

NOTICE OF OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET ACTION

Date 02/27/2014

Department of Commerce
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

FOR CERTIFYING OFFICIAL: Simon Szykman

FOR CLEARANCE OFFICER: Jennifer Jessup

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, OMB has taken action on your request received 01/17/2014

ACTION REQUESTED: Extension without change of a currently approved collection

TYPE OF REVIEW REQUESTED: Regular

ICR REFERENCE NUMBER: 201312-0648-019

AGENCY ICR TRACKING NUMBER:

TITLE: South Pacific Tuna Act

LIST OF INFORMATION COLLECTIONS: See next page

OMB ACTION: Approved without change

OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 0648-0218

The agency is required to display the OMB Control Number and inform respondents of its legal significance in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.5(b).

EXPIRATION DATE: 02/28/2017

DISCONTINUE DATE:

| BURDEN: | RESPONSES | HOURS | COSTS |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-------|---------|
| Previous | 536 | 389 | 116,512 |
| New | 561 | 402 | 143,121 |
| Difference | | | |
| Change due to New Statute | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Change due to Agency Discretion | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Change due to Agency Adjustment | 25 | 13 | 26,609 |
| Change due to PRA Violation | 0 | 0 | 0 |

TERMS OF CLEARANCE:

OMB Authorizing Official: Dominic J. Mancini
Acting Deputy Administrator,
Office Of Information And Regulatory Affairs

List of ICs

| IC Title | Form No. | Form Name | CFR Citation |
|--|----------|--|----------------------|
| Catch report | NA | Purse seine vessel - catch report form | |
| License Application Form | NA | License application form | 50 CFR 300 Subpart D |
| Regional Application/VMS Registration Form and Fee and VMS maintenance costs | NA | Application for registration | |
| Unloading Logsheet | NA | Purse seine transshipment and other unloading logsheet | |
| Expression of interest to determine license application eligibility | | | 50 CFR 300.32 |

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT SUBMISSION

Please read the instructions before completing this form. For additional forms or assistance in completing this form, contact your agency's Paperwork Clearance Officer. Send two copies of this form, the collection instrument to be reviewed, the supporting statement, and any additional documentation to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Docket Library, Room 10102, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503.

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| 1. Agency/Subagency originating request | 2. OMB control number b. <input type="checkbox"/> None a. _____ - _____ |
| 3. Type of information collection (<i>check one</i>) a. <input type="checkbox"/> New Collection b. <input type="checkbox"/> Revision of a currently approved collection c. <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of a currently approved collection d. <input type="checkbox"/> Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired e. <input type="checkbox"/> Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired f. <input type="checkbox"/> Existing collection in use without an OMB control number For b-f, note Item A2 of Supporting Statement instructions | 4. Type of review requested (<i>check one</i>) a. <input type="checkbox"/> Regular submission b. <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency - Approval requested by _____ / _____ / _____ c. <input type="checkbox"/> Delegated |
| 7. Title | 5. Small entities Will this information collection have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 8. Agency form number(s) (<i>if applicable</i>) | 6. Requested expiration date a. <input type="checkbox"/> Three years from approval date b. <input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: _____ / _____ |
| 9. Keywords | |
| 10. Abstract | |
| 11. Affected public (<i>Mark primary with "P" and all others that apply with "x"</i>) a. ___ Individuals or households d. ___ Farms b. ___ Business or other for-profit e. ___ Federal Government c. ___ Not-for-profit institutions f. ___ State, Local or Tribal Government | 12. Obligation to respond (<i>check one</i>) a. <input type="checkbox"/> Voluntary b. <input type="checkbox"/> Required to obtain or retain benefits c. <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory |
| 13. Annual recordkeeping and reporting burden a. Number of respondents _____ b. Total annual responses _____ 1. Percentage of these responses collected electronically _____ % c. Total annual hours requested _____ d. Current OMB inventory _____ e. Difference _____ f. Explanation of difference 1. Program change _____ 2. Adjustment _____ | 14. Annual reporting and recordkeeping cost burden (<i>in thousands of dollars</i>) a. Total annualized capital/startup costs _____ b. Total annual costs (O&M) _____ c. Total annualized cost requested _____ d. Current OMB inventory _____ e. Difference _____ f. Explanation of difference 1. Program change _____ 2. Adjustment _____ |
| 15. Purpose of information collection (<i>Mark primary with "P" and all others that apply with "X"</i>) a. ___ Application for benefits e. ___ Program planning or management b. ___ Program evaluation f. ___ Research c. ___ General purpose statistics g. ___ Regulatory or compliance d. ___ Audit | 16. Frequency of recordkeeping or reporting (<i>check all that apply</i>) a. <input type="checkbox"/> Recordkeeping b. <input type="checkbox"/> Third party disclosure c. <input type="checkbox"/> Reporting 1. <input type="checkbox"/> On occasion 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Semi-annually 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Annually 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Biennially 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe) _____ |
| 17. Statistical methods Does this information collection employ statistical methods <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | 18. Agency Contact (person who can best answer questions regarding the content of this submission) Name: _____ Phone: _____ |

