

Approved Validation Interpretations

Interpretation types	<p>Some interpretations share characteristics that allow them to be grouped together for some aspects of consideration. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Where the data on the return is interpreted from the data provided on neighboring returns, being returns which form part of a page numbered series or part of a consecutive series with the return in question, either by date or serial number, and relating to the same vessel/permit combination.
Overriding consideration	<p>It is not possible to specify all possible situations that might arise under each of these descriptions. Therefore despite any approval that we give, an interpretation should not be obviously inconsistent with other information on the form or with common-sense.</p>
Should the interpretation be made?	<p>It may not be in FishServe's interest to make an interpretation if a fisher is systematically making the same error. A letter to the fisher may correct the error into the future saving more validator time overall.</p>
Numbers	<p>In some cases there is a precedence to the interpretations to be allowed. For this reason, the interpretations have been numbered.</p>
Additional text	<p>Fishers often enter additional information on any form type. This information can be helpful in interpreting the meaning of other data on the form therefore it is important that the validators see this additional information. Data entry staff are required to enter any additional text that is entered within a field so that an error is generated.</p> <p>Where the text is not required or not relevant the validators should make an interpreted version and delete the additional information. An additional text comment must be made.</p>

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Field name on form	Possible Interpretations	Historical	Current forms	Approval date
Form number	None			
First day of trip	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Year given in wrong format (28/11/20, 28/11/200) (but would need to contact fisher if they did this systematically) 2. Day and month reversed (11/28/00) (if the month >12 and other dates on the form support this interpretation) 3. From first effort date (if present and if the year is unambiguously known and if the lack of a form date was just due to a corner ripped off the form) 4. From last day of trip (if present) 5. From landing date (if the only date present) 6. From date signed (if only date present) 7. Day of month from a page numbered series of returns 8. Month from a page numbered series of returns 9. Year from a page numbered series of returns 10. Entire date from a page numbered series of returns 	<p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p>	<p>1/10/01</p> <p>1/10/01</p> <p>1/10/01</p>
Last day of trip	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Year given in wrong format (28/11/20, 28/11/200) (but would need to contact fisher if they did this systematically) 2. Day and month reversed (11/28/00) (if the month >12 and other dates on the form support this interpretation) 3. From first day of trip 4. From landing date 5. From last effort date 6. From date signed (if only date present) 7. Day of month from a page numbered series of returns 8. Month from a page numbered series of returns 9. Year from a page numbered series of returns 10. Entire date from a page numbered series of returns 	<p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p>	<p>1/10/01</p> <p>1/10/01</p> <p>1/10/01</p> <p>1/10/01</p> <p>1/10/01</p>

Landing date	1. Year given in wrong format (28/11/20, 28/11/200)(but would need to contact fisher if they did this systematically)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	2. Day and month reversed (11/28/00)(if the month>12 and other dates on the form support this interpretation)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	3. From last day of trip	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	4. From first day of trip	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	5. From last effort date	Yes	No	1/10/01
	6. From date signed (if only date present)	No	No	
	7. Day of month from a page numbered series of returns	No	No	
	8. Month from a page numbered series of returns	No	No	
	9. Year from a page numbered series of returns	No	No	
	10. Entire date from a page numbered series of returns	No	No	
	11. Where no effort is present and only a landing date is given interpret the landing date into the trip date fields if all data entered is consistent with the form reporting a landing only.	Yes	Yes	27/08/02

Vessel registration number ¹	1. From vessel name (where the number given is missing a single digit required to match vessel name and the book was issued to that vessel)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	2. From vessel name (where transposing two digits in the number given produces a match with vessel name and the book was issued to that vessel)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	3. From vessel name (no number given but the book was issued to that vessel)	Yes	No	1/10/01
	4. From a page numbered series of returns (where no vessel number given, but vessel name is present and matches that in the page numbered series of returns)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	5. From a page numbered series of returns (where no vessel details are present)	No	No	
	6. Where a fisher has written 'no vessel' or 'shore fishing' or 'N/A' or their permit holder client number or have put a line through the field, and the method code does not require a vessel, interpret vessel registration number to "NONE" if the vessel name field is blank. But would need to contact fisher if they did this systematically.	Yes	Yes	1/10/01 Amended 22/11/01 Amended 02/08/02
	7. Where the fisher has entered the correct vessel name in the vessel registration number field and the correct vessel registration number in the vessel name field, interpret vessel flag to "Y"	Yes	Yes	20/11/01
	8. Where the vessel name has been entered in the correct field and the vessel registration number has been entered in the "Vessel registration number of other vessel (when pair fishing)" field interpret into the correct field if the method is not a pair fishing method and the vessel name matches the vessel registration number. But would need to contact fisher if they did this systematically.	Yes	Yes	9/01/02
	9. Where a digit is repeated in the vessel number, resulting in an extra digit in the number, remove the repeated digit if the name is given in full and there is no other vessel with a similar name and number. But would need to contact fisher if they did this systematically.	Yes	Yes	31/10/02

¹ This field will require a Memo to Compliance if the vessel was not registered for fishing. Refer to Compliance Memo Requirements Document.

Vessel name	[Note that this is not a keyed field. Interpretation for this field affects whether the name entered is considered to agree with the vessel registration given]			
	1. Disregard simple spelling mistakes in vessel name (e.g. Sundancer vs. Sundacer)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	2. Disregarding vessel suffix numbers (e.g. Sundancer vs. Sundancer II) after consulting fisher diary notes where this permit holder has confirmed in writing that this interpretation may be made and if this permit holder has only one vessel of a similar sounding name (ie he does not own both the Sundancer and the Sundancer II)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	3. Disregarding vessel suffix numbers (e.g. Sundancer vs. Sundancer II) [note: this interpretation would require further clarification regarding vessels with names of the style 'Fu Yuan No. 3]	No	No	
	4. Disregarding vessel suffix number (e.g. Sundancer vs. Sundancer II) after comparison within a page numbered series of returns which have the correct vessel suffix number and correct vessel registration number.	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	5. From a page numbered series of returns (where no vessel name given, but vessel number is present and matches that in the page numbered series of returns)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	6. Where the fisher has entered the correct vessel name in the vessel registration number field and the correct vessel registration number in the vessel name field, interpret vessel flag to "Y"	Yes	Yes	20/11/01
Vessel registration number of other vessel (when pair fishing)	1 From return which records fishing activity of paired vessel	No	No	
	2 Where the vessel registration number given for the paired vessel is the same as that given for this vessel registration number, and there is no pair method entered, interpret off the entry in this field	Yes	Yes	1/10/01

Point of landing	1	From landing points previously reported by this fisher/vessel combination where only one point of landing is normally used	No	No	
	2	From landing points previously reported by this fisher/vessel combination where the point of landing is illegible, not missing	No	No	
	3	From other forms in a page numbered series of forms where the landing date is consistent on each form in the series	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	4	For destination T interpret point of landing to destination vessel number	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	5	For destinations other than L, W, S, T and F used as the destination code, NFA point of landing required	Yes	Yes	1/10/01 (amended 27/6/02)
	6	Where only part of the point of landing is legible, enter the legible text if this provides some meaningful indication of the point of landing.	Yes	Yes	17/01/02
	7	Where the point of landing is entered in the Pair vessel field and there is no pair fishing method interpret into the correct field if this is an appropriate point of landing.	Yes	Yes	01/08/02
Page (sequence)	1	From neighbouring returns which form part of the same linked set of pages (or would, had this number been entered on this return) (ie same fisher same vessel right dates)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	2	Where page (sequence) and page (of total) have been reversed (e.g. 4 of 2)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	3	Where page (sequence) and page (of total) have been reversed with reference to neighbouring returns (e.g. '4 of 2' with neighbours '4 of 1' and '4 of 3')	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	4	If after checking trip dates it is clear that there is a missing page number due to fisher error (but no actual missing page), NFA the error. But would need to contact fisher if they did this systematically.	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	5	Interpret the page number and page count from the trip dates where the fisher has written the page number and page count for more than one trip and there are no missing pages in the sequence for the group (should also contact fisher to explain correct page numbering process)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01

Of (count of how many pages)	1. From neighbouring returns which form part of the same linked set of pages (or would if this number had been entered on this return) (ie same fisher same vessel right dates)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	2. Where page (sequence) and page (of total) have been reversed (e.g. 4 of 2)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	3. Where page (sequence) and page (of total) have been reversed with reference to neighbouring returns (e.g. '4 of 2' with neighbours '4 of 1' and '4 of 3')	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
Day and Month	1. From other Day and Month data provided on other lines of effort present on the return where no effort date is entered (where all dates are the same and this is not the first or the last line of effort)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01 amended 12/05/03
	2. From other Day and Month data provided on other lines of effort present on the return (where all dates in series (e.g. 4/6, 5/6, ?/? , 7/6)	Yes	No	1/10/01
	3. From trip dates where no day and month have been entered (and where first and last day are the same but would need to contact fisher if they did this systematically)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01 amended 20/11/02
	4. Where day and month have been reversed (e.g. 6/21 if this is consistent with other dates on form)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	5. From trip dates where month has not been given (or day and year has been entered) if this produces a consistent date sequence	Yes	No	1/10/01 amended 26/02/03
	6. Where no effort is present and only a landing date is given and landing information is entered, NFA if all data entered is consistent with the form reporting a landing only	Yes	Yes	27/08/02

Method Code	1. From other effort lines present on the return which do have a method code given and give identical values in effort columns A-D	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	2. From other effort lines present on the return which do have a method code given and give similar effort data in effort columns A-D	Yes	No	1/10/01
	3. From effort data and target species given for this effort line (e.g. method 'T' for scallops with effort information from Trawling/Dredging template, interpret to 'D')	No	No	
	4. From a page numbered series of returns of this permit/vessel combinations which do have a method code entered and which suggest that this is the only method used by this fisher (e.g. from the species codes reported such as is the case with CRA fishers)	Yes	No	1/10/01
	5. From a text entry with clear intent when target species is considered (for certain specific cases to be detailed, for example "pots" when targeting CRA)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	6. Where no effort is present and the fisher has entered comments to indicate that no fishing occurred on a day during a trip (eg: "steaming", "dodging", "in port", "fast", "searching" or "no data" or "fouled") interpret by deleting the non-effort row if unambiguous.	Yes	Yes	17/07/02
	7. Where FLL has been entered, interpret to BLL	Yes	Yes	22/08/02
	8. Where zero effort is present and the time fishing is entered as "0.00" hours indicating that no fishing occurred on a particular day during a trip interpret by deleting non-effort row (if no catch is present and all other data supports this interpretation).	Yes	Yes	30/08/02

Position	1. From other effort lines present on this return	Yes	No	1/10/01
	2. From a page numbered series of returns that suggest that this permit holder fishes only one area	No	No	
	3. From position given where this is incompatible with the target species for this effort line and the correct compatible position code can be derived from position given (e.g. 7BB given but target species for this effort line is CRA, interpret to 932)	No	No	
	4. Where a fishstock code has been added to a stat area, interpret off the fishstock code (eg 020 3 interpreted to 020)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	5. From incomplete SCA and OYS stat areas (eg 7B entered when 7BB would be correct)	No	No	
	6. Where the system derives the stat areas from a lat and long supplied and an error occurs demanding a species specific stat area, NFA the error	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	7. Where the latitude and longitude have been swapped, interpret into the correct fields, if unambiguous.	Yes	Yes	7/12/01
	8. Where statistical area includes a number and a letter and these have been entered in the incorrect order, interpret into the correct format, if the target species is consistent with the statistical area. (eg: A9 interpreted to 9A for target species SCA)	Yes	Yes	1/02/02
	9. Where the statistical area 001 has been entered and the fisher has previously confirmed that they have entered the correct statistical area, NFA this error for this fisher	Yes	Yes	20/05/02
Effort data Time	1 Time given as minutes where the entry could not represent a correctly entered time (hrs/min) (e.g. 180 cannot be 1 hr 80 mins, interpret to 03:00)	Yes	No	1/10/01
	2 Text entries (e.g. "four hours")	Yes	Yes	1/10/01

Effort columns for Lining methods (BLL, SLL, DL, TL) –	1. Where data given is in style ‘300 x 4’ interpret to 1200 if there is no entry in column B or a 4 in column B to support the above calculation. Would need to contact the fisher if they did this consistently. (If the entry in column B makes the calculation ambiguous then do not interpret)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	2. Where information has been entered in columns other than A and B, interpret them by moving the data to columns A and B (but not if this involves swapping as well as moving).	Yes	No	1/10/01
	3. Where the entry given for total number of hooks (A), is less than the number of sets hauled in the day (B), interpret by swapping the provided values so that the number reported in column A is greater than that reported in column B.	No	No	
	4. Where column A is in the correct column and column B is in either column C or D move to column B (if there is no time entered, the target species is acceptable for the method entered and the value in column C or D is not an unlikely value for column B)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
Effort columns for Trawling/Dredging methods (BT, BPT, MW, MPT, D)	1 Where wing spread or dredge width (B) is given in the style ‘2x2’, interpret by entering the total (e.g. ‘4’).	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	2 Where Column C is greater than column B swap columns, fishers are unlikely to be fishing with a headline height greater than their wing spread. Fisher Education required.	No	No	
	3 Where the value entered in column A includes the units m and the number written in column B is a valid number of shots/tows (within the allowed proc B range for the method used) and values are only required in columns A and B, interpret by swapping the values.	Yes	Yes	24/06/02

Effort columns for Seining (DS, DPS, L, BS, RN,PS)	1	Where the number provided in column A (number of sets/shots in a day) is greater than that provided in column B (total length of net and warps), interpret by swapping the provided values so that the number reported in column A is less than the number reported in column B.	No	No	
	2	Where the value entered in column A includes the units m and the number written in column B is a valid number of sets (within the allowed proc B range for the method used) and values are only required in columns A and B, interpret by swapping the values.	Yes	Yes	24/06/02
Effort columns for Potting methods (CP, RLP, EP, FP, FN)	1	Where two identical values have been provided, but they are not entered in columns A and B, interpret by moving the values to columns A and B (if target species and method are consistent with potting methods and the effort values are not out of range)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01 amended 17/07/02
Effort columns for Handgathering and Diving (H, DI)	1	Where a single value has been provided but it is in a column other than A, interpret by moving the provided value to column A (if the numbers are not out of range)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01

Effort columns for Passive net methods (DN, SN)	1. Where the number provided in column C (mesh size of nets) is more than 1000 and the value in column A (total length of nets hauled in the day) is 200 or less, interpret by swapping the values provided	No	No	
	2. Where two values have been provided, and one is greater than 1000, one is less than 200 and one or both of these values are not in the expected column(s), interpret by moving the value greater than 1000 to column A and the value less than 200 to column C as appropriate (so long as this doesn't require a swap as well as a move)	Yes	No	1/10/01
	3. Where the mesh size of the nets (column C) is given in inches, interpret by converting to millimeters [note that this is supposed to be achieved by an automatic derivation, but due to the loss of the inches symbol ("") due to truncation, this does not always occur. This interpretation would be required until a Catch Effort Change Request can be enacted]	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	4. Where the value in column A is given in mm and the value in column C in m swap the values. But would need to contact fisher if they did this systematically.	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	5. Where two values have been entered in column C indicating that two mesh sizes were used, interpret to smallest mesh size	Yes	Yes	14/01/02
Effort columns for Other lining methods (HL, T, PL)	1. Where the entries are not in columns A and B then interpret by moving the data to columns A and B (so long as this is only a move not a swap)	Yes	No	1/10/01
	2. Where the value in column A (maximum number of lines used at any one time) is larger than that in column B (maximum number of hooks used at any one time), interpret by moving the greater value to column B	No	No	

Target species	1. From the species with the greatest estimated catch (for particular cases to be specified)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	2. From other lines of effort reported on this return with the same method code and similar effort information	No	No	
	3. From a page numbered series of returns with the same method code and similar effort information	No	No	
	4. From a page numbered series of returns which suggest that the fisher only ever targets one species	No	No	
	5. From a complete species name entered into the target field (if unambiguous)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	6. Where species code has been entered into the total catch field (if the total catch and species code are swapped rather than offset by 1 half row)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	7. Where more than 1 target species is given, interpret off extra target species to comments	No	No	
	8. Interpret to CRA where the Method code entered is RLP and the estimated catch includes CRA.	Yes	Yes	10/05/02
	9. Where ASQ has been entered interpret to SQU. But would need to contact fisher if they did this systematically.	Yes	Yes	07/06/02
	10. Where target species and total catch are entered into one field interpret the total catch into the correct field	Yes	Yes	10/09/02

