

**§ 622.7 Prohibitions.**

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(aa) Fail to comply with the Gulf shrimp interim measures specified in § 622.9.

**§ 622.8 At-sea observer coverage.**

(a) If a vessel's trip is selected by the SRD for observer coverage, the owner or operator of a vessel for which a commercial permit for golden crab has been issued, as required under § 622.17(a), must carry a NMFS-approved observer.

(b) When notified in writing by the SRD that his or her vessel has been selected to carry an NMFS-approved observer, an owner or operator must advise the SRD in writing not less than 5 days in advance of each trip of the following:

- (1) Departure information (port, dock, date, and time).
- (2) Expected landing information (port, dock, and date).

(c) An owner or operator of a vessel on which a NMFS approved observer is embarked must:

- (1) Provide accommodations and food that are equivalent to those provided to the crew.
- (2) Allow the observer access to and use of the vessel's communications equipment and personnel upon request for the transmission and receipt of messages related to the observer's duties.
- (3) Allow the observer access to and use of the vessel's navigation equipment and personnel upon request to determine the vessel's position.
- (4) Allow the observer free and unobstructed access to the vessel's bridge, working decks, holding bins, weight scales, holds, and any other space used to hold, process, weigh, or store golden crab.
- (5) Allow the observer to inspect and copy the vessel's log, communications logs, and any records associated with the catch and distribution of golden crab for that trip.

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EFFECTIVE DATE NOTE: At 63 FR 27488, May 19, 1998, § 622.9 was added, effective May 14, 1998, through Nov. 11, 1998. For the convenience of the user, the added text follows:

**§ 622.9 Gulf shrimp interim measures.**

(a) *Vessel logbooks.* In addition to the requirements of § 622.5(a)(1)(iii), the owner or operator of a vessel that fishes for shrimp in the Gulf EEZ who is selected to report by the SRD must maintain fishing records on forms available from the SRD. The owner or operator must submit completed fishing records to the SRD postmarked not later than 7 days after the end of each fishing trip. If no fishing occurred during a calendar month, the owner or operator must submit a report so stating on one of the forms postmarked not later than 7 days after the end of that month. Information to be reported is indicated on the form and its accompanying instructions.

(b) *Observer coverage.* (1) If a vessel is selected by the SRD for observer coverage, the owner or operator of the vessel that fishes for shrimp in the Gulf EEZ must carry a NMFS-approved observer aboard the vessel.

(2) When notified in writing by the SRD that his or her vessel has been selected to carry a NMFS-approved observer, the owner or operator must advise the SRD in writing not less than 5 days in advance of each trip of the port, dock, date, and time of departure and the port, dock, date, and time of landing.

(3) An owner or operator of a vessel on which a NMFS-approved observer is embarked must:

- (i) Provide accommodations and food that are equivalent to those provided to the crew.
- (ii) Allow the observer access to and use of the vessel's communications equipment and personnel upon request for the transmission and receipt of messages related to the observer's duties.
- (iii) Allow the observer access to and use of the vessel's navigation equipment and personnel upon request to determine the vessel's position.
- (iv) Allow the observer free and unobstructed access to the vessel's bridge, working decks, holding bins, weight scales, holds, and any other space used to hold, process, weigh, or store fish.
- (v) Allow the observer to inspect and copy the vessel's log, communications logs, and any records associated with