19. Certification for Paperwork Reduction Act Submissions

On behalf of this Federal Agency, I certify that the collection of information encompassed by this request complies with 5 CFR 1320.9

NOTE: The text of 5 CFR 1320.9, and the related provisions of 5 CFR 1320.8(b)(3), appear at the end of the instructions. *The certification is to be made with reference to those regulatory provisions as set forth in the instructions.*

The following is a summary of the topics, regarding the proposed collection of information, that the certification covers:

- (a) It is necessary for the proper performance of agency functions;
- (b) It avoids unnecessary duplication;
- (c) It reduces burden on small entities;
- (d) It used plain, coherent, and unambiguous terminology that is understandable to respondents;
- (e) Its implementation will be consistent and compatible with current reporting and recordkeeping practices;
- (f) It indicates the retention period for recordkeeping requirements;
- (g) It informs respondents of the information called for under 5 CFR 1320.8(b)(3):
 - (i) Why the information is being collected;
 - (ii) Use of information;
 - (iii) Burden estimate;
 - (iv) Nature of response (voluntary, required for a benefit, mandatory);
 - (v) Nature and extent of confidentiality; and
 - (vi) Need to display currently valid OMB control number;
- (h) It was developed by an office that has planned and allocated resources for the efficient and effective management and use of the information to be collected (see note in Item 19 of instructions);
- (i) It uses effective and efficient statistical survey methodology; and
- (j) It makes appropriate use of information technology.

If you are unable to certify compliance with any of the provisions, identify the item below and explain the reason in Item 18 of the Supporting Statement.

Signature of Senior Official or designee

Date

Agency Certification (signature of Assistant Administrator, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Line Office Chief Information Officer, head of MB staff for L.O.s, or of the Director of a Program or StaffOffice)

Signature

Date

Signature of NOAA Clearance Officer

Signature

Date

**SUPPORTING STATEMENT
SOUTH PACIFIC TUNA ACT
OMB CONTROL NO. 0648-0218**

A. JUSTIFICATION

1. Explain the circumstances that make the collection of information necessary.

The Treaty on Fisheries Between the Governments of Certain Pacific Island States and the Government of the United States of America, signed in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea, in 1987, and its annexes, schedules and implementing agreements, as amended (Treaty), authorizes United States (U.S.) purse seine vessels to fish within of a large region of the Pacific Ocean, including the national fishing zones of the 16 Pacific Island States that are party to the Treaty. The [South Pacific Tuna Act of 1988](#) (16 U.S.C. 973g and 973j) and U.S. implementing regulations ([50 CFR Part 300, Subpart D](#)) authorize the collection of information from participants in the Treaty fishery.

2. Explain how, by whom, how frequently, and for what purpose the information will be used. If the information collected will be disseminated to the public or used to support information that will be disseminated to the public, then explain how the collection complies with all applicable Information Quality Guidelines.

Vessel operators who wish to participate in the Treaty fishery must submit annual applications for vessel licenses. This information is provided in “License Application Forms”, also known as Treaty “Schedule 1” forms, and through supplementary information submitted without forms. They also must submit annual applications for inclusion on the Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA) Vessel Register, which includes registration of vessels’ vessel monitoring system (VMS) units, also known as automatic location communicators or mobile transceiver units. This information is provided in “FFA Vessel Register Application for Registration” forms, and through supplementary information submitted without forms. Once a vessel is licensed, the vessel operator must submit periodic written reports of catch and effort. This information is provided in “Catch Report Forms”, also known as “RPLs,” after each trip, estimated at five times per year. They also must submit period written reports of transshipments and unloadings of fish. This information is provided in “Purse Seine Transshipment and other Unloading Logsheets” forms after each unloading, estimated at six times per year.

The supplementary information that must be provided (not on a form) along with the information specified on the License Application Form and the FFA Vessel Register Application for Registration form includes the following: the licensing period for which the license is requested; the name of an agent, located in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea, who will receive and respond to any legal issue on behalf of the vessel, in accordance with the Treaty; documentation from an insurance company stating that the vessel will be insured against all risks and liabilities normally covered by maritime liability insurance for the requested licensing period; if subject of proceedings under bankruptcy laws of the U.S., a statement that the owner/charterer will be competent to fulfill any and all financial responsibilities under the Treaty; a copy of the vessel’s current USCG Certificate of Documentation; electronic versions of full color photographs of the vessel in its current form and appearance, including a bow-to-stern side view photograph and a

photograph of every area of the vessel that is marked with its international radio call sign; a schematic stowage/well plan for the vessel; and a copy of the VMS unit installation certificate.