Total catch	1. Where total catch has been entered into target species field (if the total catch and species code are swapped rather than offset by 1 half row)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	2. From sum of estimated catch where there are four species reported or fewer, NFA	No	Yes	1/10/01
	3. From sum of estimated catch where there are five species listed, NFA	No	Yes	1/10/01
	4. From sum of estimated catch where more than five species have been listed (crossing over onto multiple lines, this information is normally interpreted off), NFA	No	Yes	1/10/01
	5. From sum of landing data, NFA	No	Yes	1/10/01
	6. Where total catch weight has been entered in the estimated catch section, for methods where no estimated catch is expected (see approved list of methods), interpret into the correct field.	Yes	Yes	12/12/01
	7. Where the weight (indicated with kg) is entered for tuna species that require the number of fish, interpret to the number of fish as entered in the estimated catch weight section, if unambiguous and where there is only one estimated catch species and this is the same at the target species.	Yes	Yes	19/03/02
	8. Interpret a weight which has been entered as a dash (-) to 0 if the rest of the data on the form supports this.	Yes	Yes	08/05/03

Species code	1. From target species where no estimated catch species (for specified cases) are recorded	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	2. Where species code has been entered into estimated weight field (if the weight and species code are swapped rather than offset by 1 half row)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	3. Where full name has been entered as text and can be unambiguously interpreted	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	4. Where partial name has been entered as text (e.g. flounder)	No	No (unless unambiguous)	
	5. From other lines of effort on this return (e.g. where the fisher enters species codes only on the first effort row intending to define the entire columns species codes in this manner). Unless this fills up 5 spaces for species codes suggesting that data for 6 th species may be missing because of this method of reporting.	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	6. Where an estimated species is not reported in the landing data, but its estimated weight is less than 20kg NFA the error	No	No	
	7. Where the estimated species is not reported in the landing data, but its total estimated weight for that species is less than 10kg, NFA.	Yes	Yes	30/11/01
	8. Where ASQ has been entered interpret to SQU. But would need to contact fisher if they did this systematically.	Yes	Yes	07/06/02
	9. Where a species code is duplicated and there is more than one row of landing for this species, interpret by combining the species and weights of that code if unambiguous.	Yes	Yes	24/07/02
	10. Where species code and weight are entered into the species code field interpret the weight into the correct field	Yes	Yes	01/08/02
	11. Where species is a research only code and permit holder is NIWA (9170041) assign error status C	Yes	Yes	12/09/02
	12. Where the fisher has entered part of a species code, interpret to the correct species code (OCTI to OCT, GURN to GUR and TREV to TRE, RATS to RAT JAVS to JAV only)	Yes	Yes	30/01/03

Weight	1. Where weight has been entered into the species code field (if the weight and species code are swapped rather than offset by 1 half row)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	2. From total catch where only one species code is reported in the estimated catch section and this is the same as the target species	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	3. From total catch where no species codes are reported in the estimated catch section for certain specified cases	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	4. Where weight has been entered as text	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	5. For SKJ where the number of fish has been entered and not the weight use a standard conversion rate (of 8kg? per fish) to convert to kg if this weight correlates with the landing greenweight	No	No	
	6. Where both the weight and number of fish are given for tuna species that require only the number of fish interpret by deleting the weight.	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	7. Where the weight has been entered as a range interpret to the average of the range.	Yes	Yes	10/07/02
	8. Interpret a “-“ to “0” if the estimated catch data supports this	Yes	Yes	16/12/02
	9. Interpret a weight which has been entered as a dash (-) to 0 if the rest of the data on the form supports this.	Yes	Yes	08/05/03

Fishstock	1. From species code and position (where the position was written in the fishstock field) for certain approved statistical area/fishstock combinations. But would need to contact the fisher if they did this systematically	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	2. From species code entered as text (if unambiguous)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	3. From species code entered as text (if unambiguous) and a position written in the fishstock field (for certain approved statistical area/fishstock combinations)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	4. From a page numbered series of forms sharing a method code, target species, and position	No	No	
	5. From species specific position code written in the fishstock field to matching landing code (e.g. PAU in 7II = PAU7) for certain approved combinations. Fishstocks SCA7CC and SCA7KK can be interpreted to fishstock SCA7.	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	6. Interpret obsolete method based fishstock codes (e.g. KAH3P = KAH3) for certain approved combinations. But would need to contact the fisher if they did this systematically.	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	7. Where fishstock code uses a FMA which is not associated with that species, interpret to appropriate fishstock code (e.g. GSP3 = GSP1) especially where this species is the only one of this species mix that has a different fishstock code. However we do not want the fishers to get into the habit of doing this regularly.	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	8. Where a fishstock code has been reported in the style TAR02, interpret to TAR2 except where the fishstock number is the same as the statistical area where effort was reported, in which case the fishstock may actually be a statistical area	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	9. Where a 'group' species code is used in the estimated catch and a specific code used in the landing data, or vice-a-versa (eg SKA in the estimate and RSK in the landing). Assign error status C as long as this does not result in a duplicating of codes.	Yes	Yes	1/10/01

	10. Where the code given is incorrect due to the existence of area specific species codes for that species, interpret to the correct code for that species in that area (OYS to OYU)	No	No	
	11. Where the area is written first then the species code, swap them around to correct format if unambiguous. eg change 5HPB to HPB5 (assuming for example that 5HPB could not be SHP8)	Yes	Yes	29/10/01
	12. Where an estimated species is not reported in the landing data, but its estimated weight is less than 20kg NFA the error	No	No	
	13. Where the fishstock ORH2A has been entered with additional area information ORH2AS (indicating south), interpret by deleting additional data. Would need to notify fisher if they did this systematically.	Yes	Yes	25/01/02
	14. Where an incorrect fishstock for species SBW has been entered, interpret to the correct fishstock for forms dated from 1/11/99 until April 2001.	Yes	No	19/04/02
	15. Where the fisher has entered only a destination type and/or an LFR number in the first landing row and has indicated that these are for each landing row and where no other data has been entered in the first row of landing, interpret by deleting the first row of landing information where there is no species entered.	Yes	Yes	30/05/02
	16. Where ASQ has been entered interpret to SQU. But would need to contact fisher if they did this systematically.	Yes	Yes	07/06/02
	17. Where a paua area code has been entered for a non-paua species and the destination type is F, interpret to the correct general FMA.	Yes	Yes	01/08/02
	18. Where OFF has been entered with a FMA, interpret by deleting the FMA.	Yes	Yes	14/08/02
	19. Where the Fishstock is entered as KIN1, LEA1, SUR1, SKA1, RSK1, or SSK1 and the statistical area is recorded as 042, 043, 044, 045, 046, 047 or 048 interpret the fishstock to KIN9, LEA9, SUR9, SKA9, RSK9, or SSK9 if the trip dates are from 01/10/90 to 30/09/92.	Yes	No	12/09/02

	20. Where a row of landing data is reported with "0" greenweight (or fisher has written "nil" in the landing data) and there is effort reported with "0" total catch. Interpret by deleting the row of landing, if all other information on the form supports this interpretation.	Yes	Yes	12/09/02 Amended 05/03/03
	21. Where species is a research only code and permit holder is NIWA (9170041) assign error status C.	Yes	Yes	12/09/02
	22. Where the fisher has entered part of a species code, interpret to the correct species code (OCTI to OCT, GURN to GUR and TREV to TRE, RATS to RAT, JAVS to JAV only)	Yes	Yes	30/01/03
	23. Interpret fishstock area 1 for certain tuna species (STU, ALB, BIG, STN, YFN, NTU and SKJ only) where no fishstock code has been entered (i.e. an incorrect fishstock has not been entered)	Yes	Yes	02/07/03
	24. Interpret fishstock area 1 where the stat area is 009H (Tauranga Harbour) and Catch Effort hasn't automatically derived the fishstock	Yes	Yes	02/07/03

Landed state	1. From species code (e.g. eels = GRE) for certain approved combinations	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	2. From destination type given (e.g. DIS = GRE) for certain approved combinations (one approved combination being A = GRE. Approved on 29/05/03).	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	3. From landed state information entered as text if unambiguous	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	4. From a page numbered series of returns which suggest the fisher always processes this species into a single state	No	No	
	5. Interpret TRU to DRE. Fisher education is required if the fisher does this consistently	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	6. Interpret WIN to FIL for Species BRA, BTH, DSK, EGR, ERA, PSK, RAY, RSK, SKA, SSK, STR, and WRA.	Yes	Yes	1/10/01 amended 25/06/02
	7. Interpret SWO bills to state code BEA. But would need to contact fisher if they did this systematically.	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	8. Interpret claspers/plasters to state code ROE for sharks.	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	9. Interpret FIN to SHF if a primary state code already exists for that species and no greenweight has been entered	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	10. Where FIN is used as a fishstock interpret to OSD if there are primary states for other shark or dog species.	No	No	1/10/01 1/10/01
	11. Where OSD is used as a fishstock and SHF as a landed state, NFA if there are primary states for other shark or dog species.	No	No	30/11/01
	12. Where OFF is the species code and MEA is used as a state code interpret MEA to MEB	Yes	Yes	
	13. Where the landed state “Trimblock” is entered and the permit number is 8422209 assign error status C	Yes	Yes	29/01/02 24/05/02
	14. Where landed state and container numbers have been swapped, interpret into correct columns	Yes	Yes	11/12/02
	15. Interpret state “fish skins” to FLP where the client number is 8480726 or 8422125	Yes	Yes	11/12/02
	16. Where G&GU is entered interpret to GGU	Yes	Yes	03/12/02
	17. Where fisher has entered “tail” or “tails” and the species code is either CRA or PHC, interpret to RLT	Yes	Yes	03/12/02
	18. Where fisher has entered “tail” or “tails” and the species code is SCI, interpret to SCT	Yes	Yes	03/12/02

Container numbers	1. Where container numbers/type/weights have been entered in the wrong order, interpret into the correct columns (specifically the container type should not end up in one of the numeric fields. The container numbers/weights need not be swapped)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	2. Where the number of containers has been entered as text (if unambiguous)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	3. Where the number of containers has been entered in the format x + y, interpret the figures together (e.g. 20+4 interpret to 24)	Yes	Yes	19/03/03
Container type	1. Where container numbers/type/weights have been entered in the wrong order, interpret into the correct columns (specifically the container type should not end up in one of the numeric fields. The container numbers/weights need not be swapped)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	2. Where the full name of the container type has been entered instead of a container type code (if unambiguous)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
Content weight	1. Where container numbers/type/weights have been entered in the wrong order, interpret into the correct columns (specifically the container type should not end up in one of the numeric fields. The container numbers/weights need not be swapped)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	2. Where the content weight has been entered as text (if unambiguous)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	3. Where the content weight given appears to be the total weight of all the containers (interpret by dividing by the number of containers given) (if there is a greenweight, then we do not care about this, and it can be NFAd. If there is no greenweight then contact the fisher)	No	No	
Quota registration number fish caught against (to be removed from validation system)	1. Where a QRN is reported but is an invalid QRN then NFA (for forms dated after 1/10/01)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01

Destination Type	1. Interpret “eaten on board” to destination code “E”	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	2. Interpret “Personal feeds” or “Crew Feeds” to destination code “?”	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	3. Interpret “Take home” to destination code “F”	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	4. Interpret “Bait” to destination code “U”	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	5. Where all other entries on this return are for destination type “L”, no destination type is given for one line, but the line contains a greenweight, and the same LFR and invoice numbers as the other entries which have been entered by hand rather than filled in by arrows or dittos	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	6. Where an incorrect entry has been made in this column (e.g. BIN) and invoice and greenweight numbers are present, interpret the destination code to L if there is an LFR number present and the invoice and LFR number have been entered by hand rather than filled in by arrows or dittos	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	7. Where Rec.Catch has been entered for a row of landing data, interpret the destination type to F, if the form date is before Jan 1, 2002	Yes	Yes	3/12/01
	8. Where the destination type has been entered into the “LFR or Vessel reg” field interpret into the correct field if no LFR or vessel registration is required.	Yes	Yes	25/2/02
	9. Where the destination type code (valid for all codes except for L) has been entered in the container content weight column, interpret the destination type into the correct column.	Yes	Yes	11/12/02
	10. Where the fisher has entered “DIS” and the species entered is a non-quota species and no LFR or invoice numbers have been entered, interpret the destination type to “D”	Yes	Yes	29/01/03
	11. Where the fisher has entered “WS” and no LFR number has been entered or the number entered is the fisher’s own permit number (and they are not an LFR), interpret to “W”.	Yes	Yes	13/05/03 amended 20/06/03

LFR or vessel registration number ²	1. Where only a single LFR has been reported for other entries on this return, and one LFR entry is missing but has had the same invoice number reported as the other entries, interpret to match the other LFR numbers provided on this return- provided this leaves everything consistent	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	2. Where more than one LFR has been reported in other entries on this return, each LFR has a single invoice number associated with it, and an entry missing the LFR number has one of these invoice numbers reported for it, interpret the LFR to the LFR associated with that invoice number	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	3. Where a page numbered series of returns suggest that this fisher only ever lands to one LFR and the same invoice number has been entered on this return as on others in the page numbered series, interpret from the LFR number reported in this page numbered series of returns, provided this leaves everything consistent.	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	4. Where only a single LFR number has been entered at the top of the column and all catch is reported as destination code "L" with the same invoice number, interpret the LFR number for the other entries in the landing section from the single LFR given	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	5. Where the vessel call sign is entered and the destination type is T interpret the call sign to the correct vessel registration number.	Yes	Yes	02/08/02
	6. Where an LFR number has been entered (but no invoice number) and it is not required for the destination type code entered, interpret off the number and make an additional text comment.	Yes	Yes	23/12/02

² This field will require a Memo to Compliance if the LFR was not a valid LFR at the time of Landing. Refer to Compliance Memo Requirements Document

Greenweight	1. Where invoice number and greenweight appear to have been swapped, interpret by moving entries into the correct relevant fields. If the greenweight has kg entered or the invoice number is consistent with other invoices numbers entered on the same form and the greenweight is consistent with the container details.	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	2. Where two or more lines are linked (by brackets or the greenweight has been written over 2 or more catch landing lines) to a single greenweight figure and are from the same species group and fishstock area, interpret by combining into a single line, (must be a regulated fishstock), and null out container data	Yes	Yes	1/10/01 amended 10/07/02 amended 04/04/03
	3. Where the landed state reported for this line is a primary landed state and the greenweight reported is '0', interpret by deleting this line from the landing section	No	No	
	4. Where two greenweights of the same quantity are supplied in one landing and it does not appear to be a duplicate entry (ie different LFR or invoice number and different container details), NFA the error	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	5. Where greenweight does not approximately equal the number of units times the weight of each unit times the conversion factor but the sum of the estimated catches of the species approximates the sum of the greenweights of that species and the container weight approximates the greenweight (indicating the container weight is incorrect), NFA	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	6. Where no greenweight has been entered and the total estimated catch for that species is less than 10kg, NFA	Yes	Yes	30/11/01
	7. Where the greenweight does not equal the container weight times the number of containers times the conversion factor but the greenweight given is greater than half and less than one and a half times the calculated greenweight, NFA.	Yes	Yes	30/11/01
	8. Where no greenweight has been entered for the destination type F, and the form date is before Jan 1, 2002, NFA	Yes	Yes	03/12/01
	9. Where a greenweight has been entered as a range, and the destination type is not L, interpret to the average of the range.	Yes	Yes	20/12/01

	10. Where the fisher is unable to provide a greenweight (due to the fish being lost, stolen or the LFR not providing a greenweight), create an interpreted version and leave the greenweight as a "blank" on this version. If this occurs systematically the reason should be queried with the fisher.	Yes	Yes	03/12/01 Amended 13/01/03
	11. Where the greenweight has been written in the LFR column, interpret into the correct column if the container details are consistent with the greenweight entered and the LFR is valid.		Yes	17/04/02
	12. Where "Rec Catch" (or a variation of this) has been entered in the greenweight field and the destination type is F, and the form date is before Jan 1, 2002, interpret by deleting the "Rec catch" from the greenweight field.	Yes	Yes	23/05/02
	13. Where the greenweight is entered in the LFR column and no LFR is expected and the greenweight is not a valid LFR number interpret into the correct field.	Yes	Yes	22/07/02
	14. Where a row of landing data is reported with "0" greenweight and there is effort reported with "0" total catch. Interpret by deleting the row of landing, if all other information on the form supports this interpretation.	Yes	Yes	12/09/02
Invoice Numbers	1. Where a single invoice number has been given at the start of the column and all the entries relate to the same LFR, interpret invoice numbers down the column.- don't sent back, just don't bother to interpret	No	No	
	2. Where more than one LFR has been used on a return and each uses only a single invoice number on the returns, interpret in a missing invoice number based on the reported LFR.- don't send back, just don't bother to interpret	No	No	

Permit holders name	[Note that this is not a keyed field. Interpretation for this field affects whether the name entered is considered to agree with the permit holder FIN number given]			
	1. Disregard the use of abbreviations in place of full names (e.g. Permit issued to 'Alexander Bloggs', permit holder name entered as 'A. Bloggs')	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	2. Disregard the lack of legal name abbreviations (E.g. Co., Ltd., Inc.)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	3. Disregard the use of abbreviated versions of the permit holders name (e.g. 'Ngati Toa' instead of 'Ngati Toa Trust')	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	4. From a page numbered series of returns where no permit holders name has been given, but the permit number given is valid and matches that given on a page numbered series of returns for the same vessel	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	5. Where the fisher has entered the correct permit holders name in the permit holder client number field and the correct permit holder client number in the permit holder name field, interpret permit holder flag to "Y"	Yes	Yes	20/11/01

Permit holder client number ³	1. From permit holder name (no number given)	No	No	1/10/01
	2. From permit holder name (where the number given is missing a single digit required to match permit holder name and if the name is given in full and there is no other permit holder with a similar name and a similar number)	Yes	Yes	
	3. From permit holder name (where transposing two digits in the number given produces a match with permit holder name and if the name is given in full and there is no other permit holder with a similar name and a similar number)	Yes	No	1/10/01
	4. From a page numbered series of returns (where no permit holder number given, but permit holder name is present and matches that in that page numbered series of returns)	No	No	1/10/01
	5. Where a digit is repeated in the client number, resulting in an extra digit in the number, remove the repeated digit if the name is given in full and there is no other permit holder with a similar name and number	Yes	Yes	
	6. Where the fisher has entered the correct permit holders name in the permit holder client number field and the correct permit holder client number in the permit holder name field, interpret permit holder flag to “Y”	Yes	Yes	20/11/01
	7. Where the fisher has entered the correct permit holder number in the signature field and entered their signature in the permit holder number field, interpret the permit holder flag to “Y” and the signature flag to “Y”	Yes	Yes	29/05/02
Signature of master or permit holder	[Note that this is not a keyed field. Interpretation for this field affects whether a signature is considered to have been given] 1. Where the fisher has entered the correct permit holder number in the signature field and entered their signature in the permit holder number field, interpret the permit holder flag to “Y” and the signature flag to “Y”	Yes	Yes	29/05/02

³ This field will require a Memo to Compliance if the Permit holder was not registered at the time of fishing. Refer to Compliance Memo Requirements Document.

