

Location § 679.5, paragraph	Current text	Proposed text
(k)(1)(iv)	<i>Exemption: IFQ departure report.</i> If a vessel is carrying only IFQ halibut or IFQ sablefish onboard and the operator has submitted a Departure Report per paragraph (1)(5)(iii)(B) of this section, a VAR is not required.	<i>Exemption: IFQ departure report.</i> If a vessel is carrying only IFQ halibut or IFQ sablefish onboard and the operator has submitted an IFQ Departure Report per paragraph (1)(4) of this section, a VAR is not required.

Section 679.5(l)(1) IFQ Prior Notice of Landing (PNOL)

The intent of the PNOL is to provide International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) monitoring personnel and OLE personnel advance notice of vessel IFQ landings. Under current regulations, the operator of any vessel intending to make a landing of IFQ halibut, CDQ halibut, or IFQ sablefish must submit a PNOL to OLE 6 hours before making the landing.

This action would revise the PNOL procedure by changing the prior notification from 6 hours to 3 hours. This change would provide adequate monitoring and enforcement

opportunities. The 3-hour time limit would result in improved economic efficiency in the fishery, allowing an overall exvessel price for IFQ fish to improve for a vessel operator due to additional time to seek out more competitive marketing opportunities. IFQ card holders and Registered Buyers would have more flexibility during their business negotiations. In general, this action would relieve burdens on small entities, which include Registered Buyers. It may contribute to increased competition in the delivery market for IFQ halibut and sablefish. It could benefit consumers and even cause Registered Buyers to expand into more

markets (*i.e.*, fresh fish). The estimated number of directly regulated small entities would include approximately 3,485 holders of halibut QS, 872 holders of sablefish QS, approximately 290 hired masters, and all six of the CDQ groups hold CDQ halibut.

In addition, vessels would be required to report "location of landings" rather than "Registered Buyer." This change would provide IPHC and OLE personnel with the exact location of the landing, which is needed to plan monitoring activities, while not requiring a vessel to commit to a specific processor.

Detailed changes to the PNOL regulatory text are presented below:

§ 679.5, paragraph	Redesignated as	No change	Revised	Removed	Added
(l) heading .....	.....	.....	X	.....	.....
Introductory (l) .....	.....	.....	X	.....	.....
(l)(1) heading .....	.....	.....	X	.....	.....
(l)(1)(i) heading .....	.....	.....	X	.....	.....
(l)(1)(i)	(l)(1)(i)(A) .....	.....	X	.....	.....
(l)(1)(ii)	(l)(1)(i)(B) .....	.....	X	.....	.....
(l)(1)(v)	(l)(1)(ii) .....	.....	X	.....	.....
Introductory (l)(1)(iii) .....	.....	.....	X	.....	.....
(l)(1)(iii)(A) .....	.....	X	.....	.....	.....
(l)(1)(iii)(B), (C) .....	.....	.....	X	.....	.....
(l)(1)(iii)(D) .....	.....	X	.....	.....	.....
(l)(1)(iii)(E) .....	.....	.....	.....	X	.....
(l)(1)(iii)(F) thru (H)	(l)(1)(iii)(E) thru (G) .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
(l)(1)(iii)(H) .....	.....	.....	.....	X	.....
(l)(1)(iv) .....	.....	.....	X	.....	.....

Revisions to the regulatory text are presented below, showing the location of the text, the current text, and the proposed text.

Location § 679.5, paragraph	Current text	Proposed text
(l) heading	IFQ and CDQ halibut recordkeeping and reporting.	IFQ Program recordkeeping and reporting.
Introductory (l)	In addition to the recordkeeping and reporting requirements in this section and as prescribed in the annual management measures published in the FEDERAL REGISTER pursuant to § 300.62 of this title, the following IFQ reports are required, when applicable: prior notices of landing, landing report, shipment report, transshipment authorization, vessel clearance, and IFQ departure report.	In addition to the recordkeeping and reporting requirements in this section and as prescribed in the annual management measures published in the FEDERAL REGISTER pursuant to § 300.62 of this title, the following reports and authorizations are required, when applicable: IFQ Prior Notice of Landing, Product Transfer Report (see 679.5(g)), IFQ Landing Report, IFQ Transshipment Authorization, and IFQ Departure Report.
(l)(1) heading	Prior notice of IFQ landing.	IFQ Prior Notice of Landing (PNOL).
(l)(1)(i) heading	Applicability.	Time limits and submittals.
(l)(1)(i)(A)	(l)(1)(i) Except as provided in paragraph (l)(1)(iv) of this section, the operator of any vessel making an IFQ landing must notify OLE, Juneau, AK no fewer than 6 hours before landing IFQ halibut or IFQ sablefish, unless permission to commence an IFQ landing within 6 hours of notification is granted by a clearing officer.	(l)(1)(i)(A) Except as provided in paragraph (l)(1)(iv) of this section, the operator of any vessel making an IFQ landing must notify OLE, Juneau, AK no fewer than 3 hours before landing IFQ halibut or IFQ sablefish, unless permission to commence an IFQ landing within 3 hours of notification is granted by a clearing officer.
(l)(1)(i)(B)	(l)(1)(ii) <i>Time limits.</i> A prior notice of landing must be made to the toll-free telephone number 800-304-4846 or to 907-586-7202 between the hours of 0600 hours, A.I.t., and 2400 hours, A.I.t.	(l)(1)(i)(B) A PNOL must be made to the toll-free telephone number 800-304-4846 or to 907-586-7163 between hours of 0600 hours, A.I.t., and the 2400 hours, A.I.t.