As part of the license application process, an applicant may, optionally, and in advance of submitting a complete application, provide specific information in an “expression of interest” (not on a form). In the case that more applications are received than there are licenses available, this information will be used by National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) to determine eligibility for licenses. For new licenses, the information required to be provided in the expression of interest includes: (1) the licensing period for which the license is requested; (2) current name, international radio call sign, and annual USCG Certificate of Documentation number of the vessel (if known); (3) full name and address of each owner/master of the vessel; (4) a copy of the vessel’s current USCG Certificate of Documentation, or if not issued, then a statement of whether application has been or will be made for one, including any endorsements sought; (5) a list of licensing periods, if any, during which a license for the vessel was issued under this section; and (6) a statement of the total amount of tuna species landed or transshipped by the vessel within the United States for each of the calendar years 1988 through the current year. For license renewals, only items (1) and (2) are required in the (optional) expression of interest.

The information is collected by the NMFS on behalf of the U.S. Government, which then forwards it to the FFA, which acts as the Treaty Administrator on behalf of the Pacific Island Parties to the Treaties, and which is located in Honiara, Solomon Islands. Vessel license applications, which consist of optional “expressions of interest” followed by complete license applications involving the License Application Forms, include information used by NMFS to determine eligibility for licenses. The information in vessel license applications and in applications for the FFA Vessel Register/VMS registration is used by the FFA to determine the operational capability and financial responsibility of vessel owners/operators interested in participating in the Treaty fishery. Information obtained from vessel catch and effort reports and transshipment and unloading reports are used by the FFA to assess the performance of the fishery and the status of relevant tuna resources in the region and to track the amount of fish caught within each Pacific Island State’s exclusive economic zone (EEZ) for fair disbursement of Treaty monies.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Fisheries will retain control over the information and safeguard it from improper access, modification, and destruction, consistent with NOAA standards for confidentiality, privacy, and electronic information. See response to Question 10 of this Supporting Statement for more information on confidentiality and privacy. The information collection is designed to yield data that meet all applicable information quality guidelines. Although the information collected is not expected to be disseminated directly to the public, the information will support information which will be disseminated to the public. Should NOAA Fisheries Service decide to disseminate the information, it will be subject to the quality control measures and pre-dissemination review pursuant to [Section 515 of Public Law 106-554](#).

3. Describe whether, and to what extent, the collection of information involves the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological techniques or other forms of information technology.

Most of the information collected and the forms for submitting the information are requirements under the Treaty. Some of the vessel license application information is not required to be collected under the Treaty, but is collected so that NMFS can determine eligibility for licenses. At the current time, the simplest and least burdensome method to obtain the information is directly from the vessel operator or management firm. At present, there is no existing system that would be as efficient and as simple as using the required forms. NMFS has engaged the FFA in discussions to move the fishery to fully automated (electronic) reporting. NMFS staff in Pago Pago, American Samoa, provides those vessel operators who are interested and capable with electronic versions of the catch report forms and NMFS accepts electronic versions of those reports in lieu of written reports. To reduce the burden on respondents, NMFS supplies the necessary information collection forms and instructions to vessel operators and collects the completed forms either in person, by mail or by fax. Catch reports and logsheets are most commonly given to the port coordinator when a vessel comes in to port. In other cases they are emailed to the port coordinator.

4. Describe efforts to identify duplication.

Duplication is avoided through consultations and cooperation between the U.S. Government (through NMFS), the FFA, and the Pacific Island States that are party to the Treaty. There are no other data collection programs in place; therefore, there is no duplication with other programs. There are no programs currently in place that contain the information requested on the forms. The FFA has been informed that any modifications to existing information collection or forms must be vetted with the U.S. Government and industry at the annual Treaty consultations for the appropriate Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) review.

5. If the collection of information involves small businesses or other small entities, describe the methods used to minimize burden.

There are no small businesses involved in this collection of information.

6. Describe the consequences to the Federal program or policy activities if the collection is not conducted or is conducted less frequently.

If the information is not collected, the U.S. Government will not meet its obligations under the Treaty, and the lack of fishing information will result in poor management of the fishery resource.

7. Explain any special circumstances that require the collection to be conducted in a manner inconsistent with OMB guidelines.