Date Signed	1. Where the date and month can be clearly seen to have been reversed (e.g. 10/20/99) interpret by reversing. – errors on date signed are only to be sent back if they suggested that one of the other dates on the form was incorrect, so it is not worth fixing these ones	No	No	
	2. Where year has not been given, interpret from year of trip dates	No	No	
	3. Where month has not been given, interpret from month of trip dates	No	No	
	4. Where day has not been given, interpret from last day of trip or landing date (whichever is latest)	No	No	
	5. Where entire date is missing, interpret from last day of trip or landing date (whichever is latest)	No	No	

Nil-CELR

Field name on form	Possible Interpretations	Historical	Current forms	Approval date
Form number	None			
Nil Status	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Where 'NIL' is not stated, interpret return as a nil from complete lack of data on return Where 'NIL' is not stated, interpret return as a nil from statement on forms (e.g. 'No Fishing', 'boat sunk', 'bad weather', etc.) – we would allow this for a particular list of variants that were satisfactory to Compliance From neighbouring returns where they form a series of nil returns for consecutive months but one return is missing the statement 'NIL' 	No No No	No Yes No	 1/10/01
Nil Date	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> From date signed From a text statement (e.g. 'NIL October 2000') anywhere on return From a date (month and year) entered with no other effort data present and where the form is clearly marked as a NIL return (eg month and year inputted in the day month section of the effort data) From neighbouring returns where they form a series of nil returns for consecutive months but one return is missing the month From first day of trip or last day of trip, where the nil date has been entered here instead of in the landing date field Interpret nil date if the fisher has entered either the first or last day of the month (e.g. 01 May or 31 May). This applies even if the month had 28 or 31 days 	No Yes No No Yes Yes	No Yes Yes No Yes Yes	 1/10/01 1/10/01 1/10/01 1/10/01
First day of trip				
Last day of trip				
Landing date				

Vessel registration number	1. From vessel name (no number given) if the book was issued to that vessel.	Yes	No	1/10/01
	2. From vessel name (where the number given is missing a single digit required to match vessel name and the book was issued to that vessel)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	3. From vessel name (where transposing two digits in the number given produces a match with vessel name and the book was issued to that vessel)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	4. From neighbouring returns (where no vessel number given, but vessel name is present and matches that on neighbouring returns)	No	No	
	5. From neighbouring returns (where no vessel details are present but method code used on return is vessel dependant and matches that used on neighbouring returns)	No	No	
	6. When no Vessel registration number is entered, if no vessel is registered to that permit holder and that permit holder is not a notified user of any vessel, interpret to "NONE"	Yes	Yes	1/10/01 amended 22/11/01
	7. Where a fisher has written 'no vessel' or 'N/A' or their permit holder client number or have put a line through the field, interpret to "NONE" if the vessel name field is blank. But would need to contact fisher if they did this systematically.	Yes	Yes	22/11/01 amended 02/08/02
	8. Where the fisher has entered the correct vessel name in the vessel registration number field and the correct vessel registration number in the vessel name field, interpret vessel flag to "Y"	Yes	Yes	20/11/01
	9. Where the vessel name and number are entered anywhere on the form interpret into the correct field.	Yes	Yes	02/08/02

Vessel name	<p>[Note that this is not a keyed field. Interpretation for this field affects whether the name entered is considered to agree with the vessel registration given]</p> <p>1. Disregard simple spelling mistakes in vessel name (e.g. Sundancer vs. Sundacer)</p> <p>2. Disregarding vessel suffix numbers (e.g. Sundancer vs. Sundancer II) [note: this interpretation would require further clarification regarding vessels with names of the style 'Fu Yuan No. 3]</p> <p>3. Disregarding vessel suffix number (e.g. Sundancer vs. Sundancer II) after comparison with neighbouring returns which have the correct vessel suffix number</p> <p>4. Disregarding vessel suffix numbers (e.g. Sundancer vs. Sundancer II)) after consulting fisher diary notes where this permit holder has confirmed in writing that this interpretation may be made and if this permit holder has only one vessel of a similar sounding name (ie he does not own both the Sundancer and the Sundancer II)</p> <p>5. Where the fisher has entered the correct vessel name in the vessel registration number field and the correct vessel registration number in the vessel name field, interpret vessel flag to "Y"</p> <p>6. Where the vessel name and number are entered anywhere on the form interpret into the correct field.</p>	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
		No	No	
		No	No	
		Yes	Yes	1/10/01
		Yes	Yes	20/11/01
		Yes	Yes	02/08/02
Vessel registration number of other vessel (when pair fishing)				
Point of landing				
Page (sequence)				
Of (count of how many pages)				
Day and Month				
Method Code				
Position				
Effort data Time				

Effort columns for Lining methods (BLL, SLL, DL, TL) – A (Total number of hooks)				
Target species				
Total catch				
Species code				
Weight				
Fishstock				
Landed state				
Container numbers				
Container type				
Content weight				
Quota registration number fish caught against				
Destination Type				
LFR or vessel registration number				
Greenweight				
Invoice Numbers				

Permit holders name	[Note that this is not a keyed field. Interpretation for this field affects whether the name entered is considered to agree with the permit holder FIN number given]			
	1. Disregard the use of abbreviations in place of full names (e.g. Permit issued to 'Alexander Bloggs', permit holder name entered as 'A. Bloggs')	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	2. Disregard the lack of legal name abbreviations (E.g. Co., Ltd., Inc.)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	3. Disregard the use of abbreviated versions of the permit holders name (e.g. 'Ngati Toa' instead of 'Ngati Toa Trust')	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	4. From neighbouring returns where no permit holders name has been given, but the permit number given is valid and matches that given on neighbouring returns for the same vessel	No	No	
	5. Where the fisher has entered the correct permit holders name in the permit holder client number field and the correct permit holder client number in the permit holder name field, interpret permit holder flag to "Y"	Yes	Yes	20/11/01

Permit holder client number	1. From permit holder name (no number given)	No	No	1/10/01
	2. From permit holder name (where the number given is missing a single digit required to match permit holder name and if the name is given in full and there is no other permit holder with a similar name and a similar number)	Yes	Yes	
	3. From permit holder name (where transposing two digits in the number given produces a match with permit holder name and if the name is given in full and there is no other permit holder with a similar name and a similar number)	Yes	No	1/10/01
	4. From neighbouring returns (where no permit holder number given, but permit holder name is present and matches that on neighbouring returns)	No	No	1/10/01
	5. Where a digit is repeated in the client number, resulting in an extra digit in the number, remove the repeated digit if the name is given in full and there is no other permit holder with a similar name and number.	Yes	Yes	
	6. Where the fisher has entered the correct permit holders name in the permit holder client number field and the correct permit holder client number in the permit holder name field, interpret permit holder flag to "Y"	Yes	Yes	20/11/01
	7. Where the fisher has entered the correct permit holder number in the signature field and entered their signature in the permit holder number field, interpret the permit holder flag to "Y" and the signature flag to "Y"	Yes	Yes	29/05/02
Signature of master or permit holder	1. Where the fisher has entered the correct permit holder number in the signature field and entered their signature in the permit holder number field, interpret the permit holder flag to "Y" and the signature flag to "Y"	Yes	Yes	29/05/02
Date Signed				

TCEPR

Field name on form	Possible Interpretations	Historical	Current	Approval date
Form number	None			

Date	1. From Date Signed	No	No	
	2. Where return is part of a multi page return (e.g. 2 of 4), interpret date from other pages of that return	No	No	
	3. Day and month reversed (11/28/00) (if the month >12 and other dates on the form support this interpretation)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	4. Year given in wrong format (28/11/20, 28/11/200) (but would need to contact fisher if they did this systematically)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	5. Day of month from neighbouring returns (where not part of a multi page return)	No	No	
	6. Month from neighbouring returns (where not part of a multi page return)	No	No	
	7. Year from neighbouring returns (where not part of a multi page return)	No	No	
	8. Entire date from neighbouring returns (where not part of a multi page return)	No	No	
	9. Where this date is after the date of signature, NFA, if there does not appear to be an error in the form date (with this possibly being determined from neighbouring returns).	Yes	Yes	1/10/01

Vessel registration number ⁴	1. From vessel name (where the number given is missing a single digit required to match vessel name and the book was issued to that vessel)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	2. From vessel name (where transposing two digits in the number given produces a match with vessel name and the book was issued to that vessel)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	3. From vessel name (no number given but the book was issued to that vessel)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	4. From a page numbered series of returns (where no vessel number given, but vessel name is present and matches that in the page numbered series of returns)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	5. From a page numbered series of returns (where no vessel details are present)	No	No	
	6. Where a fisher has written 'no vessel' or 'shore fishing' or something similar, and the method code does not require a vessel, interpret vessel number to the client's FIN number. But would need to contact fisher if they did this systematically.	No	No	
	7. Where the fisher has entered the correct vessel name in the vessel registration number field and the correct vessel registration number in the vessel name field, interpret vessel flag to "Y"	Yes	Yes	20/11/01
Vessel registration number of other vessel (when pair fishing)	1. From return which records fishing activity of paired vessel	No	No	
	2. Where the vessel registration number given for the paired vessel is the same as that given for this vessel registration number, and there is no pair method entered, interpret off the entry in this field	Yes	Yes	1/10/01

⁴ This field will require a Memo to Compliance if the vessel was not registered for fishing. Refer to Compliance Memo Requirements Document.

Vessel Name	<p>[Note that this is not a keyed field. Interpretation for this field affects whether the name entered is considered to agree with the vessel registration given]</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Disregard simple spelling mistakes in vessel name (e.g. Sundancer vs. Sundacer) 2. Disregarding vessel suffix numbers (e.g. Sundancer vs. Sundancer II) after consulting fisher diary notes where this permit holder has confirmed in writing that this interpretation may be made and if this permit holder has only one vessel of a similar sounding name (ie he does not own both the Sundancer and the Sundancer II) 3. Disregarding vessel suffix numbers (e.g. Sundancer vs. Sundancer II) [note: this interpretation would require further clarification regarding vessels with names of the style 'Fu Yuan No. 3] 4. Disregarding vessel suffix number (e.g. Sundancer vs. Sundancer II) after comparison within a page numbered series of returns which have the correct vessel suffix number and correct vessel registration number. 5. From a page numbered series of returns (where no vessel name given, but vessel number is present and matches that in the page numbered series of returns) 6. Where the fisher has entered the correct vessel name in the vessel registration number field and the correct vessel registration number in the vessel name field, interpret vessel flag to "Y" 	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
		Yes	Yes	1/10/01
		No	No	
		Yes	Yes	1/10/01
		Yes	Yes	1/10/01
		Yes	Yes	20/11/01
Position at midday	Not validated			
Water temperature at surface	Not validated			
Water temperature at bottom	Not validated			

Page (sequence)	1. From neighbouring returns which form part of the same linked set of pages (or would, had this number been entered on this return) (ie same fisher same vessel right dates)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	2. Where page (sequence) and page (of total) have been reversed (e.g. 4 of 2)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	3. Where page (sequence) and page (of total) have been reversed with reference to neighbouring returns (e.g. '4 of 2' with neighbours '4 of 1' and '4 of 3')	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	4. If after checking trip dates it is clear that there is a missing page number due to fisher error (but no actual missing page), NFA the error. But would need to contact fisher if they did this systematically.	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	5. Interpret the page number and page count from the trip dates where the fisher has written the page number and page count for more than one trip and there are no missing pages in the sequence for the group (should also contact fisher to explain correct page numbering process)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
Of (count of how many pages)	1. From neighbouring returns which form part of the same linked set of pages (or would if this number had been entered on this return) (ie same fisher same vessel right dates)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	2. Where page (sequence) and page (of total) have been reversed (e.g. 4 of 2)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	3. Where page (sequence) and page (of total) have been reversed with reference to neighbouring returns (e.g. '4 of 2' with neighbours '4 of 1' and '4 of 3')	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
Start time	1. Where the start time and the finish time have obviously been swapped, swap back to give a correct time sequence	No	No	
	2. Where the time has been given as 2400, interpret to 0000	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	3. Where time has been given using a twelve hour clock, interpret to 24 hour clock with reference to neighbouring return	No	No	
	4. Where the start time is given as 2400 and the form contains fishing from the previous day (indicating that the shot should be entered on the form for the following days fishing) interpret the start time to 2359	Yes	Yes	13/09/02

End time	1. Where the start time and the finish time have obviously been swapped, swap back to give a correct time sequence	No	No	1/10/01
	2. Where the time has been given as 2400, interpret to 0000	Yes	Yes	
	3. Where time has been given using a twelve hour clock, interpret to 24 hour clock with reference to neighbouring returns	No	No	
Start Latitude	1. Where the start latitude and start longitude appear to have been swapped (with reference to the end position of this tow and the positions recorded for the immediately previous and subsequent shots)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	2. Where the degrees and minutes of the start latitude appear to have been swapped (with reference to the end latitude of this tow and the positions recorded for the immediately previous and subsequent shots)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	3. Where the degrees of latitude reported for the start position has been reported through the use of dittos or continuance lines to indicate that the value for this field should be the same as the value reported in the field occurring immediately above (the end latitude of the preceding shot) and the progression of minutes latitude present on this return suggest that this would in fact be incorrect, interpret to the degrees latitude which the other entries on this return suggest is most likely to be correct given the trend present (e.g. shot 1 start lat = 35 52'; shot 1 end lat = " 57'; shot 2 start lat = " 02'; interpret shot 2 start lat to 36 02')	No	No	1/10/01
	4. Where seconds of latitude have been reported, interpret them off.	Yes	Yes	
	5. Where a value provided is invalid as a latitude (e.g. 162 degrees 70 minutes) interpret to the most logical correct latitude (e.g. 163 degrees 10 minutes)	No	No	
	6. Where the degrees are incorrect for one shot in a series of 3 or more shots, interpret from those of other shots on the same day and from the position at midday.	No	No	

End latitude	1. Where the end latitude and end longitude appear to have been swapped (with reference to the start position of this tow and the positions recorded for the immediately previous and subsequent shots)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	2. Where the degrees and minutes of the end latitude appear to have been swapped (with reference to the start latitude of this tow and the positions recorded for the immediately previous and subsequent shots)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	3. Where the degrees of latitude reported for the end position has been reported through the use of dittos or continuance lines to indicate that the value for this field should be the same as the value reported in the field occurring immediately above (the start latitude of this shot) and the progression of minutes latitude present on this return suggest that this would in fact be incorrect, interpret to the degrees latitude which the other entries on this return suggest is most likely to be correct given the trend present (e.g. shot 1 end lat = 35 52'; shot 2 start lat = " 57'; shot 2 end lat = " 02'; interpret shot 2 end lat to 36 02')	No	No	
	4. Where seconds of latitude have been reported, interpret them off.	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	5. Where a value provided is invalid as a latitude (e.g. 162 degrees 70 minutes) interpret to the most logical correct latitude (e.g. 163 degrees 10 minutes)	No	No	
	6. Where the degrees are incorrect for one shot in a series of 3 or more shots, interpret from those of other shots on the same day and from the position at mid day	No	No	

