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Compliance Guide

Guam Bottomfish Fishing: Large Vessel Prohibited Area, Permits, and Reporting

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This guide provides information for fishermen on how to comply with the prohibited area, permits, and reporting requirements for bottomfish fisheries in Federal waters around Guam. The information provided here pertains only to the final rules published in the *Federal Register* on November 2, 2006 ([71 FR 64474](#)), and December 1, 2006 ([71 FR 69495](#)). For the official regulations, refer to Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 665, [section 665.400](#).

Regulations are subject to change, so fishermen must familiarize themselves with the most recent changes and are responsible to comply with them. Any discrepancies between this compliance guide and the regulations will be resolved in the favor of the regulations published in the *Federal Register* (71 FR 64474, November 2, 2006, and 71 FR 69495, December 1, 2006) and in the Code of Federal Regulations. This compliance guide is issued in accordance with Section 212 of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996: Title II of Public Law 104-21.

Q1. Who is affected by the regulations?

The regulations affect operators of U.S. domestic large vessels, i.e., those 50 ft (15.2 m) or longer, who fish for bottomfish management unit species in Federal waters around Guam.

Q2. When did the regulations take effect and for how long are they effective?

The regulations were effective on October 12, 2006, and the reporting and permit requirements were effective on January 2, 2007. The regulations will remain effective until they are revised or removed by the NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS).

Q3. What is the purpose of the regulations?

The regulations are the result of an amendment to the Fishery Management Plan for Bottomfish and Seamount Groundfish of the Western Pacific Region, developed by the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council and approved and implemented by the Secretary of Commerce. The 50-nm prohibited area and the data collection program provide for the collection of adequate fishery information for effective management and to maintain viable community participation and bottomfish catch rates by small vessels, maintain traditional patterns of the bottomfish supply to local markets, and reduce the potential risk of local depletion of deepwater bottomfish stocks near Guam.

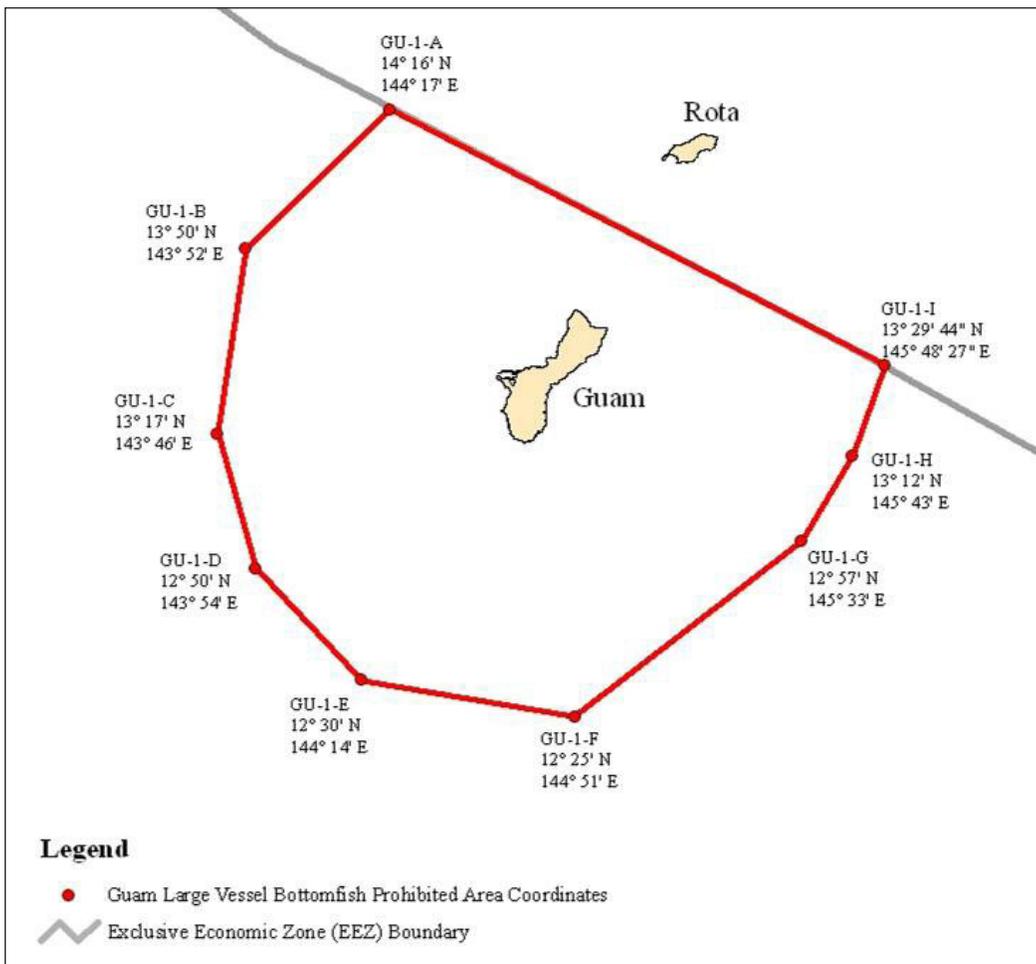
Q4. What are the regulations?