The frequency and format of most elements of the information collection are mandated by the terms and conditions of the Treaty. A vessel owner/operator is required to supply vessel license application information once per year. A vessel owner/operator may also – optionally – provide what is called an expression of interest, which consists of an initial subset of the license

application information prior to the annual deadline for complete applications (although optional, it is expected that most applicants will exercise this option, as it would enhance the likelihood of being issued a license). Vessel owners/operators are also required to provide information related to fishing activities upon completion of each fishing trip and each unloading, which may occur more frequently than quarterly. It is estimated that the average number of fishing trips is five per vessel per year and the average number of unloadings is six per vessel per year. If the information is not collected as required, the vessel owner/operator would be in violation of the Treaty's implementing regulations and subject to fines and prosecution. Also, the U.S. Government would fail to satisfy its obligations under the Treaty, and management of the fishery stocks would be impaired. The type and substance of information collected from vessel operators generally conform to 5 CFR 1320.6. Respondents are required to supply information at the completion of each fishing trip and unloading, which may occur more frequently than quarterly, and are requested to provide information in metric equivalents (e.g., metric tons of fish caught and/or unloaded).

8. Provide information on the PRA Federal Register Notice that solicited public comments on the information collection prior to this submission. Summarize the public comments received in response to that notice and describe the actions taken by the agency in response to those comments. Describe the efforts to consult with persons outside the agency to obtain their views on the availability of data, frequency of collection, the clarity of instructions and recordkeeping, disclosure, or reporting format (if any), and on the data elements to be recorded, disclosed, or reported.

A Federal Register Notice published on August 12, 2013 (78 FR 48860) solicited public comments. No comments were received. Efforts were made to solicit comments via email from 3 affected stakeholders regarding the collection of information. Two responses were received, both expressing agreement on the accuracy of the collection and burden.

9. Explain any decisions to provide payments or gifts to respondents, other than remuneration of contractors or grantees.

No payment or gift to respondents has occurred.

10. Describe any assurance of confidentiality provided to respondents and the basis for assurance in statute, regulation, or agency policy.

Most of the data are collected for use by the FFA. Some of the data are used by NMFS to determine eligibility for licenses. [NOAA Administrative Order 216-100](#) governs confidential data collected by NMFS. In addition, the South Pacific Tuna Act of 1988 (16 U.S.C. 973j) provides for confidentiality of catch and unloading information provided by vessel operators.

11. Provide additional justification for any questions of a sensitive nature, such as sexual behavior and attitudes, religious beliefs, and other matters that are commonly considered private.

No questions of a sensitive nature, such as sexual behavior and attitudes, religious beliefs, or other matters that are commonly considered private, are required in the information collection.

12. Provide an estimate in hours of the burden of the collection of information.

Total annual burden hours:

- (a) Expression of interest (optional) –
 - (i) initial – 1 response/yr x 2 hr/response x 1 respondents = 2 hours.
 - (ii) renewals – 1 response/yr x 15 minutes/response x 40 respondents = 10 hours.
- (b) License application form – 1 response/yr x 1 hr/response x 40 respondents = 40 hours.
- (c) FFA Vessel Register application/VMS registration form – 1 response/yr x 45 minutes/response x 40 respondents = 30 hours.
- (d) Catch report form – 5 responses/yr x 1 hr/response x 40 respondents = 200 hours.
- (e) Unloading logsheet – 6 responses/yr x 30 minutes/response x 40 respondents = 120 hours.
- (f) Maintenance of VMS units – cost only; see Question 13.

Total burden estimates are 41 respondents, 561 responses, and 402 hours.

Labor costs:

- (a) Expression of interest (optional) –
 - (i) renewals – 1 response/yr x 15 minutes /response x \$7.50/hr (clerical) x 40 respondents = \$75.00.
 - (ii) non-renewals – 1 response/yr x 2 hr/response x \$7.00/hr (clerical) x 1 respondents = \$14.00.
- (b) License application form – 1 response/yr x 1 hr/response x \$7.00/hr (clerical) x 40 respondents = \$280.00.
- (c) FFA Vessel Register application/VMS registration form – 1 response/yr x 45 minutes /response x \$7.00/hr (clerical) x 40 respondents = \$210.00.
- (d) Catch report form – 5 responses/yr x 1 hr/response x \$26.00/hr (vessel master) x 40 respondents = \$5200.00.
- (e) Unloading logsheet – 6 responses/yr x 30 minutes /response x \$25.00/hr (vessel master) x 40 respondents = \$3000.00.

13. Provide an estimate of the total annual cost burden to the respondents or record-keepers resulting from the collection (excluding the value of the burden hours in Question 12 above).

The total annual cost burden to the respondents is \$143,121, or \$3,490 per respondent, on average.