Start longitude	1. Where the start longitude and start latitude appear to have been swapped (with reference to the end position of this tow and the positions recorded for the immediately previous and subsequent shots)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	2. Where the degrees and minutes of the start longitude appear to have been swapped (with reference to the end longitude of this tow and the positions recorded for the immediately previous and subsequent shots)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	3. Where the degrees of longitude reported for the start position has been reported through the use of dittos or continuance lines to indicate that the value for this field should be the same as the value reported in the field occurring immediately above (the end longitude of the preceding shot) and the progression of minutes longitude present on this return suggest that this would in fact be incorrect, interpret to the degrees longitude which the other entries on this return suggest is most likely to be correct given the trend present (e.g. shot 1 start long = 35 52'; shot 1 end long = " 57'; shot 2 start long = " 02'; interpret shot 2 start long to 36 02')	No	No	
	4. Where seconds of longitude have been reported, interpret them off.	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	5. Where a value provided is invalid as a longitude (e.g. 162 degrees 70 minutes) interpret to the most logical correct longitude (e.g. 163 degrees 10 minutes)	No	No	
	6. Where the degrees are incorrect for one shot in a series of 3 or more shots, interpret from those of other shots on the same day and from the position at mid day	No	No	

End Longitude	1. Where the end longitude and end latitude appear to have been swapped (with reference to the start position of this tow and the positions recorded for the immediately previous and subsequent shots)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	2. Where the degrees and minutes of the end longitude appear to have been swapped (with reference to the start longitude of this tow and the positions recorded for the immediately previous and subsequent shots)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	3. Where the degrees of longitude reported for the end position has been reported through the use of dittos or continuance lines to indicate that the value for this field should be the same as the value reported in the field occurring immediately above (the start longitude of the this shot) and the progression of minutes longitude present on this return suggest that this would in fact be incorrect, interpret to the degrees longitude which the other entries on this return suggest is most likely to be correct given the trend present (e.g. shot 1 end long = 35 52'; shot 2 start long = " 57'; shot 2 end long = 02'; interpret shot 2 end long to 36 02')	No	No	
	4. Where seconds of longitude have been reported, interpret them off.	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	5. Where a value provided is invalid as a longitude (e.g. 162 degrees 70 minutes) interpret to the most logical correct longitude (e.g. 163 degrees 10 minutes)	No	No	
	6. Where the degrees are incorrect for one shot in a series of 3 or more shots, interpret from those of other shots on the same day and from the position at mid day	No	No	

Gear Code	1. Where gear code given in the form 3BT50 interpret to BT50	Yes	Yes	1/10/01 amended 21/02/02
	2. Where a gear code has been given for only one shot, and there are other shots reported on this return which target the same species, interpret the gear code for the shots with no gear code given to match the reported gear code	No	No	
	3. Where a gear code has been given for only one shot, and there are other shots reported on this return which target different species, interpret the gear code for the shots with no gear code given to match the reported gear code	No	No	
	4. Where the headline height and gear code appear to have been reversed, interpret by swapping into the correct positions	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	5. Where a gear code and headline height have been reported and a continuance line or dittos extend down to other shots from under the headline height, interpret this as representing the continuance of both the gear code and the headline height values reported into their appropriate fields	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	6. Where Gear code and Depth groundrope appear to have been reversed, interpret by swapping to the correct positions, if unambiguous.	Yes	Yes	28/11/01
	7. Where the method code and wingspread have been reported in the reverse order, interpret into the correct format. E.g. 50BT to BT50	Yes	Yes	21/05/02

Headline Height	1. Where a gear code and headline height have been reported and a continuance line or dittos extend down to other shots from under the headline height, interpret this as representing the continuance of both the gear code and the headline height values reported into their appropriate fields	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	2. Where a headline height has been reported for one shot but not others and the shots with no reported headline height have the same method code reported, interpret in the missing headline heights to match the one reported	No	No	
	3. Where the headline height and gear code appear to have been reversed, interpret by swapping into the correct positions	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	4. Where Headline height and Depth bottom appear to have been reversed, interpret by swapping to the correct positions, if unambiguous.	Yes	Yes	28/11/01
Depth Groundrope	1. Where 'm' has been entered at the end of a value, interpret the 'm' off.	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	2. Where the depth of the groundrope has been given as a range, interpret by determining the average (rounding up)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
Depth Bottom	1. Where 'm' has been entered at the end of a value, interpret the 'm' off.	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	2. Where the depth of the bottom has been given as a range, interpret by determining the average (rounding up)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
Trawling speed	1. Where the trawling speed has been given as a range, interpret by determining the average (rounding up)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	2. Where trawling speed and target species appear to have been swapped, interpret by swapping the values back into their correct fields	Yes	Yes	1/10/01

Target species	1. Where trawling speed and target species appear to have been swapped, interpret by swapping the values back into their correct fields	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	2. Where a full species name has been entered, interpret to the appropriate species code (if unambiguous)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	3. Where a target species has been reported for one shot but not others with the same method code, interpret the missing target species	No	No	
	4. From the species with the greatest estimated catch (for certain approved examples)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	5. From a page numbered series of returns with the same method code and similar effort information	No	No	
	6. From a page numbered series of returns which suggest that the fisher only ever targets one species	No	No	
	7. Where species code has been entered into the total catch field and the total catch is entered in the species code field	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	8. Where an obsolete species code has been used, interpret to the appropriate current code if a suitable code exists	No	No	
	9. Where more than 1 target species is given, interpret off extra species to comments (for certain approved examples)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	10. Where investigation suggests that a fisher has not misused the target and total columns, yet has not reported an estimated catch for his target species, NFA return. (checking total catch approximately equals the total of the estimated catches and other effort lines indicate the fisher knows how to correctly complete the estimated catch section)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	11. Where ASQ has been entered interpret to SQU. But would need to contact fisher if they did this systematically.	Yes	Yes	07/06/02

Total catch	1. Where total catch has been entered into target species field and target species has been entered in total catch field.	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	2. From sum of estimated catch where there are four species reported or fewer, NFA	No	Yes	1/10/01
	3. From sum of estimated catch where there are five species listed, NFA	No	Yes	1/10/01
	4. From sum of estimated catch where more than five species have been listed (crossing over onto multiple lines, this information is normally interpreted off), NFA	No	Yes	1/10/01
	5. From calculated weight before processing for the species as given on this return, NFA	No	Yes	1/10/01
	6. Where “fast”, “fouled”, “ripout” or “pinned up” has been written in the total catch column and no other species codes or weights have been entered in the estimated catch section, interpret the total catch weight to 0.	Yes	Yes	12/12/02 amended 19/06/03 amended 14/07/03

Species code	1. From target species where no estimated catch species are recorded (for specified cases)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	2. Where species code has been entered into estimated weight field (if the weight and species code are swapped)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	3. Where full name has been entered as text and can be unambiguously interpreted)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	4. Where partial name has been entered as text (e.g. flounder)	No	No (unless unambiguous)	
	5. From other lines of effort on this return (e.g. where the fisher enters species codes only on the first effort row intending to define the entire columns species codes in this manner) Unless this fills up 5 spaces for species codes suggesting that data for 6 th species may be missing because of this method of reporting.	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	6. Where an obsolete species code has been used, interpret to the appropriate current code if a suitable code exists	No	No	
	7. Where species code is duplicated and it appears that both entries are likely to be weights in kilograms, interpret by combining the relevant species code and weight fields.	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	8. Where ASQ has been entered interpret to SQU. But would need to contact fisher if they did this systematically.	Yes	Yes	07/06/02
	9. Where species code and weight are entered into the species code field interpret the weight into the correct field	Yes	Yes	01/08/02
	10. Where species is a research only code and permit holder is NIWA (9170041) assign error status C	Yes	Yes	12/09/02
	11. Where the fisher has entered part of a species code, interpret to the correct species code (OCTI to OCT, GURN to GUR and TREV to TRE, RATS to RAT, JAVS to JAV only)	Yes	Yes	20/05/03

Weight	1. Where weight has been entered into the species code field (if the weight and species code are swapped rather than offset by 1 half row)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	2. From total catch where only one species code is reported in the estimated catch section and this is the same as the target species	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	3. From total catch where no species codes are reported in the estimated catch section for certain specified cases	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	4. Where weight has been entered as text	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	5. For SKJ where the number of fish has been entered and not the weight use a standard conversion rate (of 8kg ? per fish) to convert to kg if this weight correlates with the landing greenweight	No	No	
	6. Where the weight has been entered as a range interpret to the average of the range.	Yes	Yes	10/07/02
Species	1. Where full name has been entered as text	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	2. Where partial name has been entered as text (e.g. flounder)	No	No (unless unambiguous)	
	3. From landed state and conversion factor, where only one species possesses the combination given	No	No	
	4. Where an obsolete species code has been used, interpret to the appropriate current code if a suitable code exists.	No	No	
	5. Where ASQ has been entered interpret to SQU. But would need to contact fisher if they did this systematically.	Yes	Yes	07/06/02
	6. Where species code is ZFO and Client number = 8422209 interpret by deleting row. (Only valid for one client who has been advised that rubbish is not required on catch effort returns).		Yes	23/07/02

Processed state	1. From descriptive text (e.g. "Gutted") (if unambiguous)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	2. From species code and conversion factor given	No	No	
	3. From a page numbered series of returns which suggest the fisher always processes this species into a single state (e.g. is a wet fish fisher who performs no processing [I would consider this very dodgy as in some cases a fisher who states they 'do not process' does head and gut fish])	No	No	
	4. Interpret TRU to DRE	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	5. Interpret WIN to FIL for Species SKA, SSK, RSK, PSK, DSK and BTH unless the fisher does this regularly.	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	6. Interpret Bill to BEA for SWO	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	7. Interpret claspers/plasters to ROE for sharks	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	8. Where OFF is used as a species code and MEA as a processed state, interpret MEA to MEB	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	9. Where FIN is used as a species interpret to OSD if there are primary states for other shark or dog species.	No	No	
	10. Where OSD is used as a species and SHF as a landed state, NFA if there are primary states for other shark or dog species.	No	No	
	11. Where FIN is used as a processed state and there is already a primary state for the same species and the conversion factor is zero, interpret FIN to SHF	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	12. Where EAT is used as a processed state, assign error status P (has been submitted as a change request for EAT to be accepted as a processed state)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01 amended 14/10/02
	13. Where the landed state "Trimblock" is entered and the permit number is 8422209 assign error status C	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	14. Where "DIS" or "discarded" has been entered in another field in the processing summary section, interpret into the processed state field	Yes	Yes	24/01/02
	15. Interpret state "fish skins" to FLP where the client number is 8480726 or 8422125	Yes	Yes	29/01/02
	16. Where E has been entered as processed state interpret to EAT.	Yes	No	25/09/02
	17. Where "FOOD" has been entered, interpret to "EAT"	Yes	Yes	17/12/02
	19. the species code is either SCI, CRA or PHC, interpret to RLT			

	18. Where fisher has entered “tail” or “tails” and the species code is either CRA or PHC, interpret to RLT	Yes	Yes	11/12/02
	19. Where the fisher has entered ‘tail” or “tails” and the species code is SCI, interpret to SCT	Yes	Yes	11/12/02
Number of processed units				
Unit weight				
Processed catch weight				
Conversion factor				
Calculated weight before processing	1. From the processed catch weight and conversion factor	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	2. From the processed catch weight, species code and processed state (referencing the conversion factor regulations)	No	No	

Permit holders name	[Note that this is not a keyed field. Interpretation for this field affects whether the name entered is considered to agree with the permit holder FIN number given]			
	1. Disregard the use of abbreviations in place of full names (e.g. Permit issued to 'Alexander Bloggs', permit holder name entered as 'A. Bloggs')	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	2. Disregard the lack of legal name abbreviations (E.g. Co., Ltd., Inc.)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	3. Disregard the use of abbreviated versions of the permit holders name (e.g. 'Ngati Toa' instead of 'Ngati Toa Trust')	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	4. From a page numbered series of returns where no permit holders name has been given, but the permit number given is valid and matches that given on a page numbered series of returns for the same vessel	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	5. Where the fisher has entered the correct permit holders name in the permit holder client number field and the correct permit holder client number in the permit holder name field, interpret permit holder flag to "Y"	Yes	Yes	20/11/01

Permit holder client number ⁵	1. From permit holder name (no number given)	No	No	
	2. From permit holder name (where the number given is missing a single digit required to match permit holder name and if the name is given in full and there is no other permit holder with a similar name and a similar number)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	3. From permit holder name (where transposing two digits in the number given produces a match with permit holder name and if the name is given in full and there is no other permit holder with a similar name and a similar number)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	4. From a page numbered series of returns (where no permit holder number given, but permit holder name is present and matches that in that page numbered series of returns)	No	No	
	5. Where a digit is repeated in the client number, resulting in an extra digit in the number, remove the repeated digit if the name is given in full and there is no other permit holder with a similar name and number	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	6. Where the fisher has entered the correct permit holders name in the permit holder client number field and the correct permit holder client number in the permit holder name field, interpret permit holder flag to “Y”	Yes	Yes	20/11/01
	7. Where the fisher has entered the correct permit holder number in the signature field and entered their signature in the permit holder number field, interpret the permit holder flag to “Y” and the signature flag to “Y”	Yes	Yes	29/05/02
Signature of master or permit holder	[Note that this is not a keyed field. Interpretation for this field affects whether a signature is considered to have been given] 1. Where the fisher has entered the correct permit holder number in the signature field and entered their signature in the permit holder number field, interpret the permit holder flag to “Y” and the signature flag to “Y”	Yes	Yes	29/05/02

⁵ This field will require a Memo to Compliance if the Permit holder was not registered at the time of fishing. Refer to Compliance Memo Requirements Document.

Date Signed	1. Where the date and month can be clearly seen to have been reversed (e.g. 10/20/99) interpret by reversing. – errors on date signed are only to be sent back if they suggested that one of the other dates on the form was incorrect, so it is not worth fixing these ones 2. Where year has not been given, interpret from year of trip dates 3. Where month has not been given, interpret from month of trip dates 4. Where day has not been given, interpret from last day of trip or landing date (whichever is latest) 5. Where entire date is missing, interpret from last day of trip or landing date (whichever is latest)	No	No	
		No	No	
		No	No	
		No	No	
		No	No	

NIL TCEPR

Field name on form	Possible Interpretations	Historical	Current	Approval date
Form number	None			
NIL Date	1. From Date Signed 2. Where return is part of a multi page return (e.g. 2 of 4), interpret date from other pages of that return 3. Day and month reversed (11/28/00) (if the month >12 and other dates on the form support this interpretation) 4. Year given in wrong format (28/11/20, 28/11/200) (but would need to contact fisher if they did this systematically) 5. Day of month from neighbouring returns (where not part of a multi page return) 6. Month from neighbouring returns (where not part of a multi page return) 7. Year from neighbouring returns (where not part of a multi page return) 8. Entire date from neighbouring returns (where not part of a multi page return) 9. Where this date is after the date of signature, NFA if it there does not appear to be an error in the form date (with this possibly being determined from neighbouring returns).	No No Yes Yes No No No No Yes	No No Yes Yes No No No No Yes	 1/10/01 1/10/01 1/10/01

Vessel registration number	1. From vessel name (where the number given is missing a single digit required to match vessel name and the book was issued to that vessel)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	2. From vessel name (where transposing two digits in the number given produces a match with vessel name and the book was issued to that vessel)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	3. From vessel name (no number given but the book was issued to that vessel)	Yes	No	1/10/01
	4. From a page numbered series of returns (where no vessel number given, but vessel name is present and matches that in the page numbered series of returns)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	5. From a page numbered series of returns (where no vessel details are present)	No	No	
	6. Where a fisher has written 'no vessel' or 'shore fishing' or something similar, and the method code does not require a vessel, interpret vessel number to the client's FIN number. But would need to contact fisher if they did this systematically.	No	No	
	7. Where the fisher has entered the correct vessel name in the vessel registration number field and the correct vessel registration number in the vessel name field, interpret vessel flag to "Y"	Yes	Yes	20/11/01

