and industry reports	NA
BSAI Crab	Delegated to State: State observer program and industry reports	NA
Scallop	Delegated to State: State observer program and industry reports	NA
Salmon	ADF&G fish tickets Currently being amended, eLandings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delegated to state: East Area commercial troll (ADF&G fish tickets) • West Area commercial gillnet
Arctic Fish Resources	Would be established if fishing were ever authorized.	NA

FMP	Recommendation, p14
BSAI Groundfish/ GOA Groundfish 	In compliance with current SBRM guidance. No amendments are recommended.
BSAI Crab 	Amend to explicitly identify the SBRM and explain how it meets the purpose of a SBRM.
Scallop 	Amend to explicitly identify the SBRM and explain how it meets the purpose of a SBRM.
Salmon 	SBRM for should be explicitly identified in the FMP as it undergoes amendment.
Arctic Fish Resources 	If fishing is authorized in the Arctic Management Area, a SBRM would be developed. No amendment is recommended at this time.