- (a) Mailing costs – expressions of interest - \$1 per forms package x 41 respondents = \$41.
- (b) Mailing costs – license applications - \$1 per forms package x 40 respondents = \$40.
- (c) VMS registration fee - \$2,776/yr x 40 respondents = \$111,040.
- (d) Maintenance of VMS units - \$800/yr x 40 respondents = \$32,000.

Catch reports and logsheets are most commonly given to the port coordinator when a vessel comes in to port. In other cases they are emailed to the port coordinator.

14. Provide estimates of annualized cost to the Federal government.

The estimated annualized cost to the Federal government is \$14,858.

- (a) License application forms – 1 page of information @ \$0.10/page x 40 respondents = \$4.
- (b) FFA Vessel Register application/VMS registration forms – 3 pages of information @ \$0.10 each x 40 respondents = \$12.
- (c) Mailing and handling of applications – \$1 per forms package x 40 respondents = \$40.
- (d) Staff review and processing of expressions of interest –
 - (i) renewals – 0.25 hr/response (1 page of information) @ \$26/hr [GS-9] x 40 respondents = \$260.
 - (ii) non-renewals – 2 hr/response (3 pages of information) @ \$26/hr [GS-9] x 1 respondents = \$52.
- (e) Staff review and processing of license applications – 0.30 hr/response (3 pages of information) @ \$26/hr [GS-9] x 40 respondents = \$312.
- (f) Catch report form – 3 pages of information x \$0.14 per page x 5 responses per year x 40 respondents = \$84.
- (g) Unloading logsheet – 1 page of information x \$0.14 per page x 6 responses per year x 40 respondents = \$34.
- (h) Mailing and handling of catch report forms and unloading logsheets – \$5 per forms package x 40 respondents = \$200.
- (i) Staff review and processing of catch report forms and unloading logsheets – 21 pages of information x 0.30 hr/page x \$55/hr [GS-13] x 40 respondents = \$13,860.

15. Explain the reasons for any program changes or adjustments.

Due to the recent increase in license holders (from 36 in October 2010 to 40 in January 2013), the expected number of respondents for the information collection has been adjusted to 40, which is the maximum number of general licenses that may be issued under the Treaty in any given licensing period, plus an average of one prospective license applicant that submits an expression of interest each year but that does not subsequently submit a complete application package or receive a license. This increase resulted in adjustments upward of 25 responses, 13 hours and a net increase of \$26,609 in recordkeeping/reporting costs (previously, a cost had been recorded for catch reports and logsheets in error).

16. For collections whose results will be published, outline the plans for tabulation and publication.

The information collected is not for publication.

17. If seeking approval to not display the expiration date for OMB approval of the information collection, explain the reasons why display would be inappropriate.

All forms used in the information collection are developed and supplied by the FFA. They do not display the expiration date for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval.

18. Explain each exception to the certification statement.

All forms used in the information collection are developed and supplied by the FFA. They do not indicate the retention period for record-keeping requirements, or inform respondents of the information called for under 5 CFR 1320.8(b)(3). It is not known whether the forms were developed by an office that has planned and allocated resources for the efficient and effective management and use of the information to be collected.

No PRA information will be displayed on or be attached to forms distributed directly by the FFA. NMFS does distribute some of the license application and FFA Vessel Register/VMS registration forms, and the PRA information in a separate document will be sent with those forms.

B. COLLECTIONS OF INFORMATION EMPLOYING STATISTICAL METHODS

Statistical methods are not used for this collection.

INFORMATION COLLECTION UNDER THE SOUTH PACIFIC TUNA ACT

This collection of information is required under regulations at 50 CFR 300, Subpart D. These regulations are issued under authority of the South Pacific Tuna Act of 1988 (SPTA), which implements the Treaty on Fisheries Between the Governments of Certain Pacific Island States and the Government of the United States of America (Treaty). Under these regulations, operators of U.S. purse seine vessels seeking licenses under the Treaty are required to submit completed license application forms (and optionally, expressions of interest in such licenses) and FFA Vessel Register applications/VMS registration forms (50 CFR 300.32). Operators of U.S. purse seine vessels licensed under the Treaty are required to submit completed catch report forms and unloading logsheets (50 CFR 300.34).

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average: (a) for the optional expressions of interest in vessel licenses, 15 minutes per response for license renewals and 120 minutes per response for initial licenses (with one optional response per year); (b) for the license application forms, 60 minutes per response (with one response per year); (c) for the FFA Regional Register applications/VMS registration forms, 45 minutes per response (with 1 response per year); (d) for the catch report forms, 60 minutes per response (with 5 responses per year); and (e) for the unloading logsheet, 30 minutes per response (with 6 responses per year). These estimates include time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other suggestions for reducing this burden to: Regional Administrator, NMFS, Pacific Islands Regional Office, 1601 Kapiolani Blvd., Suite 1110, Honolulu, HI 96814-4700.