Vessel name	<p>[Note that this is not a keyed field. Interpretation for this field affects whether the name entered is considered to agree with the vessel registration given]</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Disregard simple spelling mistakes in vessel name (e.g. Sundancer vs. Sundacer) 2. Disregarding vessel suffix numbers (e.g. Sundancer vs. Sundancer II) after consulting fisher diary notes where this permit holder has confirmed in writing that this interpretation may be made and if this permit holder has only one vessel of a similar sounding name (ie he does not own both the Sundancer and the Sundancer II) 3. Disregarding vessel suffix numbers (e.g. Sundancer vs. Sundancer II) [note: this interpretation would require further clarification regarding vessels with names of the style 'Fu Yuan No. 3] 4. Disregarding vessel suffix number (e.g. Sundancer vs. Sundancer II) after comparison within a page numbered series of returns which have the correct vessel suffix number and correct vessel registration number. 5. From a page numbered series of returns (where no vessel name given, but vessel number is present and matches that in the page numbered series of returns) 6. Where the fisher has entered the correct vessel name in the vessel registration number field and the correct vessel registration number in the vessel name field, interpret vessel flag to "Y" 	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
		Yes	Yes	1/10/01
		No	No	
		Yes	Yes	1/10/01
		Yes	Yes	1/10/01
		Yes	Yes	20/11/01
Vessel registration number of other vessel (when pair fishing)Vessel Name	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. From return which records fishing activity of paired vessel 2. Where the vessel registration number given for the paired vessel is the same as that given for this vessel registration number, and there is no pair method entered, interpret off the entry in this field 	No	No	
		Yes	Yes	1/10/01
Position at midday				
Water temperature at surface				
Water temperature at bottom				

Page (sequence)	1. From neighbouring returns which form part of the same linked set of pages (or would, had this number been entered on this return) (ie same fisher same vessel right dates) 2. Where page (sequence) and page (of total) have been reversed (e.g. 4 of 2) 3. Where page (sequence) and page (of total) have been reversed with reference to neighbouring returns (e.g. '4 of 2' with neighbours '4 of 1' and '4 of 3') 4. If after checking trip dates it is clear that there is a missing page number due to fisher error (but no actual missing page), NFA the error. But would need to contact fisher if they did this systematically. 5. Interpret the page number and page count from the trip dates where the fisher has written the page number and page count for more than one trip and there are no missing pages in the sequence for the group (should also contact fisher to explain correct page numbering process)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
Of (count of how many pages)	1. From neighbouring returns which form part of the same linked set of pages (or would if this number had been entered on this return) (ie same fisher same vessel right dates) 2. Where page (sequence) and page (of total) have been reversed (e.g. 4 of 2) 3. Where page (sequence) and page (of total) have been reversed with reference to neighbouring returns (e.g. '4 of 2' with neighbours '4 of 1' and '4 of 3')	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
Start time				
End time				
Start Latitude				
End latitude				
Start longitude				
End Longitude				
Gear Code				
Headline Height				
Depth Groundrope				
Depth Bottom				
Trawling speed				
Target species				
Total catch				
Species code				
Weight				

Species				
Processed state				
Calculated weight before processing				
Activity comment	1 Where “Steaming”, “No fishing” or “Nil” comments entered in this field or elsewhere on the form interpret form to NIL when no effort or catch data is present.	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
Permit holders name	<p>[Note that this is not a keyed field. Interpretation for this field affects whether the name entered is considered to agree with the permit holder FIN number given]</p> <p>1. Disregard the use of abbreviations in place of full names (e.g. Permit issued to ‘Alexander Bloggs’, permit holder name entered as ‘A. Bloggs’)</p> <p>2. Disregard the lack of legal name abbreviations (E.g. Co., Ltd., Inc.)</p> <p>3. Disregard the use of abbreviated versions of the permit holders name (e.g. ‘Ngati Toa’ instead of ‘Ngati Toa Trust’)</p> <p>4. From a page numbered series of returns where no permit holders name has been given, but the permit number given is valid and matches that given on a page numbered series of returns for the same vessel</p> <p>5. Where the fisher has entered the correct permit holders name in the permit holder client number field and the correct permit holder client number in the permit holder name field, interpret permit holder flag to “Y”</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p>	<p>1/10/01</p> <p>1/10/01</p> <p>1/10/01</p> <p>1/10/01</p> <p>20/11/01</p>

Permit holder client number	1. From permit holder name (no number given)	No	No	1/10/01
	2. From permit holder name (where the number given is missing a single digit required to match permit holder name and if the name is given in full and there is no other permit holder with a similar name and a similar number)	Yes	Yes	
	3. From permit holder name (where transposing two digits in the number given produces a match with permit holder name and if the name is given in full and there is no other permit holder with a similar name and a similar number)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	4. From a page numbered series of returns (where no permit holder number given, but permit holder name is present and matches that in that page numbered series of returns)	No	No	1/10/01
	5. Where a digit is repeated in the client number, resulting in an extra digit in the number, remove the repeated digit if the name is given in full and there is no other permit holder with a similar name and number	Yes	Yes	
	6. Where the fisher has entered the correct permit holders name in the permit holder client number field and the correct permit holder client number in the permit holder name field, interpret permit holder flag to "Y"	Yes	Yes	
	7. Where the fisher has entered the correct permit holder number in the signature field and entered their signature in the permit holder number field, interpret the permit holder flag to "Y" and the signature flag to "Y"	Yes	Yes	29/05/02
Signature of master or permit holder	[Note that this is not a keyed field. Interpretation for this field affects whether a signature is considered to have been given]			
	1. Where the fisher has entered the correct permit holder number in the signature field and entered their signature in the permit holder number field, interpret the permit holder flag to "Y" and the signature flag to "Y"	Yes	Yes	29/05/02

Date Signed	1. Where the date and month can be clearly seen to have been reversed (e.g. 10/20/99) interpret by reversing. – errors on date signed are only to be sent back if they suggested that one of the other dates on the form was incorrect, so it is not worth fixing these ones	No	No	
	2. Where year has not been given, interpret from year of trip dates	No	No	
	3. Where month has not been given, interpret from month of trip dates	No	No	
	4. Where day has not been given, interpret from last day of trip or landing date (whichever is latest)	No	No	
	5. Where entire date is missing, interpret from last day of trip or landing date (whichever is latest)	No	No	

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Field name on form	Possible Interpretations	Historical	Current forms	Approval date
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Form number	None			
Vessel registration number ⁶	1. From vessel name (where the number given is missing a single digit required to match vessel name and the book was issued to that vessel)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	2. From vessel name (where transposing two digits in the number given produces a match with vessel name and the book was issued to that vessel)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	3. From vessel name (no number given but the book was issued to that vessel)	No	No	
	4. From a page numbered series of returns (where no vessel number given, but vessel name is present and matches that in the page numbered series of returns)	No	No	
	5. From a page numbered series of returns (where no vessel details are present)	No	No	
	6. Where a fisher has written 'no vessel' or 'shore fishing' or something similar, and the method code does not require a vessel, interpret vessel number to the client's FIN number. But would need to contact fisher if they did this systematically.	No	No	
	7. Where the fisher has entered the correct vessel name in the vessel registration number field and the correct vessel registration number in the vessel name field, interpret vessel flag to "Y"	Yes	Yes	20/11/01

⁶ This field will require a Memo to Compliance if the vessel was not registered at the time of fishing. Refer to Compliance Memo Requirements Document.

Vessel name	[Note that this is not a keyed field. Interpretation for this field affects whether the name entered is considered to agree with the vessel registration given]			
	1. Disregard simple spelling mistakes in vessel name (e.g. Sundancer vs. Sundacer)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	2. Disregarding vessel suffix numbers (e.g. Sundancer vs. Sundancer II) after consulting fisher diary notes where this permit holder has confirmed in writing that this interpretation may be made and if this permit holder has only one vessel of a similar sounding name (ie he does not own both the Sundancer and the Sundancer II)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	3. Disregarding vessel suffix numbers (e.g. Sundancer vs. Sundancer II) [note: this interpretation would require further clarification regarding vessels with names of the style 'Fu Yuan No. 3]	No	No	
	4. Disregarding vessel suffix number (e.g. Sundancer vs. Sundancer II) after comparison within a page numbered series of returns which have the correct vessel suffix number and correct vessel registration number.	No	No	
	5. From a page numbered series of returns (where no vessel name given, but vessel number is present and matches that in the page numbered series of returns)	No	No	
	6. Where the fisher has entered the correct vessel name in the vessel registration number field and the correct vessel registration number in the vessel name field, interpret vessel flag to "Y"	Yes	Yes	20/11/01

Position at start of set	1. Where the position at start of set latitude and longitude appear to have been swapped	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	2. Where the degrees and minutes of the position at start of set latitude appear to have been swapped and can be unambiguously interpreted. Would need to contact fisher if they did this systematically.	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	3. Where the degrees and minutes of the position at start of set longitude appear to have been swapped and can be unambiguously interpreted. Would need to contact fisher if they did this systematically.	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	4. Where seconds of latitude have been reported, interpret them off	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	5. Where seconds of longitude have been reported, interpret them off	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	6. Where a value provided is invalid as a latitude or longitude (e.g. 162 degrees 70 minutes) interpret to the most logical correct latitude or longitude (e.g. 163 degrees 10 minutes)	No	No	
	7. Where the position east or west has not been given or has been given in an invalid/unintelligible format, interpret to the entry (E or W) which is most compatible with the rest of the position data as given	No	No	
	8. Where the position east or west has not been given or has been given in an invalid/unintelligible format, interpret to the entry (E or W) which is most compatible with the rest of the position data as given (with reference to neighbouring returns which also appear to be part of the same trip)	No	No	

Target species code	1. Where target species not given, interpret from neighbouring returns which also appear to be part of the same trip	No	No	
	2. Where not given interpret to a default target species (the most commonly targeted species on TLCERs)	No	No	
	3. Where target species not given interpret to a default target species (a generic tuna code such as TUN)	No	No	
	4. From the species with the greatest processed catch weight reported on this return	No	No	
	5. From neighbouring returns which suggest that this fisher always targets the same species	No	No	
	6. Where an obsolete species code has been used, interpret to the appropriate current code if a suitable code exists	No	No	
	7. Where more than 1 target species is given, interpret off extra species to comments	No	No	
Start of set – date	1. Where the start of set date is missing or incomplete, interpret from the Finish of set date, interpreting logically where this suggests that setting may have started on the day before (e.g. start set time 23:00, Finish of set time 04:00 on 21/01/01 – interpret start of set date to 20/01/01)	No	No	
	2. Where the start of set date is missing or incomplete, interpret from neighbouring returns which suggest that the missing date is one of a predictable series of start set dates, the continuance of which on this form would produce a result compatible with the other dates given on return	No	No	
	3. Where the start of set date is missing or incomplete, interpret from the date signed	No	No	
	4. Day and month reversed (11/28/00) (if the month >12 and other dates on the form support this interpretation)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	5. Year given in wrong format (28/11/20, 28/11/200)(but would need to contact fisher if they did this systematically)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	6. Where this date is after the date of signature, NFA if it there does not appear to be an error in the form date (with this possibly being determined from neighbouring returns).	Yes	Yes	1/10/01

Start of set – time	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Where the time has been given in a twelve hour clock format, interpret to a 24 hour clock format 2. Where time has been entered as 2400 interpret to 0000 or 2359 to be consistent with the date entered, as long as this is consistent with other dates and times entered on the form. 3. Where the time has been given in a twelve hour clock format, interpret to a 24 hour clock format with reference to neighbouring returns to ensure the correct interpretation 	No	No	
		Yes	Yes	1/10/01 modified 21/03/02
		No	No	
Start of set – sea surface temperature	No validation performed			
Finish of set – date	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Where the Finish of set date is missing or incomplete, interpret from the Start of set date, interpreting logically where this suggests that setting may have Finished on the day after (e.g. start set time 23:00 on 20/01/01, Finish of set time 04:00– interpret Finish of set date to 21/01/01) (if unambiguous) 2. Where the start of set date is missing or incomplete, interpret from the date signed 3. Day and month reversed (11/28/00) (if the month >12 and other dates on the form support this interpretation) 4. Year given in wrong format (28/11/20, 28/11/200) (would need to contact fisher if they did this systematically) 	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
		No	No	
		Yes	Yes	1/10/01
		Yes	Yes	1/10/01
Finish of set – time	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Where the time has been given in a twelve hour clock format, interpret to a 24 hour clock format 2. Where time has been entered as 2400 interpret to 0000 or 2359 to be consistent with the date entered, as long as this is consistent with other dates and times entered on the form. 3. Where the time has been given in a twelve hour clock format, interpret to a 24 hour clock format with reference to neighbouring returns to ensure the correct interpretation 	No	No	
		Yes	Yes	1/10/01 modified 21/03/02
		No	No	
Finish of set – cloud cover amount	None			
Finish of set – cloud cover code	None			

Start of hauling – date	1. Where the start of hauling date is missing or incomplete, interpret from the Finish of hauling date, interpreting logically where this suggests that hauling may have started on the day before (e.g. start hauling time 23:00, Finish of hauling time 04:00 on 21/01/01 – interpret start of hauling date to 20/01/01) (if unambiguous)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	2. Where the start of hauling date is missing or incomplete, interpret from the date signed	No	No	
	3. Day and month reversed (11/28/00) (if the month >12 and other dates on the form support this information)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	4. Year given in wrong format (28/11/20, 28/11/200) (would need to contact fisher if they did this systematically)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
Start of hauling – time	1. Where the time has been given in a twelve hour clock format, interpret to a 24 hour clock format	No	No	
	2. Where time has been entered as 2400 interpret to 0000 or 2359 to be consistent with the date entered, as long as this is consistent with other dates and times entered on the form.	Yes	Yes	1/10/01 modified 21/03/02
	3. Where the time has been given in a twelve hour clock format, interpret to a 24 hour clock format with reference to neighbouring returns to ensure the correct interpretation	No	No	
Start of hauling – wind speed	1. Where clearly indicated as a value in knots, interpret to meters per second	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	2. If the wind speed is given as a range interpret to the highest value in the range	Yes	Yes	21/06/02
	3. Where the wind direction has been entered into the wind speed field interpret by deleting the wind direction	Yes	Yes	02/08/02

Finish of hauling – date	1. Where the Finish of hauling date is missing or incomplete, interpret from the Start of hauling date, interpreting logically where this suggests that setting may have Started on the day before (e.g. start hauling time 23:00 20/01/01, Finish of hauling time 04:00 – interpret Finish of hauling date to 21/01/01)	No	No	
	2. Where the Finish of hauling date is missing or incomplete, interpret from neighbouring returns which suggest that the missing date is one of a predictable series of Finish of hauling dates, the continuance of which on this form would produce a result compatible with the other dates given on return	No	No	
	3. Where the Finish of hauling date is missing or incomplete, interpret from the date signed	No	No	
	4. Day and month reversed (11/28/00) (if the month >12 and other dates on the form support this interpretation)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	5. Year given in wrong format (28/11/20, 28/11/200) (would need to contact fisher if they did this systematically)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	6. Where the year is missing or incomplete, interpret from other dates on the form if all other dates are complete and correct (if unambiguous).	Yes	Yes	07/08/02
Finish of hauling – time	1. Where the time has been given in a twelve hour clock format, interpret to a 24 hour clock format	No	No	
	2. Where time has been entered as 2400 interpret to 0000 or 2359 to be consistent with the date entered, as long as this is consistent with other dates and times entered on the form.	Yes	Yes	1/10/01 modified 21/03/02
	3. Where the time has been given in a twelve hour clock format, interpret to a 24 hour clock format with reference to neighbouring returns to ensure the correct interpretation	No	No	
Finish of hauling – wind speed	1. Where clearly indicated as a value in knots, interpret to meters per second	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	2. If the wind speed is given as a range interpret to the highest value in the range	Yes	Yes	24/06/02
	3. Where the wind direction has been entered into the wind speed field interpret by deleting the wind direction	Yes	Yes	02/08/02
Gear – total length of line	1. Where clearly given as a value in miles or nautical miles, interpret to kilometers	Yes	Yes	1/10/01

Gear – total number of hooks				
Gear – total number of baskets				
Processed Weight of each STN	1. Where one block has been used per digit merge digits into one block (when this is obviously the case) (if unambiguous) 2. Where the weight is entered with kg and the number of fish is also entered (and this is consistent with the data entered in the “number of fish” field) interpret by deleting the number of fish entered.	Yes Yes	Yes Yes	1/10/01 28/06/02
Species code	1. Where a complete species name has been entered, interpret to relevant species code 2. Where an obsolete species code has been used, interpret to the appropriate current code if a suitable code exists. 3. Where species code is duplicated and one row has the word “fins” or “fin” or “undersized”, NFA 4. Where FIN has been used as a species, interpret off the data or NFA the error 5. Where fisher enters “OIL” interpret to “OFH”	Yes No Yes No No	Yes No Yes No No	1/10/01 1/10/01
Processed catch weight	1. Where the processed catch weight and number of fish have been clearly swapped, interpret by swapping back into the correct fields (if unambiguous) 2. Where processed weight is entered as “discarded” or “dis” or “undersized” or “eaten” or “released” enter the number of fish as given and the processed weight as “0” 3. Where processed catch weight is entered as “0” and the number of fish reported is greater than 0 and the client is 9720272, assign error status E 4. Where fisher has written “FIN” or “FINS” beside the processed catch weight, interpret off the “FIN” or “FINS”, leaving just the weight. Make an “additional text” comment.	Yes Yes Yes Yes	Yes Yes Yes Yes	1/10/01 1/10/01 modified 16/01/02 04/09/02 16/12/02

Number of fish	1. Where the processed catch weight and number of fish have been clearly swapped, interpret by swapping back into the correct fields	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	2. Where the number of fish is reported as zero and all other information on the form supports this, interpret by deleting the rows that contain zero catch	Yes	Yes	04/09/02
Permit holders client number ⁷	1. From permit holder name (no number given)	No	No	1/10/01
	2. From permit holder name (where the number given is missing a single digit required to match permit holder name and if the name is given in full and there is no other permit holder with a similar name and a similar number)	Yes	Yes	
	3. From permit holder name (where transposing two digits in the number given produces a match with permit holder name and if the name is given in full and there is no other permit holder with a similar name and a similar number)	Yes	No	1/10/01
	4. From a page numbered series of returns (where no permit holder number given, but permit holder name is present and matches that in that page numbered series of returns)	No	No	1/10/01
	5. Where a digit is repeated in the client number, resulting in an extra digit in the number, remove the repeated digit if the name is given in full and there is no other permit holder with a similar name and number	Yes	Yes	
	6. Where the fisher has entered the correct permit holders name in the permit holder client number field and the correct permit holder client number in the permit holder name field, interpret permit holder flag to "Y"	Yes	Yes	20/11/01
	7. Where the fisher has entered the correct permit holder number in the signature field and entered their signature in the permit holder number field, interpret the permit holder flag to "Y" and the signature flag to "Y"	Yes	Yes	29/05/02

⁷ This field will require a Memo to Compliance if the Permit holder was not registered at the time of fishing. Refer to Compliance Memo Requirements Document.

