



# Confidential Data Request Form

## Fishery Resource Analysis and Monitoring

### Northwest Fisheries Science Center

Please complete the form and email to the applicable contact below. We will attempt to respond to all requests within 30 days of receiving the request. If you have not heard from us within 30 days, please call or email.

**Please note:** It may take longer than 30 days to actually fulfill your request.

#### Contacts

West Coast Groundfish Observer Program: Jon McVeigh, (206) 302-2423 or [jon.mcveigh@noaa.gov](mailto:jon.mcveigh@noaa.gov)

At-Sea Hake Observer Program: Vanessa Tuttle, (206) 860-3479 or [vanessa.tuttle@noaa.gov](mailto:vanessa.tuttle@noaa.gov)

Economic and Social Science Research Program: Leif Anderson, (206) 302-2403 or [leif.anderson@noaa.gov](mailto:leif.anderson@noaa.gov)

Name:

Affiliation:

Email:

Phone:

1. **Program name.** If requesting data from multiple programs, please submit a separate request to each program.
2. **Data request details.** Please describe the data you are requesting with as much detail as possible. Include specific data sets and variables that can help delimit your request to a data subset, such as date ranges, specific fleets, or species, ports, etc. If you are requesting aggregated data or data summaries, describe how you would like data aggregated or summarized (e.g., annually, monthly by port, by state, etc.).
3. **Intended use.** Please describe the data's intended use. Provide information about the topic you're studying, the purpose and expected use of the study, and the types of models or methods that will be applied to the data.

4. **Confidential use.** Please explain why you need confidential data. That is, what aspects of your data use can't be met by non-confidential data aggregations or summaries?

**Request time period:** If requesting economics data, record either the end date for your current contract or the expected end of the proposed research. If requesting observer data, record the date one year from today's date.

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The requestor acknowledges the following:

- Before releasing or publishing the data or results based on the data, the requestor will provide the Program(s) (listed above) with a draft of the document to review.
- All data obtained through this request is for his/her exclusive use.
- **A FRAM Division Statement of Non-Disclosure must be signed by the requestor before any confidential data is released to the requestor.**
- Confidential data must be aggregated or summarized before it is published or release to the public to ensure that confidential information is not revealed. In general, this means that at least three independent observations (they cannot be the same person, entity, or businesses) must be used in the aggregation or summarization. In some cases, more than three observations may be required to preserve the confidentiality of the data. For example, when one observation is so large relative to the others that aggregating or summarizing them fails to effective conceal the value of the largest observation. Furthermore, no data aggregations or summaries can be released that, when combined with previously published information, results in the release of confidential information. Questions related to this should be directed to the appropriate program.

Data used in a publication should be cited as:

*NAME OF CHOSEN DATA COLLECTION PROGRAM*, NOAA Fisheries, 2725 Montlake Blvd. East, Seattle, WA 98112.

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Please sign and date below to acknowledge that all information provided is correct to the best of your understanding, and that you have read this document and agree to abide by its conditions.

Signature

Date