This information is collected by NMFS and transmitted to the Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA) pursuant to the Treaty and the SPTA. Confidentiality of the information collected in the catch report forms and the unloading logsheets is maintained by NMFS pursuant to section 973j of the SPTA, and is treated in accordance with NOAA Administrative Order 216-100, Protection of Confidential Fisheries Statistics. However, NOAA and NMFS have no direct control over the confidentiality policies and practices of the FFA, so once the information is transmitted to the FFA, NMFS and NOAA cannot provide any assurance of confidentiality.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of the law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subjected to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB Control Number.

This collection of information has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under control number 0648-0218.

SCHEDULE 1

**TREATY ON FISHERIES BETWEEN THE
GOVERNMENTS OF CERTAIN PACIFIC ISLAND
STATES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

LICENSE APPLICATION FORM

Application is hereby made for a license authorizing the use of the vessel named in this application for fishing in the Licensing Area.

1. FULL NAME OF VESSEL: _____
2. RADIO CALL SIGN OF VESSEL: _____
3. REGIONAL REGISTER NUMBER OF VESSEL: _____
(If none, fill in and attach the FFA Regional Register form)
4. FULL NAME AND ADDRESS OF EACH PERSON WHO IS AN OPERATOR OF THE VESSEL AND STATE WHETHER OWNER, CHARTERER, MASTER OR OTHER. IF OTHER, SPECIFY DETAILS:

5. FULL NAME AND ADDRESS OF INSURER FOR PURPOSES OF ARTICLE 4.3(a) OF THE TREATY:

6. REGISTRATION NUMBER AND MAKE OF HELICOPTER, IF ANY, TO BE CARRIED ON VESSEL:

7. REGISTRATION NUMBER, MAKE AND NAME AND ADDRESS OF OPERATOR OF ANY AIRCRAFT TO BE USED IN ASSOCIATION WITH FISHING ACTIVITIES:

8. STATE WHETHER OWNER OR CHARTERER IS INSOLVENT OR IN ANY BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDING UNDER THE BANKRUPTCY LAW OF THE UNITED STATES:

9. STATE WHETHER OPERATOR OF VESSEL HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN A VIOLATION OF THE TREATY. IF YES, SPECIFY DETAILS:

For NOAA Office Use Only:

Date of Application

Administrator of the Pacific Islands Region
NOAA - National Marine Fisheries Service

PURSE SEINE TRANSSHIPMENT AND OTHER UNLOADING LOGSHEET

(Separate form to be completed for each transshipment/unloading and each processing destination)

TRIP NO: _____ TRIP START DATE: _____

VESSEL NAME: _____ RADIO CALL SIGN: _____

(1) PORT: _____

OR POSITION: LAT: _____ LONG: _____

(2) DATES:

(a) AT UNLOADING POINT: ARRIVAL: _____ DEPARTURE: _____

(b) AT UNLOADING: START: _____ END: _____

(3) PARTIAL OR COMPLETE UNLOADING: _____

(4) UNLOADING TO:

(a) CARRIER VESSEL NAME: _____

and RADIO CALL SIGN OR REGIONAL REGISTER NO: _____

or (b) NAME AND ADDRESS OF COMPANY ACCEPTING FISH: _____

(5) DESTINATION OF FISH: _____

FISH TO BE PROCESSED AT: _____

(6) QUANTITY UNLOADED:

| | YELLOWFIN | SKIPJACK | BIGEYE | MARLIN | OTHER | UNIT OF MEASUREMENT |
|---------------|-----------|----------|--------|--------|-------|---------------------|
| ACCEPTED: | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| REJECTED: | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| TRANSSHIPPED: | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

(7) SIGNATURES:

VESSEL MASTER

RECEIVING AGENT

NB: An attachment to this form should include a signed copy of the size breakdown of catch as provided by the cannery.

INSTRUCTIONS

An **UNLOADING and TRANSSHIPMENT LOGSHEET FORM (UL)** must be filled out at the completion of any unloading or transshipment of fish from the vessel. For vessels unloading to more than one cannery and/or transshipment vessel, a separate form must be filled out for each cannery and/or transshipment vessel.

