

D5: Crab Electronic Logbooks (eLogbooks) Cost Analysis

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Introduction

- NMFS paper daily fishing logbook (DFL) and daily cumulative production logbook (DCPLs) requirement
- What DFLs/DCPLs include
- Some groundfish fleets have an electronic (eLogbook) requirement or option

Brief History of this Issue

Section 1

- **April 2018:** Council received a proposal from PNCIAC requesting eLogbooks for the BSAI king, Tanner, and snow crab fisheries
- **February 2019:** Discussion Paper
 - Council directed staff to conduct a cost analysis with PSMFC
- **February 2020:** Crab eLogbook cost analysis



Description of Problem

Section 2

PNCIAC cited two reasons:

1. More efficient and timely reporting
2. To improve catch accounting associated with partial offloads

The analysis of partial offloads concluded that the potential benefits of eLogbooks do not directly apply to the challenge of accounting for catch by area in a partial offload scenario, so only #1 applies to this analysis.



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Use of DFLs in the CR Program Fisheries

Section 3

- NOAA OLE for enforcement
- ADF&G to collect catch and effort data by statistical area
- Fishermen required to mail in copy of logbooks to OLE for all fishing

CATCHER VESSEL DFL LONGLINE AND POT GEAR										VESSEL NAME			FEDERAL CRAB VESSEL PERMIT NO.			
										OPERATOR NAME AND SIGNATURE						
IDENTIFICATION	INACTIVE	START	END	REASON	FEDERAL REPORTING AREA			CREW SIZE	GEAR TYPE (check one)							
					IFQ	CDQ	OBSERVER INFORMATION			<input type="checkbox"/> Pot is longline pot? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> Jg <input type="checkbox"/> Troll If hook & line or longline pot, complete applicable boxes below.						
	Operator IFQ Permit #		IFQ Permit #		CDQ Group #		NO. OF OBSERVERS ONBOARD			HOOK & LINE OR LONGLINE If hook & line or longline pot, complete applicable boxes below.						
	IFQ Permit #		IFQ Permit #		Halibut CDQ Permit #		OBSERVER NAME & CRUISE #			GEAR ID	ROSD HOOK	CRAB	TUB	4' TUB	Length of state (position) or wt (pot) (ft)	
	IFQ Permit #		IFQ Permit #				OBSERVER NAME & CRUISE #			A						
MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (Check if applicable and enter number)										<input type="checkbox"/> CDQ <input type="checkbox"/> Exempted <input type="checkbox"/> Research <input type="checkbox"/> AIP No. _____						
CATCH BY SET	SET #	DATE & TIME SET	DATE & TIME HAILED	Booy or Bag #	BEGIN POSITION LATITUDE LONGITUDE	Booy or Bag #	END POSITION LATITUDE LONGITUDE	BEGIN & END DEPTH (Fath.)	GEAR ID	NUMBER OF SKATES OR POTS		TARGET SPECIES CODE	CDQ/IFQ HALIBUT (Pounds)	IFQ SABL (Pounds) (Round up; if greater than 100, round out)	CR CRAB	HAUL WEIGHT (lb. or st.)
									Set	Lost						

Catcher vessel longline and pot gear DFL

Estimated Costs of Current Paper Logbooks

Section 4

Estimated costs for ADF&G: Table 4-1

Fishery (2015/16)	TOTALS
#Landings	1,068
#Vessels	254
#Logbooks	1,016
Time (MIN)	30,480
Cost (MIN)	\$35,265.67
Time (MAX)	91,440
Cost (MAX)	\$105,797.00
Time (AVE)	60,960
Cost (AVE)	\$70,531.34

Fishery (2018/19)	TOTALS
#Landings	618
#Vessels	158
#Logbooks	592
Time (MIN)	17,760
Cost (MIN)	\$20,548.50
Time (MAX)	53,280
Cost (MAX)	\$61,645.50
Time (AVE)	35,520
Cost (AVE)	\$41,097.00

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Estimated costs for NMFS

- OLE: close to zero for data entry and storage
- For printing up to 200 paper logbooks for ~65 crab CVs: \$2,622/yr
- For printing 1-2 paper logbooks for 1 crab CP: \$42/yr
- To administer the Paperwork Reduction Act for ~65 crab CVs and 1 CP: ~\$1,000
- Rough shipping estimate: \$2,340 on priority mail
- Distribution of paper logbooks to the fleet: close to zero for staff time
- TOTAL/yr: \$6,004

Estimated Costs for eLogbooks

Section 6

Initial Estimate from PSMFC

- \$200,000 - \$300,000 upfront cost
- \$10,000 - \$20,000 annual costs
- Estimate does not include hiring support staff, servers, CV computers
- More accurate estimate would require more detailed information from industry



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Decision Point for Council

Determine whether, based on the potential costs and benefits of developing and administering an eLogbook program, it would be an effective way to meet the goals of both the CR industry participants and federal and state managers.