The regulations prohibit large vessels (greater than 50 ft or 15.2 m) from fishing for bottomfish in Federal waters within 50 nm (92.6 km) around Guam. The regulations also establish a requirement for large bottomfish fishing vessels to obtain Federal fishing permits, and to report catch, effort, and other information on Federal fishing logbooks. These large vessels must also be identified (marked) according to Federal regulations.

Q5. Where is the large vessel bottomfish prohibited area?

The large vessel bottomfish prohibited area around Guam means the portion of the U.S. EEZ around Guam enclosed by straight lines connecting the following coordinates in the order listed (50 CFR 665.403):

POINT	NORTH LATITUDE	EAST LONGITUDE
GU-1-A	14° 16'	144° 17'
GU-1-B	13° 50'	143° 52'
GU-1-C	13° 17'	143° 46'
GU-1-D	12° 50'	143° 54'
GU-1-E	12° 30'	144° 14'
GU-1-F	12° 25'	144° 51'
GU-1-G	12° 57'	145° 33'
GU-1-H	13° 12'	145° 43'
GU-1-I	13° 29' 44"	145° 48' 27"
GU-1-A	14° 16'	144° 17'



Q6. How do I apply for a permit?

You may request a permit application from the following sources:

- Website: www.fpir.noaa.gov/SFD/SFD_permits_index.html
- Email: piro-permits@noaa.gov
- Phone: (808) 725-5190

Q7. Where do I send the completed permit application and fee?

Mail the completed application, fee, and required documents to:

Permits
Sustainable Fisheries
NMFS Pacific Islands Regional Office
1845 Wasp Blvd., Bldg. 176
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Q8. What are the required fishing record forms?

The operator of a Guam large bottomfish vessel must maintain an accurate and complete record of catch, effort, and other data in logbooks provided by NMFS (50 CFR 665.14). The operator must record all information specified on the forms within 24 hours after the completion of each fishing day, and must sign and date each form. The original logbook form for each day of the fishing trip must be submitted to NMFS Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center (PIFSC) within 72 hours of each landing of bottomfish management unit species.

Q9. Where can I obtain a fishing logbook, and where do I send it when completed?

To obtain or submit logbooks or sales reports, please contact:

Fisheries Monitoring Branch
NMFS Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center
1845 Wasp Blvd., Bldg. 176
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Tel: (808) 725-5326
Email: kurt.kawamoto@noaa.gov
Website: www.pifsc.noaa.gov/fmb/fmap/federal_forms

Q10. What are the vessel identification requirements?

Large bottomfish vessels must be identified in compliance with Federal vessel identification requirements at 50 CFR 665.16. The vessel's official number must be marked in block Arabic numerals at least 18 inches high for fishing and receiving vessels over 65 ft, and at least 10 inches high for smaller vessels. Markings must be legible and of a color that contrasts with the background. The vessel operator must ensure that the official number is clearly legible and in good repair, and must ensure that no part of the vessel, rigging, or fishing gear obstructs the view of the official number.

Q11. Where can I obtain additional copies of this guide or receive more information about these regulations?

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