When completing the UL, the vessel Master/Captain should take the following steps:

1. Ensure that all the specified information is entered on the UL and that the information is true, complete, and correct.
2. Sign the form and obtain the signature of the receiving agent – that is, the person representing the cannery or vessel receiving the fish.
3. Retain a duplicate of the signed form.
4. For deliveries to the canneries and transshipments in Pago Pago, NMFS representatives will endeavor to pick up the UL from the cannery and/or vessel at the completion of unloading. However, if a NMFS representative does not pick up the UL, or for deliveries and transshipments in ports other than Pago Pago, **a copy of the UL** should be e-mailed or faxed within two (2) days of the unloading or transshipment to the NMFS American Samoa field station (see below for contact information). **The original UL** should be mailed by registered airmail to address below. Please ensure that the signed and dated UL is faxed or e-mailed to the American Samoa field station before mailing the original.

**NMFS American Samoa field station
P.O. Box 4150
Pago Pago, AS 96799**

**Office Phone: (684) 633-5598
Office Fax: (684) 633-1400
Mobile Phones: (684) 258-9675, 258-9674
E-Mail: gordon.yamasaki@noaa.gov**

For every UL, it is required that a final outturn report (FOT) be completed and submitted to the NMFS. It should be filled out in English and include: the name of the vessel; the name of the company/vessel to which the catch was received/transshipped; the signature of the receiver, the weight unloaded by size and species; the unit of measurement (e.g. short tons, metric tons, kilograms, pounds); and the name of the processing company to which the fish were delivered/consigned. There is no specific time requirement for submitting the FOT, but the original should be submitted within a reasonable time period after the fish were received at their final destination. If the fish are delivered to and processed at the canneries in Pago Pago, a NMFS representative will endeavor to pick up the reports from the cannery. If the FOT is not picked up by a NMFS representative, or if the vessel unloads or transships at a port other than Pago Pago, the FOT should be mailed by registered airmail to the NMFS American Samoa field station (see above for address).



Forum Fisheries Agency Vessel Register Application for Registration

VID number – FFA use only

1. Vessel (use block letters)

Name of vessel in English

Flag of vessel

International radio call sign Flag state registration number

2. Vessel's previous details

Has the vessel ever had different details to those given above? No ⇒ go to ' Vessel contact details ' Yes ⇒ give details below

Has a previous FFA Vessel Register application been made for this vessel ? No Yes ⇒ if a VID number was issued, provide VID number below

VID number

Vessel's previous name

Last radio call sign Last flag state registration number

Year change occurred Last country of registration

3. Vessel contact details

Phone number Fax number

E-mail address

4. Vessel owner

Name

Mailing address

Phone number Fax number

E-mail address

5. Vessel Master/Captain

Name

Mailing address

Phone number Fax number

E-mail address

6. Vessel Charterer/Operator

Name

Mailing address

Phone number Fax number

E-mail address

7. Vessel Fishing Master

Name

Mailing address

Phone number Fax number

E-mail address

8. Vessel Type

Single Purse Seiner ↓

No. FADs on board No. Auxiliary boats Helicopter model

Group Purse Seiner ↓

Mothership Net boat Search boat

Longliner ↓

Max number hooks Mainline length Length specified as: km nm

Mainline material

Polyester (black tarred or vinyl red tarred) -includes Kuralon, Dacron and Polytex

Nylon or Polyamide Nylon (monofilament or braided)

Other - specify

Pole and line Troller Fish Carrier / Reefer

Bunker Other - specify

9. Vessel Specifications

Gross tonnage Year built (year of initial launch)

Country built

Hull material

Steel Wood Fibreglass Aluminium

Other – specify

Vessel length (complete all lengths)
 Length overall Registered length
 Length between perpendiculars Lengths specified as:
 metres feet
 Rated speed (knots) Normal crew compliment
 Total fuel carrying capacity Amount specified as:
 kilolitres gallons
 Total engine power Amount specified as:
 HP KW PS
 Engine model
 Total storage capacity Amount specified as:
 metric tonnes cubic metres
 Major storage methods Ice
 Refrigerated sea water Air (coils) Brine (NaCl)

10. Vessel's Mobile Transceiver Unit (MTU) Details

Is a VMS Type-Approved MTU installed on this vessel ?
 No Visit the FFA web site or contact FFA for listing of VMS Type-Approved MTUs and Installers.
 Yes Provide the MTU information details below.

Inmarsat Mobile Number (IMN)
 Inmarsat Serial Number (ISN)
 MTU Serial Number
 MTU Manufacturer
 MTU Model Identification
 MTU Software Version

11. Applicant details

Name
 Mailing address
 Phone number Fax number
 E-mail address
 Tick the box that applies to you
 Owner Charterer Authorised agent

12. Application period

from Month Year to Month Year

Privacy and your information

Information provided to the Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA) on this form is confidential. Further information about vessel registrations/ re-registrations guidelines, MTU inspections, including instructions regarding remittance of vessel registration fees, will be provided in a separate notice.

