

**PART 677—NORTH PACIFIC
FISHERIES RESEARCH PLAN**

4. The authority citation for part 677 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

5. Section 677.10, paragraphs (c)(3) and (d)(3) are revised to read as follows:

§ 677.10 General requirements.

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(c) * * *

(3) Facilitate transmission of observer data by:

(i) Allowing observers to use the vessel's communication equipment and personnel, on request, for the entry, transmission, and receipt of work-related messages, at no cost to the observers, the State of Alaska, or the United States;

(ii) Ensuring that each mothership that receives pollock harvested in the catcher vessel operational area, defined at § 675.22(g) of this chapter, during the pollock nonroe season that starts on August 15, is equipped with INMARSAT Standard A satellite communication capabilities, cc:Mail remote, and the data entry software, provided by the Regional Director, for

use by the observer. The operator of each mothership processing vessel shall also make available for the observers' use the following equipment compatible therewith and having the ability to operate the NMFS-supplied data entry software program: A personal computer with a 486 or better processing chip, a DOS 3.0, or better operating system with 10 megabytes free hard disk storage and 8 megabytes RAM; and

(iii) Ensuring that the communication equipment that is on mothership processor vessels as specified at paragraph (c)(3)(ii) of this section, and that is used by observers to transmit data is fully functional and operational.

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(d) * * *

(3) Facilitate transmission of observer data by:

(i) Allowing observers to use the shoreside processing facility's communication equipment and personnel, on request, for the entry, transmission, and receipt of work-related messages, at no cost to the observers, the State of Alaska, or the United States;

(ii) Ensuring that each shoreside processing facility that is required to

have 100-percent observer coverage under § 677.10 and that receives pollock harvested in the catcher vessel operational area, defined at § 675.22(g) of this chapter, during the second pollock season that starts on August 15, under § 675.23(e) of this chapter, makes available to the observer the following equipment or equipment compatible therewith: A personal computer with a minimum of a 486 processing chip with at least a 9600-baud modem and a telephone line. The personal computer must be equipped with a mouse, Windows version 3.1, or a program having the ability to operate the NMFS-supplied data entry software program, 10 megabytes free hard disk storage, 8 megabytes RAM, and with data entry software provided by the Regional Director for use by the observers; and

(iii) Ensuring that the communication equipment that is in the shoreside processing facility as specified at paragraph (d)(3)(ii) of this section, and that is used by observers to transmit data is fully functional and operational.

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