Permit holders name	<p>[Note that this is not a keyed field. Interpretation for this field affects whether the name entered is considered to agree with the permit holder FIN number given]</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Disregard the use of abbreviations in place of full names (e.g. Permit issued to 'Alexander Bloggs', permit holder name entered as 'A. Bloggs') 2. Disregard the lack of legal name abbreviations (E.g. Co., Ltd., Inc.) 3. Disregard the use of abbreviated versions of the permit holders name (e.g. 'Ngati Toa' instead of 'Ngati Toa Trust') 4. From a page numbered series of returns where no permit holders name has been given, but the permit number given is valid and matches that given on a page numbered series of returns for the same vessel 5. Where the fisher has entered the correct permit holders name in the permit holder client number field and the correct permit holder client number in the permit holder name field, interpret permit holder flag to "Y" 	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
		Yes	Yes	1/10/01
		Yes	Yes	1/10/01
		Yes	Yes	1/10/01
		Yes	Yes	20/11/01
Signature of master or permit holder	<p>[Note that this is not a keyed field. Interpretation for this field affects whether a signature is considered to have been given]</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Where the fisher has entered the correct permit holder number in the signature field and entered their signature in the permit holder number field, interpret the permit holder flag to "Y" and the signature flag to "Y" 	Yes	Yes	29/05/02

Date signed	1. Where the date and month can be clearly seen to have been reversed (e.g. 10/20/99) interpret by reversing. – errors on date signed are only to be sent back if they suggested that one of the other dates on the form was incorrect, so it is not worth fixing these ones	No	No	
	2. Where year has not been given, interpret from year of trip dates	No	No	
	3. Where month has not been given, interpret from month of trip dates	No	No	
	4. Where day has not been given, interpret from last day of trip or landing date (whichever is latest)	No	No	
	5. Where entire date is missing, interpret from last day of trip or landing date (whichever is latest)	No	No	

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Field name on form	Possible Interpretations	Historical	Current forms	Approval date
Form number	None			
First day of trip	1. Year given in wrong format (28/11/20, 28/11/200) (but would need to contact fisher if they did this systematically)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	2. Day and month reversed (11/28/00) (if the month >12 and other dates on the form support this interpretation)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	3. From first effort date (if present and if the year is unambiguously known and if the lack of a form date was just due to a corner ripped off the form)	No	No	
	4. From last day of trip (if present)	No	No	
	5. From landing date (if the only date present)	No	No	
	6. From date signed (if only date present)	No	No	
	7. Day of month from a page numbered series of returns	No	No	
	8. Month from a page numbered series of returns	No	No	
	9. Year from a page numbered series of returns	No	No	
	10. Entire date from a page numbered series of returns	No	No	

Last day of trip	1. Year given in wrong format (28/11/20, 28/11/200) (but would need to contact fisher if they did this systematically)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	2. Day and month reversed (11/28/00) (if the month >12 and other dates on the form support this interpretation)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	3. From first day of trip	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	4. From landing date	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	5. From last effort date	No	No	
	6. From date signed (if only date present)	No	No	
	7. Day of month from a page numbered series of returns	No	No	
	8. Month from a page numbered series of returns	No	No	
	9. Year from a page numbered series of returns	No	No	
	10. Entire date from a page numbered series of returns	No	No	

Landing date	1. Year given in wrong format (28/11/20, 28/11/200)(but would need to contact fisher if they did this systematically)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	2. Day and month reversed (11/28/00)(if the month>12 and other dates on the form support this interpretation)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	3. From date signed (if only date present)	No	No	
	4. Day of month from a page numbered series of returns	No	No	
	5. Month from a page numbered series of returns	No	No	
	6. Year from a page numbered series of returns	No	No	
	7. Entire date from a page numbered series of returns	No	No	
	8. When landing date is >120 days after the start of trip and trip dates are consistent with the corresponding effort form dates then NFA	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	9. Where only a landing date is given interpret the landing date into the trip date fields if all data entered is consistent with the form reporting a landing only.	Yes	Yes	29/08/02

Vessel registration number ⁸	1. From vessel name (where the number given is missing a single digit required to match vessel name and the book was issued to that vessel)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	2. From vessel name (where transposing two digits in the number given produces a match with vessel name and the book was issued to that vessel)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	3. From vessel name (no number given but the book was issued to that vessel)	Yes	No	1/10/01
	4. From a page numbered series of returns (where no vessel number given, but vessel name is present and matches that in the page numbered series of returns)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	5. From a page numbered series of returns (where no vessel details are present)	No	No	
	6. Where a fisher has written 'no vessel' or 'shore fishing' or something similar, and the method code does not require a vessel, interpret vessel number to the client's FIN number. But would need to contact fisher if they did this systematically.	No	No	
	7. Where the fisher has entered the correct vessel name in the vessel registration number field and the correct vessel registration number in the vessel name field, interpret vessel flag to "Y"	Yes	Yes	20/11/01

⁸ This field will require a Memo to Compliance if the vessel was not registered at the time of fishing. Refer to Compliance Memo Requirements Document.

Vessel name	[Note that this is not a keyed field. Interpretation for this field affects whether the name entered is considered to agree with the vessel registration given]			
	1. Disregard simple spelling mistakes in vessel name (e.g. Sundancer vs. Sundacer)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	2. Disregarding vessel suffix numbers (e.g. Sundancer vs. Sundancer II) after consulting fisher diary notes where this permit holder has confirmed in writing that this interpretation may be made and if this permit holder has only one vessel of a similar sounding name (ie he does not own both the Sundancer and the Sundancer II)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	3. Disregarding vessel suffix numbers (e.g. Sundancer vs. Sundancer II) [note: this interpretation would require further clarification regarding vessels with names of the style 'Fu Yuan No. 3]	No	No	
	4. Disregarding vessel suffix number (e.g. Sundancer vs. Sundancer II) after comparison within a page numbered series of returns which have the correct vessel suffix number and correct vessel registration number.	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	5. From a page numbered series of returns (where no vessel name given, but vessel number is present and matches that in the page numbered series of returns)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	6. Where the fisher has entered the correct vessel name in the vessel registration number field and the correct vessel registration number in the vessel name field, interpret vessel flag to "Y"	Yes	Yes	20/11/01
Vessel registration number of other vessel (if pair fishing)	1. From return which records fishing activity of paired vessel	No	No	
	2. Where the vessel registration number given for the paired vessel is the same as that given for this vessel registration number, and there is no pair method entered, interpret off the entry in this field	Yes	Yes	1/10/01

Point of landing	1. From landing points previously reported by this fisher/vessel combination where only one point of landing is normally used	No	No	
	2. From landing points previously reported by this fisher/vessel combination where the point of landing is illegible, not missing	No	No	
	3. From other forms in a page numbered series of forms where the landing date is consistent on each form in the series	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	4. For destination T interpret point of landing to destination vessel number	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	5. For destinations other than L,W,S,T and F used as the destination code, NFA point of landing required	Yes	Yes	1/10/01 amended 27/06/02
	6. Where only part of the point of landing is legible, enter the legible text if this provides some meaningful indication of the point of landing.	Yes	Yes	17/01/02
	7. Where the point of landing is entered in the Pair vessel field and there is no pair fishing method interpret into the correct field if this is an appropriate point of landing.	Yes	Yes	01/08/02
Page (sequence)	1. From neighbouring returns which form part of the same linked set of pages (or would, had this number been entered on this return) (ie same fisher same vessel right dates)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	2. Where page (sequence) and page (of total) have been reversed (e.g. 4 of 2)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	3. Where page (sequence) and page (of total) have been reversed with reference to neighbouring returns (e.g. '4 of 2' with neighbours '4 of 1' and '4 of 3')	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	4. If after checking trip dates it is clear that there is a missing page number due to fisher error (but no actual missing page), NFA the error. But would need to contact fisher if they did this systematically.	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	5. Interpret the page number and page count from the trip dates where the fisher has written the page number and page count for more than one trip and there are no missing pages in the sequence for the group (should also contact fisher to explain correct page numbering process)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01

Of (count of how many pages)	1. From neighbouring returns which form part of the same linked set of pages (or would if this number had been entered on this return) (ie same fisher same vessel right dates)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	2. Where page (sequence) and page (of total) have been reversed (e.g. 4 of 2)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	3. Where page (sequence) and page (of total) have been reversed with reference to neighbouring returns (e.g. '4 of 2' with neighbours '4 of 1' and '4 of 3')	Yes	Yes	1/10/01

Fishstock	1. From species code entered as text if area code is present and text is unambiguous.	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	2. Interpret obsolete method based fishstock codes (e.g. KAH3P = KAH3)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	3. Where fishstock code uses a FMA which is not associated with that species, interpret to appropriate fishstock code (e.g. GSP3 = GSP1)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	4. Where a fishstock code has been reported in the style TAR02, interpret to TAR2	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	5. Where an obsolete species code has been used, interpret to the appropriate current code if a suitable code exists.	No	No	
	6. Where the area is written first then the species code, swap them around to correct format if unambiguous. e.g. change 5HPB to HPB5 (assuming for example that 5HPB could not be SHP8)	Yes	Yes	29/10/01
	7. Where the fishstock ORH2A has been entered with additional area information ORH2AS (indicating south), interpret by deleting additional data. Would need to notify fisher if they did this systematically.	Yes	Yes	25/01/02
	8. Where an incorrect fishstock for species SBW has been entered, interpret to the correct fishstock for forms dated from 1/11/99 until April 2001.	Yes	No	19/04/02
	9. Where the fisher has entered only a destination type and/or an LFR number in the first landing row and has indicated that these are for each landing row and where no other data has been entered in the first row of landing, interpret by deleting the first row of landing information where there is no species entered.	Yes	Yes	21/05/02
	10. Where species is a research only code and permit holder is NIWA (9170041) assign error status C	Yes	Yes	12/09/02
	11. Where OFF has been entered with a FMA, interpret by deleting the FMA.	Yes	Yes	22/11/02
	12. Where the fisher has entered part of a species code, interpret to the correct species code (only valid for OCTI to OCT)	Yes	Yes	30/01/03

Landed state	1. From species code (e.g. eels = GRE) for certain approved combinations	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	2. From destination type given (e.g. DIS = GRE) for certain approved combinations	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	3. From landed state information entered as text if unambiguous.	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	4. From a page numbered series of returns which suggest the fisher always processes this species into a single state	No	No	
	5. Interpret TRU to DRE. Fisher education is required if the fisher does this consistently	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	6. Interpret WIN to FIL for Species BRA, BTH, DSK, EGR, ERA, PSK, RAY, RSK, SKA, SSK, STR, and WRA.	Yes	Yes	1/10/01 amended 25/06/02
	7. Interpret SWO bills to state code BEA. But would need to contact fisher if they did this systematically.	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	8. Interpret claspers/plasters to state code ROE for sharks.	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	9. Interpret FIN to SHF if a primary state code already exists for that species and no greenweight has been entered	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	10. Where FIN is used as a fishstock interpret to OSD if there are primary states for other shark or dog species.	No	No	
	11. Where OSD is used as a fishstock and SHF as a landed state, NFA if there are primary states for other shark or dog species.	No	No	
	12. Where OFF is the species code and MEA is used as a state code interpret MEA to MEB	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	13. Where landed state and container numbers have been swapped, interpret into correct columns.	Yes	Yes	30/11/01
	14. Interpret state “fish skins” to FLP where the client number is 8480726 or 8422125	Yes	Yes	29/01/02
	15. Where G&GU is entered interpret to GGU	Yes	Yes	24/05/02
	16. 16. Where fisher has entered “tail” or “tails” and the species code is either CRA or PHC, interpret the landed state to RLT	Yes	Yes	11/12/02
	17. Where fisher has entered “tail” or “tails” and the species code is SCI, interpret to SCT	Yes	Yes	11/12/02

Number of containers	1. Where container numbers/type/weights have been entered in the wrong order, interpret into the correct columns (specifically the container type should not end up in one of the numeric fields. The container numbers/weights need not be swapped)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	2. Where the number of containers has been entered as text (if unambiguous)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	3. Where the number of containers has been entered in the format x + y, interpret the figures together (e.g. 20+4 interpret to 24)	Yes	Yes	19/03/03
Type of containers	1. Where container numbers/type/weights have been entered in the wrong order, interpret into the correct columns (specifically the container type should not end up in one of the numeric fields. The container numbers/weights need not be swapped)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	2. Where the full name of the container type has been entered instead of a container type code (if unambiguous)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
Container weight	1. Where container numbers/type/weights have been entered in the wrong order, interpret into the correct columns (specifically the container type should not end up in one of the numeric fields. The container numbers/weights need not be swapped)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	2. Where the content weight has been entered as text (if unambiguous)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	3. Where the content weight given appears to be the total weight of all the containers (interpret by dividing by the number of containers given) (if there is a greenweight, then we do not care about this, and it can be NFAd. If there is no greenweight then contact the fisher)	No	No	
Quota registration number fish caught against	1. Where a QRN is reported but is an invalid QRN then NFA (for forms dated after 1/10/01)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01

Destination type	1. Interpret “eaten on board” to destination code “E”	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	2. Interpret “Personal feeds” or “Crew feeds” to destination code “?”			
	3. Interpret “Take home” to destination code “F”	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	4. Interpret “Bait” to destination code “U”	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	5. Where all other entries on this return are for destination type “L”, no destination type is given for one line, but the line contains a greenweight, and the same LFR and invoice numbers as the other entries which have been entered by hand rather than filled in by arrows or dittos	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	6. Where an incorrect entry has been made in this column (e.g. BIN) and invoice and greenweight numbers are present, interpret the destination code to L if there is an LFR number present and the invoice and LFR number have been entered by hand rather than filled in by arrows or dittos	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	7. Where Rec.Catch has been entered for a row of landing data, interpret the destination type to F, if the form date is before Jan 1, 2002	Yes	Yes	3/12/01
	8. Where the destination type has been entered into the “LFR or Vessel reg” field interpret into the correct field if no LFR or vessel registration is required.	Yes	Yes	25/2/02
	9. Where the fisher has entered “DIS” and the species entered is a non-quota species and no LFR or invoice numbers have been entered, interpret the destination type to “D”	Yes	Yes	29/01/03

LFR number or vessel registration number ⁹	1. Where only a single LFR has been reported for other entries on this return, and one LFR entry is missing but has had the same invoice number reported as the other entries, interpret to match the other LFR numbers provided on this return- provided this leaves everything consistent	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	2. Where more than one LFR has been reported in other entries on this return, each LFR has a single invoice number associated with it, and an entry missing the LFR number has one of these invoice numbers reported for it, interpret the LFR to the LFR associated with that invoice number	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	3. Where a page numbered series of returns suggest that this fisher only ever lands to one LFR and the same invoice number has been entered on this return as on others in the page numbered series, interpret from the LFR number reported in this page numbered series of returns, provided this leaves everything consistent.	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	4. Where only a single LFR number has been entered at the top of the column and all catch is reported as destination code "L" with the same invoice number, interpret the LFR number for the other entries in the landing section from the single LFR given	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	5. Where the vessel call sign is entered and the destination type is T interpret the call sign to the correct vessel registration number.	Yes	Yes	02/08/02
	6. Where an LFR number has been entered (but no invoice number) and it is not required for the destination type code entered, interpret off the number and make an additional text comment.	Yes	Yes	23/12/02

