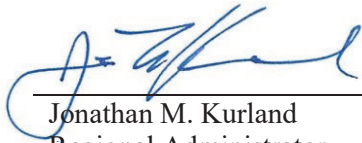


**BERING SEA POLLOCK FISHERY
EXEMPTED FISHING PERMIT
AUTHORITY: 50 C.F.R. § 600.745(b) AND 50 C.F.R. § 679.6
PERMIT 2024-02**

The Regional Administrator, National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), Alaska Region, acting on behalf of the Secretary of Commerce, hereby authorizes certain vessels using trawl gear targeting pollock in the Bering Sea (see Section B) to test modifications to the footrope of these vessels' pelagic trawl gear as set forth herein. This exempted fishing permit (EFP) describes the terms of this authorized regulatory exemption.

The EFP holders (see Section A) and EFP representatives (see Section C) must comply with the terms of this EFP and, except as set forth in this EFP (see Section D), must comply with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), and 50 CFR parts 600 and 679. An authorized EFP representative for each vessel participating in experimental fishing under this EFP must complete and sign a copy of the Vessel Data Sheet contained in Appendix A of this EFP. NMFS will maintain the list of EFP vessels (see Section B) during the EFP effective period.

This permit (permit 2024-02) will be valid and effective when signed by the Regional Administrator and all EFP holders. Once effective, this permit will be valid through December 31, 2027. If experimental fishing concludes before December 31, 2027, EFP holders may terminate the permit by notifying Maggie Chan at maggie.chan@noaa.gov, NMFS Alaska Region. This permit may be revoked, modified, or suspended under the permit's terms, by the Regional Administrator or by regulatory action under 50 C.F.R. part 679, 50 C.F.R. 600.745, or 15 C.F.R. part 904.



Jonathan M. Kurland
Regional Administrator

12/12/2024

Date Signed

**BERING SEA POLLOCK FISHERY
EXEMPTED FISHING PERMIT 2024-02
EFP HOLDER SIGNATURE PAGE**



EFP Holder Signature

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EFP Holder Company/Affiliation

12/11/2024

Date Signed



EFP Holder Signature

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Date Signed

**BERING SEA POLLOCK FISHERY
EXEMPTED FISHING PERMIT 2024-02
TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

AUTHORITY: 50 C.F.R. § 600.745(b) AND 50 C.F.R. § 679.6

**FOOTROPE MODIFICATIONS TO PELAGIC TRAWL GEAR IN THE BERING SEA
POLLOCK FISHERIES**

A. EFP Holders.

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The individuals listed above are the EFP holders for this permit.

For purposes of this EFP, EFP holders, will be the main point of contact for the EFP vessels (see Section B) and NMFS. The EFP holders are responsible for ensuring that the EFP representatives (see Section C) understand and comply with the provisions of this EFP.

The EFP holders will provide written and oral interim reports as requested by the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC) or NMFS Alaska Region, including but not limited to annual reports that include a summary of the EFP vessels' fishing activities under the EFP, any problems and successes the EFP holders or EFP vessels have encountered, and how well the EFP objectives identified in the EFP application submitted by the EFP holders were accomplished. Additionally, within six months of the end of EFP fishing under this EFP, a final report shall be submitted to the NMFS Alaska Region that updates the interim reports and describes how well EFP objectives were accomplished. NMFS will make these reports available to the public. The EFP holders are solely responsible for providing the reports as set forth in this section.

The EFP holders must immediately notify the NMFS Alaska Region and the owner of any EFP vessel if there are indications that an EFP vessel or EFP representative is not complying with the EFP.

- B. EFP Vessels.** Gladiator (Federal Fisheries Permit: 1318), Golden Dawn (Federal Fisheries Permit: 1292), Northern Patriot (Federal Fisheries Permit: 2769), Sovereignty (Federal Fisheries Permit: 2770), Island Enterprise (Federal Fisheries Permit: 3870).

The vessels listed above constitute the initial list of vessels that will participate in this EFP (EFP vessels). For any change to the list of EFP vessels, the EFP holders shall submit an updated list of EFP vessels to NMFS at least 10 days prior to the effective change. The list of EFP vessels will be maintained by NMFS during the EFP effective period (see Section E) and made available on the NMFS Alaska Region website.

A physical or electronic copy of this EFP must be kept on board each EFP vessel and made available to NMFS staff, the NOAA Office of Law Enforcement, the U.S. Coast Guard, or a designated NMFS representative upon request. The EFP representative of each EFP vessel is responsible for complying with this requirement.

- C. EFP representatives.** Each EFP vessel (see Section B) must designate a representative to serve as a point of contact. Each EFP representative must complete and sign a Vessel Data Sheet (Appendix A). The Vessel Data Sheet must be submitted to NMFS Alaska Region and the EFP holders at least 10 days prior to the EFP vessel fishing under this EFP.
- D. Exemption from Federal Regulations.** EFP vessels must comply with the applicable requirements of 50 CFR, parts 600 and 679, except for the following exemption. The regulation at 50 C.F.R. § 679.2 (“Authorized fishing gear,” para. (14)(vii)), defines “pelagic trawl gear” as having “no more than one fishing line and one footrope for a total of no more than two weighted lines on the bottom of the trawl between the wing tip and the fishing circle.” During the effective period of the EFP (see Section E), EFP vessels are exempted from 50 C.F.R. § 679.2 (“Authorized fishing gear,” para. (14)(vii)) to the extent that any gear modification the EFP holders undertake is consistent with section 3 of the EFP application submitted by the EFP holders (see Section A) on September 16, 2024. That application is publicly available at the NMFS Alaska Region website.
- E. EFP Effective Period.** This permit will be valid and effective when signed by the Regional Administrator and all EFP holders (see Section A). Fishing by EFP vessels (see Section B) under the terms of this EFP is authorized from the date this EFP becomes valid and effective through December 31, 2027, or until EFP fishing is concluded, whichever is earlier.
- F. Exempted Fishing Areas.** Fishing under this EFP is restricted to the Bering Sea Subarea of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area, as defined in 50 C.F.R. § 679.2 (Bering Sea Subarea of the BSAI).
- G. Sanctions.** Failure of the EFP holders, EFP representatives, EFP vessel crew, or the owners or operators of EFP vessels to comply with the terms and conditions of this EFP and 50 C.F.R., parts 600 and 679, the Magnuson-Stevens Act, or any other applicable regulations, except as set forth in Section D, may be cause for revocation, suspension, or modification of this EFP, as well as civil or criminal penalties under the Magnuson-Stevens Act.

APPENDIX A—VESSEL DATA SHEET
EXEMPTED FISHING PERMIT: 2024-02
EFP VESSEL

Name of managing company:

Vessel Name:

Federal Permit Number:

Owner Name:

Owner Address:

Phone:

Email:

Name, phone number, and email of EFP representative:

Signature of EFP Representative:

Signature

Date signed

The signature above confirm this information, but do not constitute a final commitment to participate in the test operation.