13. Applicant declaration

I hereby apply for 'Good Standing' of the (name of vessel)

- On the FFA Vessel Register.
- I declare that, to the best of my knowledge, there are no outstanding matters pending in relation to this vessel or its use.
- I declare that the information provided in this application for registration, signed by me is true, accurate and complete.
- I understand that I am required to report any changes to the information provided within 60 days, and further understand that failure to do so may adversely affect the good standing of this vessel on the FFA Vessel Register.
- As the owner/charterer/duly authorised agent of the MTU identified above, I give France Telecom permission to download the Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency's DNID into the specified MTU.

 Signature Date / /
 (dd mm yy)

14. Attachments

 Attach the following documentation to your application:

- a copy of the vessel's flag state registration certificate;
- company ownership details and proof of corporate registration;
- a recent (12 months or less) date stamped, 15cm x 20cm (6"x8") color side-view & plan-view photos of the vessel;
- copy of the vessel's schematic stowage plan; and
- copy of the MTU inspection certificate.

15. Authorised MTU installer / Service agent details (15. & 16. required for new or replacement MTU installations)

Name
 Company Name
 Company contact details

16. MTU installer declaration

I, , the installer of the Mobile Transceiver Unit identified above declare that I have installed the specified unit in accordance with the ' *Installation and Usage Requirements for Mobile Transceiver Units* ' as published by the Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA) from time to time.
 The serial number of the FFA registration seal used to confirm the MTU inspection is :
 FFA Registration Seal Serial Number

Signature Date / /
 (MTU installer / Service agent) (dd mm yy)

Send your completed form and documentation to:

Forum Fisheries Agency
 1 FFA Road, Kola'a Ridge
 PO Box 629 **Phone: (677) 21124**
Honiara Fax:: (677) 23995
Solomon Islands email: vessel.register@ffa.int

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; South Pacific Tuna Act**

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before October 11, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at Jjessup@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Tom Graham, (808) 944-2219 or tom.graham@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Abstract**

This request is for extension of a current information collection.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) collects vessel license, vessel registration, catch, and unloading information from operators of United States (U.S.) purse seine vessels fishing within a large region of the western and central Pacific Ocean, which is governed by the Treaty on Fisheries between the Governments of Certain Pacific Island States and the Government of the United States of America. The Treaty, along with its annexes, schedules and implementing agreements, was signed in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea, in 1987. This collection of information is required to meet U.S. obligations under the Treaty.

The Treaty authorizes U.S. tuna vessels to fish within fishing zones of a large region of the Pacific Ocean. The South Pacific Tuna Act of 1988 (16 U.S.C. 973-973r) and U.S. implementing regulations (50 CFR part 300, Subpart D) authorize the collection

of information from participants in the Treaty fishery. Vessel operators who wish to participate in the Treaty Fishery must submit annual vessel license and registration (including registration of vessel monitoring system (VMS) units) applications and periodic written reports of catch and unloading of fish from licensed vessels. They are also required to ensure the continued operation of VMS units on board licensed vessels, which is expected to require periodic maintenance of the units. The information collected is submitted to the Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA) through the U.S. government, NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). The license and registration application information is used by the FFA to determine the operational capability and financial responsibility of a vessel operator interested in participating in the Treaty fishery. Information obtained from vessel catch and unloading reports is used by the FFA to assess fishing effort and fishery resources in the region and to track the amount of fish caught within each Pacific island state's exclusive economic zone for fair disbursement of Treaty monies. Maintenance of VMS units is needed to ensure the continuous operation of the VMS units, which, as part of the VMS administered by the FFA, are used as an enforcement tool. If the information is not collected, the U.S. government will not meet its obligations under the Treaty, and the lack of fishing information will result in poor management of the fishery resources.

II. Method of Collection

All forms are to be submitted in hard copy, via mail.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648-0218.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission (extension of a currently approved collection).

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 40.

Estimated Time Per Response: License application, 15 minutes; registration application, 45 minutes; catch report, 1 hour; and unloading logsheet, 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 408.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$122,202 in recordkeeping/reporting costs.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: August 6, 2013.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; public meetings.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold public meetings of two of its advisory bodies, the ABC Control Rule Working Group (ABC WG) and Electronic Monitoring Working Group (EM WG).

DATES: The first meeting of the ABC Control Rule Working Group will be on Tuesday, September 3, 2013. The meeting will be held at the Doubletree by Hilton in Danvers, MA and it will start at 10 a.m. Additional meetings may be held between August 15, 2013 and January 31, 2014. Specific information about the dates, times and places for the meetings will be posted on the Council's Web site, <http://nefmc.org/>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director,