⁹ This field will require a Memo to Compliance if the LFR was not a valid LFR at the time of Landing. Refer to Compliance Memo Requirements Document

Greenweight (kilograms) when advised by LFR	1. Where invoice number and greenweight appear to have been swapped, interpret by moving entries into the correct relevant fields. If the greenweight has kg entered or the invoice number is consistent with other invoices numbers entered on the same form and the greenweight is consistent with the container details.	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	2. Where two or more lines are linked (by brackets or the greenweight has been written over 2 or more catch landing lines) to a single greenweight figure and are from the same species group and fishstock area, interpret by combining into a single line, (must be a regulated fishstock), and null out container data	Yes	Yes	1/10/01 Amended 10/07/02 Amended 04/04/03
	3. Where the landed state reported for this line is a primary landed state and the greenweight reported is '0', interpret by deleting this line from the landing section	No	No	
	4. Where two greenweights of the same quantity are supplied in one landing and it does not appear to be a duplicate entry (ie different LFR or invoice number and different container details), NFA the error	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	5. Where greenweight does not approximately equal the number of units times the weight of each unit times the conversion factor but the sum of the estimated catches of the species approximates the sum of the greenweights of that species and the container weight approximates the greenweight (indicating the container weight is incorrect), NFA	No	No	
	6. Where the greenweight does not equal the container weight times the number of containers time the conversion factor but the greenweight given is greater than half and less than one and a half times the calculated greenweight, NFA.	Yes	Yes	30/11/01
	7. Where the greenweight does not equal the container weight times the number of containers times the conversion factor but the greenweight given is greater than half and less than one and a half times the calculated greenweight, NFA.		Yes	30/11/01
	8. Where no greenweight has been entered for the destination type F, and the form date is before Jan 1, 2002, NFA	Yes	Yes	3/12/01
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	9. Where a greenweight has been entered as a range, and the destination type is not L, interpret to the average of the range.	Yes	Yes	20/12/01
	10. Where a greenweight has not been entered for destination type L and the fisher is unable to get the information from the LFR, NFA. (require written confirmation from Fisher)		Yes	20/12/01
	11. Where the greenweight has been written in the LFR column, interpret into the correct column if the container details are consistent with the greenweight entered and the LFR is valid.	Yes	Yes	17/04/02
	12. Where the fisher is unable to provide a greenweight (due to the fish being lost, stolen or the LFR not providing a greenweight), create an interpreted version and leave the greenweight as a blank on this version. But if this occurs systematically the reason should be queried with the fisher.	Yes	Yes	13/01/03

Tax invoice number from LFR	1. Where a single invoice number has been given at the start of the column and all the entries relate to the same LFR, interpret invoice numbers down the column.- don't sent back, just don't bother to interpret	No	No	
	2. Where more than one LFR has been used on a return and each uses only a single invoice number on the returns, interpret in a missing invoice number based on the reported LFR.- don't send back, just don't bother to interpret	No	No	
Permit holders client number ¹⁰	1. From permit holder name (no number given)	No	No	
	2. From permit holder name (where the number given is missing a single digit required to match permit holder name and if the name is given in full and there is no other permit holder with a similar name and a similar number)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	3. From permit holder name (where transposing two digits in the number given produces a match with permit holder name and if the name is given in full and there is no other permit holder with a similar name and a similar number)	Yes	No	1/10/01
	4. From a page numbered series of returns (where no permit holder number given, but permit holder name is present and matches that in that page numbered series of returns)	No	No	
	5. Where a digit is repeated in the client number, resulting in an extra digit in the number, remove the repeated digit if the name is given in full and there is no other permit holder with a similar name and number	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	6. Where the fisher has entered the correct permit holders name in the permit holder client number field and the correct permit holder client number in the permit holder name field, interpret permit holder flag to "Y"	Yes	Yes	20/11/01
	7. Where the fisher has entered the correct permit holder number in the signature field and entered their signature in the permit holder number field, interpret the permit holder flag to "Y" and the signature flag to "Y"	Yes	Yes	29/05/02

¹⁰ This field will require a Memo to Compliance if the Permit holder was not registered at the time of fishing. Refer to Compliance Memo Requirements Document.

Permit holders name	[Note that this is not a keyed field. Interpretation for this field affects whether the name entered is considered to agree with the permit holder FIN number given]			
	1. Disregard the use of abbreviations in place of full names (e.g. Permit issued to 'Alexander Bloggs', permit holder name entered as 'A. Bloggs')	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	2. Disregard the lack of legal name abbreviations (E.g. Co., Ltd., Inc.)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	3. Disregard the use of abbreviated versions of the permit holders name (e.g. 'Ngati Toa' instead of 'Ngati Toa Trust')	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	4. From a page numbered series of returns where no permit holders name has been given, but the permit number given is valid and matches that given on a page numbered series of returns for the same vessel	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	5. Where the fisher has entered the correct permit holders name in the permit holder client number field and the correct permit holder client number in the permit holder name field, interpret permit holder flag to "Y"	Yes	Yes	20/11/01
Signature of Master	[Note that this is not a keyed field. Interpretation for this field affects whether a signature is considered to have been given] 1. Where the fisher has entered the correct permit holder number in the signature field and entered their signature in the permit holder number field, interpret the permit holder flag to "Y" and the signature flag to "Y"	Yes	Yes	29/05/02

Date signed	1. Where the date and month can be clearly seen to have been reversed (e.g. 10/20/99) interpret by reversing. – errors on date signed are only to be sent back if they suggested that one of the other dates on the form was incorrect, so it is not worth fixing these ones	No	No	
	2. Where year has not been given, interpret from year of trip dates	No	No	
	3. Where month has not been given, interpret from month of trip dates	No	No	
	4. Where day has not been given, interpret from last day of trip or landing date (whichever is latest)	No	No	
	5. Where entire date is missing, interpret from last day of trip or landing date (whichever is latest)	No	No	

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Field name on form	Possible Interpretations	Historical	Current forms	Approval date
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Form number	None			
Vessel registration number ¹¹	1. From vessel name (where the number given is missing a single digit required to match vessel name and the book was issued to that vessel)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	2. From vessel name (where transposing two digits in the number given produces a match with vessel name and the book was issued to that vessel)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	3. From vessel name (no number given but the book was issued to that vessel)	No	No	
	4. From a page numbered series of returns (where no vessel number given, but vessel name is present and matches that in the page numbered series of returns)	No	No	
	5. From a page numbered series of returns (where no vessel details are present)	No	No	
	6. Where a fisher has written 'no vessel' or 'shore fishing' or something similar, and the method code does not require a vessel, interpret vessel number to the client's FIN number. But would need to contact fisher if they did this systematically.	No	No	
	7. Where the fisher has entered the correct vessel name in the vessel registration number field and the correct vessel registration number in the vessel name field, interpret vessel flag to "Y"	Yes	Yes	20/11/01

¹¹ This field will require a Memo to Compliance if the vessel was not registered at the time of fishing. Refer to Compliance Memo Requirements Document.

Vessel name	[Note that this is not a keyed field. Interpretation for this field affects whether the name entered is considered to agree with the vessel registration given]			
	1. Disregard simple spelling mistakes in vessel name (e.g. Sundancer vs. Sundacer)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	2. Disregarding vessel suffix numbers (e.g. Sundancer vs. Sundancer II) after consulting fisher diary notes where this permit holder has confirmed in writing that this interpretation may be made and if this permit holder has only one vessel of a similar sounding name (ie he does not own both thte Sundancer and the Sundancer II)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	3. Disregarding vessel suffix numbers (e.g. Sundancer vs. Sundancer II) [note: this interpretation would require further clarification regarding vessels with names of the style 'Fu Yuan No. 3]	No	No	
	4. Disregarding vessel suffix number (e.g. Sundancer vs. Sundancer II) after comparison within a page numbered series of returns which have the correct vessel suffix number and correct vessel registration number.	No	No	
	5. From a page numbered series of returns (where no vessel name given, but vessel number is present and matches that in the page numbered series of returns)	No	No	
	6. Where the fisher has entered the correct vessel name in the vessel registration number field and the correct vessel registration number in the vessel name field, interpret vessel flag to "Y"	Yes	Yes	20/11/01

Date	1. Day and month reversed (11/28/00) (if the month >12 and other dates on the form support this interpretation)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	2. Year given in wrong format (28/11/20, 28/11/200) (but would need to contact fisher if they did this systematically)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	3. From date signed (if only date present)	No	No	
	4. Day of month from neighbouring returns that suggest that this return is part of the same trip and the date would fit the date sequence	No	No	
	5. Month from neighbouring returns that suggest that this return is part of the same trip and the date would fit the date sequence	No	No	
	6. Year from neighbouring returns that suggest that this return is part of the same trip and the date would fit the date sequence	No	No	
	7. Entire date from neighbouring returns that suggest that this return is part of the same trip and the date would fit the date sequence	No	No	
Latitude	1. Where the latitude and longitude appear to have been swapped, interpret by swapping back to the correct fields (if unambiguous)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	2. Where the degrees and minutes of the latitude appear to have been swapped (if unambiguous)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	3. Where seconds of latitude have been reported, interpret them off	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	4. Where a value provided is invalid as a latitude or longitude (e.g. 162 degrees 70 minutes) interpret to the most logical correct latitude or longitude (e.g. 163 degrees 10 minutes)	No	No	

Longitude	1. Where the latitude and longitude appear to have been swapped, interpret by swapping back to the correct fields (if unambiguous)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	2. Where the degrees and minutes of longitude appear to have been swapped (if unambiguous)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	3. Where seconds of longitude have been reported, interpret them off	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	4. Where a value provided is invalid as a latitude or longitude (e.g. 162 degrees 70 minutes) interpret to the most logical correct latitude or longitude (e.g. 163 degrees 10 minutes)	No	No	
	5. Where the position east or west has not been given or has been given in an invalid/unintelligible format, interpret to the entry (E or W) which is most compatible with the rest of the position data as given	No	No	
	6. Where the position east or west has not been given or has been given in an invalid/unintelligible format, interpret to the entry (E or W) which is most compatible with the rest of the position data as given (with reference to neighbouring returns which also appear to be part of the same trip)	No	No	
Depth deepest lure	1. Where 'm' has been entered at the end of a value, interpret the 'm' off.	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	2. Where the depth of the deepest lure has been given as a range, interpret by determining the average (rounding up)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
Depth Sea Bottom	1. Where 'm' has been entered at the end of a value, interpret the 'm' off.	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	2. Where the depth of the bottom has been given as a range, interpret by determining the average (rounding up)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
Sea surface temperature				
Wind speed	1. Where clearly indicated as a speed in knots, interpret to meters per second	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	2. If the wind speed is given as a range interpret to the highest value in the range	Yes	Yes	24/06/02
Wind direction	1. Where given as a letter of the alphabet (e.g. NE, SW), interpret by converting to degrees from true north.	Yes	Yes	1/10/01

Time at start of fishing	1. Where the time has been given in a twelve hour clock format, interpret to a 24 hour clock format 2. Where time is given as 2400 interpret to 0000 3. Where the time has been given in a twelve hour clock format, interpret to a 24 hour clock format with reference to neighbouring returns to ensure the correct interpretation	No Yes No	No Yes No	 1/10/01
End time	1. Where the time has been given in a twelve hour clock format, interpret to a 24 hour clock format 2. Where time is given as 2400 interpret to 0000 3. Where the time has been given in a twelve hour clock format, interpret to a 24 hour clock format with reference to neighbouring returns to ensure the correct interpretation	No Yes No	No Yes No	 1/10/01
Number of jigging machines in use – single reel	1 Where the number is entered as text	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
Double reel	1 Where the number is entered as text	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
Species code	1. Where a complete species name has been entered, interpret to relevant species code 2. Where an obsolete species code has been used, interpret to the appropriate current code if a suitable code exists. 3. Where the species code is entered in the weight field and the weight is entered in the species code field interpret into correct field	Yes No Yes	Yes No Yes	1/10/01 1/10/01
Total catch (by species)	1 Where weight is entered in the species code field and the species code is entered in the weight field interpret into the correct field. 2 Where weight is entered as text	Yes Yes	Yes Yes	1/10/01 1/10/01
Number of squid per tray	Not validated			
Total (number of trays)	Not validated			

Not fishing				
Permit holder client number ¹²	1. From permit holder name (no number given) 2. From permit holder name (where the number given is missing a single digit required to match permit holder name and if the name is given in full and there is no other permit holder with a similar name and a similar number) 3. From permit holder name (where transposing two digits in the number given produces a match with permit holder name and if the name is given in full and there is no other permit holder with a similar name and a similar number) 4. From a page numbered series of returns (where no permit holder number given, but permit holder name is present and matches that in that page numbered series of returns) 5. Where a digit is repeated in the client number, resulting in an extra digit in the number, remove the repeated digit if the name is given in full and there is no other permit holder with a similar name and number 6. Where the fisher has entered the correct permit holders name in the permit holder client number field and the correct permit holder client number in the permit holder name field, interpret permit holder flag to "Y" 7. Where the fisher has entered the correct permit holder number in the signature field and entered their signature in the permit holder number field, interpret the permit holder flag to "Y" and the signature flag to "Y"	No Yes Yes No Yes Yes Yes	No Yes No Yes Yes Yes	1/10/01 1/10/01 1/10/01 20/11/01 29/05/02

¹² This field will require a Memo to Compliance if the Permit holder was not registered at the time of fishing. Refer to Compliance Memo Requirements Document.

Permit holders name	[Note that this is not a keyed field. Interpretation for this field affects whether the name entered is considered to agree with the permit holder FIN number given]			
	1. Disregard the use of abbreviations in place of full names (e.g. Permit issued to 'Alexander Bloggs', permit holder name entered as 'A. Bloggs')	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	2. Disregard the lack of legal name abbreviations (E.g. Co., Ltd., Inc.)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	3. Disregard the use of abbreviated versions of the permit holders name (e.g. 'Ngati Toa' instead of 'Ngati Toa Trust')	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	4. From a page numbered series of returns where no permit holders name has been given, but the permit number given is valid and matches that given on a page numbered series of returns for the same vessel	No	No	
	5. Where the fisher has entered the correct permit holders name in the permit holder client number field and the correct permit holder client number in the permit holder name field, interpret permit holder flag to "Y"	Yes	Yes	20/11/01
Signature of master	[Note that this is not a keyed field. Interpretation for this field affects whether a signature is considered to have been given] 1. Where the fisher has entered the correct permit holder number in the signature field and entered their signature in the permit holder number field, interpret the permit holder flag to "Y" and the signature flag to "Y"	Yes	Yes	29/05/02

Date signed	1. Where the date and month can be clearly seen to have been reversed (e.g. 10/20/99) interpret by reversing. – errors on date signed are only to be sent back if they suggested that one of the other dates on the form was incorrect, so it is not worth fixing these ones	No	No	
	2. Where year has not been given, interpret from year of trip dates	No	No	
	3. Where month has not been given, interpret from month of trip dates	No	No	
	4. Where day has not been given, interpret from last day of trip or landing date (whichever is latest)	No	No	
	5. Where entire date is missing, interpret from last day of trip or landing date (whichever is latest)	No	No	

Nil-CLR

Area of Interpretation	Possible Interpretation	Historical	Current forms	Approval date
Form number	None			
Nil Status	1. Where 'NIL' is not stated, interpret return as a nil from complete lack of data on return	No	No	
	2. Where 'NIL' is not stated, interpret return as a nil from statement on forms (e.g. 'No Fishing', 'boat sunk', 'bad weather', etc.) – we would allow this for a particular list of variants that were satisfactory to Compliance	No	Yes	1/10/01
	3. From neighbouring returns where they form a series of nil returns for consecutive months but one return is missing the statement 'NIL'	No	No	

Nil Date	1. From date signed	No	No	
	2. From a text statement (e.g. 'NIL October 2000') anywhere on return	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	3. From a date (month and year) entered with no other effort data present and where the form is clearly marked as a NIL return (e.g. month and year inputted in the day month section of the effort data)	No	No	
	4. From neighbouring returns where they form a series of nil returns for consecutive months but one return is missing the month	No	No	
	5. From first day of trip or last day of trip, where the nil date has been entered here instead of in the landing date field	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	6. From start/end dates provided such as: Only the first or the last day of the month, 01-30 of the month (even if the month had 31 days)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01

