§ 665.16 Vessel identification.

(a) Applicability. Each fishing vessel subject to this part, except those identified in paragraph (e) of this section, must be marked for identification purposes, as follows:

(1) A vessel that is registered for use with a valid permit issued under §665.801 and used to fish on the high seas within the Convention Area as defined in §300.211 of this title must be marked in accordance with §§300.14 and 300.217 of this title.

(2) A vessel that is registered for use with a valid permit issued under Subparts B through E of this part and not used to fish on the high seas within the Convention Area must be marked in accordance with either:

(i) Sections 300.14 and 300.217 of this title, or

(ii) Paragraph (b) of this section.

(3) A vessel that is registered for use with a valid permit issued under Subparts B through E of this part must be marked in accordance with paragraph (b) of this section.

(b) Identification. Each vessel subject to this section must be marked as follows:

(1) Sections 300.14 and 300.217 of this title, or

(2) Paragraph (b) of this section.

(3) A vessel that is registered for use with a valid permit issued under Subparts B through E of this part must be marked in accordance with paragraph (b) of this section.

(c) Identification. Each vessel subject to this section must be marked as follows:

(1) The vessel’s official number must be affixed to the port and starboard sides of the deckhouse or hull, and on an appropriate weather deck, so as to be visible from enforcement vessels and aircraft. Marking must be legible and
§665.17 Experimental fishing.

(a) General. The Regional Administrator may authorize, for limited purposes, the direct or incidental harvest of MUS that would otherwise be prohibited by this part. No experimental fishing may be conducted unless authorized by an EFP issued by the Regional Administrator in accordance with the criteria and procedures specified in this section. EFPs will be issued without charge.

(b) Observers. No experimental fishing for crustacean MUS may be conducted unless a NMFS observer is aboard the vessel.

(c) Application. An applicant for an EFP must submit to the Regional Administrator at least 60 days before the desired date of the EFP a written application including, but not limited to, the following information:

1. The date of the application.
2. The applicant's name, mailing address, and telephone number.
3. A statement of the purposes and goals of the experiment for which an EFP is needed, including a general description of the arrangements for disposition of all species harvested under the EFP.
4. A statement of whether the proposed experimental fishing has broader significance than the applicant's individual goals.
5. For each vessel to be covered by the EFP:
   i. Vessel name.
   ii. Name, address, and telephone number of owner and operator.
   iii. USCG documentation, state license, or registration number.
   iv. Home port.
   v. Length of vessel.
   vi. Net tonnage.
6. A description of the species (directed and incidental) to be harvested under the EFP and the amount of such harvest necessary to conduct the experiment.
7. For each vessel covered by the EFP, the approximate times and places fishing will take place, and the type, size, and amount of gear to be used.
8. The signature of the applicant.

(d) Incomplete applications. The Regional Administrator may request from an applicant additional information necessary to make the determinations required under this section. An applicant will be notified of an incomplete application within 10 working days of receipt of the application. An incomplete application will not be considered until corrected in writing.

(e) Issuance. (1) If an application contains all of the required information, NMFS will publish a notice of receipt of the application in the Federal Register with a brief description of the proposal and will give interested persons an opportunity to comment. The Regional Administrator will also forward copies of the application to the Council, the USCG, and the fishery management agency of the affected