Vessel registration number	1. From vessel name (where the number given is missing a single digit required to match vessel name and the book was issued to that vessel)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	2. From vessel name (where transposing two digits in the number given produces a match with vessel name and the book was issued to that vessel)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	3. From vessel name (no number given but the book was issued to that vessel)	Yes	No	1/10/01
	4. From a page numbered series of returns (where no vessel number given, but vessel name is present and matches that in the page numbered series of returns)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	5. From a page numbered series of returns (where no vessel details are present)	No	No	
	6. Where a fisher has written 'no vessel' or 'shore fishing' or something similar, and the method code does not require a vessel, interpret vessel number to the client's FIN number. But would need to contact fisher if they did this systematically.	No	No	
	7. Where the fisher has entered the correct vessel name in the vessel registration number field and the correct vessel registration number in the vessel name field, interpret vessel flag to "Y"	Yes	Yes	20/11/01
	8. Where the vessel name and number are entered anywhere on the form interpret into the correct field.	Yes	Yes	02/08/02
	9. When no Vessel registration number is entered, if no vessel is registered to that permit holder and that permit holder is not a notified user of any vessel, interpret to "NONE"	Yes	Yes	26/08/02

Vessel name	[Note that this is not a keyed field. Interpretation for this field affects whether the name entered is considered to agree with the vessel registration given]			
	1. Disregard simple spelling mistakes in vessel name (e.g. Sundancer vs. Sundacer)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	2. Disregarding vessel suffix numbers (e.g. Sundancer vs. Sundancer II) after consulting fisher diary notes where this permit holder has confirmed in writing that this interpretation may be made and if this permit holder has only one vessel of a similar sounding name (ie he does not own both the Sundancer and the Sundancer II)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	3. Disregarding vessel suffix numbers (e.g. Sundancer vs. Sundancer II) [note: this interpretation would require further clarification regarding vessels with names of the style 'Fu Yuan No. 3]	No	No	
	4. Disregarding vessel suffix number (e.g. Sundancer vs. Sundancer II) after comparison within a page numbered series of returns which have the correct vessel suffix number and correct vessel registration number.	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	5. From a page numbered series of returns (where no vessel name given, but vessel number is present and matches that in the page numbered series of returns)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	6. Where the fisher has entered the correct vessel name in the vessel registration number field and the correct vessel registration number in the vessel name field, interpret vessel flag to "Y"	Yes	Yes	20/11/01
	7. Where the vessel name and number are entered anywhere on the form interpret into the correct field.	Yes	Yes	02/08/02

Permit holders name	[Note that this is not a keyed field. Interpretation for this field affects whether the name entered is considered to agree with the permit holder FIN number given]			
	1. Disregard the use of abbreviations in place of full names (e.g. Permit issued to 'Alexander Bloggs', permit holder name entered as 'A. Bloggs')	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	2. Disregard the lack of legal name abbreviations (E.g. Co., Ltd., Inc.)	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	3. Disregard the use of abbreviated versions of the permit holders name (e.g. 'Ngati Toa' instead of 'Ngati Toa Trust')	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	4. From a page numbered series of returns where no permit holders name has been given, but the permit number given is valid and matches that given on a page numbered series of returns for the same vessel	Yes	Yes	1/10/01
	5. Where the fisher has entered the correct permit holders name in the permit holder client number field and the correct permit holder client number in the permit holder name field, interpret permit holder flag to "Y"	Yes	Yes	20/11/01

Permit holder client number	1. From permit holder name (no number given)	No	No	1/10/01
	2. From permit holder name (where the number given is missing a single digit required to match permit holder name and if the name is given in full and there is no other permit holder with a similar name and a similar number)	Yes	Yes	
	3. From permit holder name (where transposing two digits in the number given produces a match with permit holder name and if the name is given in full and there is no other permit holder with a similar name and a similar number)	Yes	No	1/10/01
	4. From a page numbered series of returns (where no permit holder number given, but permit holder name is present and matches that in that page numbered series of returns)	No	No	1/10/01
	5. Where a digit is repeated in the client number, resulting in an extra digit in the number, remove the repeated digit if the name is given in full and there is no other permit holder with a similar name and number	Yes	Yes	
	6. Where the fisher has entered the correct permit holders name in the permit holder client number field and the correct permit holder client number in the permit holder name field, interpret permit holder flag to "Y"	Yes	Yes	20/11/01
	7. Where the fisher has entered the correct permit holder number in the signature field and entered their signature in the permit holder number field, interpret the permit holder flag to "Y" and the signature flag to "Y"	Yes	Yes	29/05/02
Signature of master	[Note that this is not a keyed field. Interpretation for this field affects whether a signature is considered to have been given]			
	1. Where the fisher has entered the correct permit holder number in the signature field and entered their signature in the permit holder number field, interpret the permit holder flag to "Y" and the signature flag to "Y"	Yes	Yes	29/05/02
Date signed				

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Field name on form	Possible Interpretations	Current forms	Approval date
Form number	None		
Month	1.		
Year	1. When full year written (eg 2002) interpret to last 2 digits.	Yes	05/03/02
Method	1. Where one method is ticked and others crossed interpret by deleting methods with cross	Yes	05/03/02
	2. Where method is written as text (for certain approved cases)	Yes	05/03/02
Date (dd)	1. Where day and Month entered and month matches the entry in the 'Month' field interpret by deleting the month	Yes	05/03/02
	2. Where rows are linked by brackets but date is only entered in one row, interpret date into each linked row.	Yes	05/03/02
Statistical area	1. Where '0' entered in front of statistical area interpret by deleting '0'	Yes	05/03/02
	2. Where fishstock code has been added to a stat area, interpret off the fishstock code	Yes	05/03/02
	3. Where the statistical are includes a number and a letter and these have been entered in the incorrect order, interpret into the correct format.	Yes	05/03/02
Number of nets, pots, traps lifted	1. Written as text	Yes	05/03/02
Estimated weight of eels	1. Where weight is entered as text	Yes	05/03/02
	2. Where the weight has been entered as a range interpret to the average of the range.	Yes	10/07/02
Species codes	1. Where full name has been entered as text and can be unambiguously interpreted	Yes	05/03/02
Estimated catch of non-eel species	1. Where weight is entered as text	Yes	05/03/02
	2. Where the weight has been entered as a range interpret to the average of the range.	Yes	10/07/02

Permit holder name	<p>[Note that this is not a keyed field. Interpretation for this field affects whether the name entered is considered to agree with the permit holder FIN number given]</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Disregard the use of abbreviations in place of full names (e.g. Permit issued to 'Alexander Bloggs', permit holder name entered as 'A. Bloggs') 2. Disregard the lack of legal name abbreviations (E.g. Co., Ltd., Inc.) 3. Disregard the use of abbreviated versions of the permit holders name (e.g. 'Ngati Toa' instead of 'Ngati Toa Trust') 4. Where the fisher has entered the correct permit holders name in the permit holder client number field and the correct permit holder client number in the permit holder name field, interpret permit holder flag to "Y" 	Yes	05/03/02
Client number	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. From permit holder name (no number given) permit holder name (where the number given is missing a single digit required to match permit holder name and if the name is given in full and there is no other permit holder with a similar name and a similar number) 2. Where a digit is repeated in the client number, resulting in an extra digit in the number, remove the repeated digit if the name is given in full and there is no other permit holder with a similar name and number 3. Where the fisher has entered the correct permit holders name in the permit holder client number field and the correct permit holder client number in the permit holder name field, interpret permit holder flag to "Y" 	Yes	05/03/02
Name of fisher			
Signature			
Date signed			

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Field name on form	Possible Interpretations	Current forms	Approval date
Form number	None		
Month	1.		
Year	1. When full year written (eg 2002) interpret to last 2 digits.	Yes	05/03/02
NIL	1. Where NIL is written anywhere on the form, and no landing data is present, interpret as a NIL return	Yes	05/03/02
Date (dd)	2. Where day and Month entered and month matches the entry in the 'Month' field interpret by deleting the month	Yes	05/03/02
	3. Where rows are linked by brackets but date is only entered in one row, interpret date into each linked row.	Yes	05/03/02
Fishstock Species code	1. Where species code is entered as text, interpret to correct code (if unambiguous)	Yes	05/03/02
Fishstock area	1. Where a fishstock code has been reported in the style SFE03, interpret to SFE3	Yes	05/03/02
Greenweight estimate	1. Where weight has been entered as text	Yes	05/03/02
	2. Where the greenweight is entered as zero and there is no destination type, LFR, greenweight or invoice number, interpret by deleting the landing row.	Yes	30/05/02
	3. Where the weight has been entered as a range interpret to the average of the range.	Yes	10/07/02
Destination type	1. Where all other entries on this return are for destination type "L" and no destination type is given for one line but the line contains a Greenweight from the LFR and the same LFR and invoice number as the other rows (If LFR and Invoice numbers have been entered on each row ie: no use of dittos or arrows), Interpret destination type to L.	Yes	05/03/02
	2. Where REC.Catch has been entered for a row of landing data, interpret the destination type to F, if the form date is before Jan 1, 2002	Yes	05/03/02

LFR number	1. Where only a single LFR has been reported for other entries on this return, and one LFR entry is missing but has the same invoice number reported as other entries, interpret to match the other LFR numbers provided on this return (if unambiguous).	Yes	05/03/02
	2. Where more than one LFR has been reported in other entries on this return, each LFR has a single invoice number associated with it, and the entry missing the LFR number has one of these invoice numbers reported for it, interpret the LFR to the LFR associated with that invoice number	Yes	05/03/02
	3. Where only a single LFR number has been entered at the top of the column and all catch is reported as destination code "L" with the same invoice number, interpret the LFR number for the other entries in the landing	Yes	05/03/02
Greenweight	1. Where a greenweight has not been entered for destination type L and the fisher is unable to get the information from the LFR, NFA. (require written confirmation from Fisher)	Yes	05/03/02
Invoice number			
Permit holder name	[Note that this is not a keyed field. Interpretation for this field affects whether the name entered is considered to agree with the permit holder FIN number given] 1. Disregard the use of abbreviations in place of full names (e.g. Permit issued to 'Alexander Bloggs', permit holder name entered as 'A. Bloggs') 2. Disregard the lack of legal name abbreviations (E.g. Co., Ltd., Inc.) 3. Disregard the use of abbreviated versions of the permit holders name (e.g. 'Ngati Toa' instead of 'Ngati Toa Trust') 4. Where the fisher has entered the correct permit holders name in the permit holder client number field and the correct permit holder client number in the permit holder name field, interpret permit holder flag to "Y"	Yes Yes Yes Yes	05/03/02 05/03/02 05/03/02 05/03/02

Client number	1. From permit holder name (no number given) permit holder name (where the number given is missing a single digit required to match permit holder name and if the name is given in full and there is no other permit holder with a similar name and a similar number)	Yes	05/03/02
	2. Where a digit is repeated in the client number, resulting in an extra digit in the number, remove the repeated digit if the name is given in full and there is no other permit holder with a similar name and number	Yes	05/03/02
	3. Where the fisher has entered the correct permit holders name in the permit holder client number field and the correct permit holder client number in the permit holder name field, interpret permit holder flag to "Y"	Yes	05/03/02
Signature			
Date signed			

PCELR

Field name on form	Possible Interpretations	Current forms	Approval date
Form number	None		
Date	1. Where the date has been entered in the NIL date field and no effort is present, interpret as a NIL return. 2. Where two consistent dates are present and effort exists, interpret as a non-NIL return	Yes Yes	05/03/02 05/03/02
Fishstock QMA	1. Where '0' entered in front of QMA area, interpret by deleting '0', if unambiguous (eg: 03 to 3) 2. Where letter and number have been swapped, interpret into correct format 3. Where the QMA has not been entered interpret from the statistical area provided, unless the fisher consistently does not enter the fishstock.	Yes Yes Yes	05/03/02 05/03/02 19/04/02
Name of diver			
Statistical area	1. Where an incomplete statistical area has been entered interpret the missing figures from the QMA if unambiguous. These should be returned to the fisher if they consistently write incomplete statistical areas.	Yes	05/03/02 amended 08/11/02
Time	1. Interpret fractions to minutes e.g. ½ to 30mins 2. Where the time has been entered in the minutes field and is between 60 and 100, interpret to hours and minutes (for example: 90 to 1:30).	Yes Yes	05/03/02 12/07/02
Estimated weight	1. Where weight has been entered as text 2. Where the weight has been entered as a range interpret to the average of the range.	Yes Yes	05/03/02 10/07/02
Diving conditions			
Estimate of greenweight	1. If greenweight from LFR is entered but no estimate is given, NFA 2. Where the weight has been entered as a range interpret to the average of the range. 3. Where no estimate has been entered but a greenweight is entered in the greenweight column and no greenweight is expected from the LFR, interpret the greenweight from the greenweight field into the estimate of greenweight field. Need to contact the fisher if they do this systematically.	No Yes Yes	 10/07/02 05/09/02

Destination type	1. Where all other entries on this return are for destination type “L” and no destination type is given for one line but the line contains a Greenweight from the LFR and the same LFR and invoice number as the other rows (If LFR and Invoice numbers have been entered on each row ie: no use of dittos or arrows), Interpret destination type to L.	Yes	05/03/02
Number of Containers	1. Where the container type and number of containers have been swapped, interpret by entering into the correct fields.	Yes	05/03/02
Container type			
LFR	1. Where only a single LFR has been reported for other entries on this return, and one LFR entry is missing but has the same invoice number reported as other entries, interpret to match the other LFR numbers (if unambiguous)	Yes	05/03/02
	2. Where more than one LFR has been reported and each LFR has a single invoice number associated with it, and the entry missing the LFR number has one of these invoice numbers reported for it, interpret the LFR (if unambiguous)	Yes	05/03/02
	3. Where a page numbered series of returns suggest that this fisher only ever lands to one LFR and the same invoice number has been entered on this return as on others in the page numbered series, interpret from the LFR number reported in this page numbered series of returns, if unambiguous.	Yes	05/03/02
	4. Where only a single LFR number has been entered at the top of the column and all catch is reported as destination type “L” with the same invoice number, interpret the LFR number for the other entries in the landing section.	Yes	05/03/02

Greenweight	1. Where a greenweight has not been entered for destination type L and the fisher is unable to get the information from the LFR, NFA. (require written confirmation from fisher)	Yes	05/03/02
	2. Where two or more lines are linked (by brackets) to a single greenweight figure and are from the same species group and fishstock area and the LFR numbers are identical, interpret by combining into a single line, (must be a regulated fishstock), combine the estimated catch weights and null out container data	Yes	30/09/02 (amended 08/07/03)
	3. Where the fisher has entered a duplicate greenweight but both greenweights appear to be correct (after checking the estimated catch section) do not RTF but NFA the error	Yes	16/12/02
	4. Where a fisher has entered the greenweight with a decimal point (e.g. 50.4), round down to the next whole number. Would need to contact the fisher if they do this systematically.	Yes	19/06/03
Invoice number			
Name of permit holder	<p>[Note that this is not a keyed field. Interpretation for this field affects whether the name entered is considered to agree with the permit holder FIN number given]</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Disregard the use of abbreviations in place of full names (e.g. Permit issued to 'Alexander Bloggs', permit holder name entered as 'A. Bloggs') 2. Disregard the lack of legal name abbreviations (E.g. Co., Ltd., Inc.) 3. Disregard the use of abbreviated versions of the permit holders name (e.g. 'Ngati Toa' instead of 'Ngati Toa Trust') 4. Where the fisher has entered the correct permit holders name in the permit holder client number field and the correct permit holder client number in the permit holder name field, interpret permit holder flag to "Y" 	<p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p>	
Client number	1. From permit holder name (where the number given is missing a single digit required to match permit holder name and if the name is given in full and there is no other permit holder with a similar name and a similar number).	Yes	05/03/02
	2. Where the fisher has entered the correct permit holders name in the permit holder client number field and the correct permit holder client number in the permit holder name field, interpret permit holder flag to "Y"	Yes	05/03/02
Name of vessel			

Registration number	1. Where the vessel name has been entered and the vessel registration number is entered as NONE, interpret registration number. 2. Where a fisher has written 'no vessel' or 'N/A' or their permit holder client number or have put a line through the field, interpret vessel registration number to "NONE" if the vessel name field is blank. But would need to contact fisher if they did this systematically.	No Yes	02/08/02
Number of pages			
Signature			
Date signed			

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Field name on form	Possible Interpretations	Historical	Current forms	Approval date
Wind speed – start of set	1. Interpret wind speed to 0 where the fisher has written a dash (-)	No	Yes	08/07/03
	2. Interpret wind speed and wind direction into correct boxes if it is clear they have been swapped	No	Yes	10/07/03
Direction of wind – start of set	1. Interpret to a blank field where the fisher has written a dash (-)	No	Yes	08/07/03
Wind speed – End of haul	1. Interpret wind speed and wind direction into correct boxes if it is clear they have been swapped	No	Yes	10/07/03
Number of light sticks	1. Interpret number of light sticks from a dash (-) to 0	No	Yes	10/07/03
Direction of wind – end of haul	1. Interpret to a blank field where the fisher has written a dash (-)	No	Yes	08/07/03