

NOTICE OF OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET ACTION

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Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer
Office of the Chief Information Officer
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Room 6625
Washington, DC 20230

05/06/2005

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, OMB has taken the following action on your request for approval of a revision of an information collection received on 03/17/2005.

TITLE: Pacific Albacore Logbook

AGENCY FORM NUMBER(S): NOAA-88-197

ACTION : APPROVED WITHOUT CHANGE

OMB NO.: 0648-0223

EXPIRATION DATE: 05/31/2008

BURDEN:	RESPONSES	HOURS	COSTS(\$,000)
Previous	400	400	0
New	4,000	4,000	3
Difference	3,600	3,600	3
Program Change		3,600	3
Adjustment		0	0

TERMS OF CLEARANCE: None

OMB Authorizing Official	Title
Donald R. Arbuckle	Deputy Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs

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.

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
PACIFIC ALBACORE LOGBOOK
OMB CONTROL NO. 0648-0223**

A. JUSTIFICATION

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

The U.S. is a major consumer of white meat tuna (albacore). The U.S. North and South Pacific Fisheries contribute a major portion of the domestic supply of white meat tuna, while the rest of the U.S. consumer demand is met by foreign imports. Therefore, assessments of the status of Pacific albacore stocks and the monitoring of both the foreign and domestic fisheries is vital to the U.S. fishermen, consumers and producers of white meat tuna. Data collected through this sampling program are essential to assessing the status of the Pacific Albacore stocks. Albacore is one of the species covered by the Magnuson Fishery Conservation Act and a soon to be developed Pacific Fishery Management Plan (FMP). As of 1998, collection of these data was also being mandated under the High-Seas Fishing Compliance Act (HSFCA). Under the HSFCA, albacore fishing vessels that fish outside the 200 mile U.S. EEZ are required to purchase a license and provide logbook information on daily catches, effort and positions. The data and associated analyses help the Center provide the needed management advice to the United States in its negotiations with foreign fishing nations exploiting Pacific Albacore. The data have been collected since the early 1960's and future collections of these data will ensure a complete series of data for monitoring and analysis purposes.

In the early 1970's the collection of the data was contracted through the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission (PSMFC). The Commission decided to collect the data through a uniform logbook system and developed a predecessor to the current logbook. The current logbook has evolved through comments from the fishermen and changes in the fishery. The logbooks are distributed by the Commission each year, who in turn contracts to the states (California, Oregon and Washington) to collect the logbook and fish size information. When the logbooks are not completed, the state samplers copy information from the fishers' logs (notes scribbled on a calendar).

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.

The logbook data will be collected throughout the year and submitted at the end of each fishing trip. The collected information will be used by NMFS to assess the status of Pacific albacore stocks and monitor the fisheries. Data on catches and catch locations are used to determine population size, abundance levels and data on vessel characteristics are used to standardize fishing effort. After data are standardized, catch and effort information are used to determine year class strength, fishing mortality, maximum sustainable yields and descriptive information on where and how many fish are caught. Environmental data are used to correlate catches with certain environmental conditions in an effort to predict locations of favorable catches.

The information will be stored on computer databases and analyzed through standard population dynamics procedures. Results of these analyses will show the condition of the stock and, if the stocks are under-exploited, will indicate where increased catches can be made or, in the case where the stocks are over-exploited, can be used to determine quotas, area closures or other methods to enhance stock recovery. This information will be used by U.S. negotiators in international and domestic forums (Highly Migratory Species, HMS, Fishery Management Plan, FMP) to develop policy for the continued harvesting of Pacific albacore. The data will also be summarized yearly and provided to the participating fishermen for their use.

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.

The forms and procedures used in sampling the catches have been developed with the cooperation and input from the respondents and have been refined yearly. We are developing an electronic form for use by respondents. The forms should be available by January 2005, tested on 1% of the responses in 2005 (10 respondents, 40 trips), and used on 25% of the responses for 2006 and 2007 (250 respondents, 1000 trips in each year), averaging 17% of responses over the three-year period. The limited numbers of electronic responses expected in 2006 and 2007 are based on feedback from the respondents indicating that the majority of the fleet will not be able to take advantage of the electronic form due to limited access of some vessel owners to computers and the unreliable power sources aboard vessels. Every attempt has been made to keep the collection of data as simple as possible for the respondent. The logbook is very close to the actual logs that the vessels would keep as standard records. The current data collection system and forms are therefore the least burdensome available.

4. Describe efforts to identify duplication.

The data can only be collected through this sampling program. The collection has been offered through contract and no vendors who can supply similar data have been identified. Also, since the data collected is subcontracted through the various state agencies in whose states the catches are landed, duplication of effort is not a factor. No similar data that can be used for these purposes are available.

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

Since the albacore fishermen were and still are an integral part of both the development and modification of the forms and the sampling program, the burden to them has been minimized through their own inputs.

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

The collection of the data is currently voluntary for some and mandatory for those with a HSFCA license. On January 1, 2005, all U.S. vessels fishing for albacore in the Pacific Ocean will be required to submit the logbook as a requirement of the HMS, FMP. Western Fishboat Owners Association (WFOA) and NMFS distribute logbooks at the beginning of the season, with

a cover letter encouraging submission. Logbooks are submitted at the end of the fishing season. Analyses are conducted annually to assess whether sampling coverage should increase or decrease. Current analyses indicate that the level of coverage is at a minimum level. Any decrease in sampling coverage would make the information collected useless and may compromise the historical data series. On January 1, 2005, coverage will increase to 100% as a requirement of the HMS, FMP.

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

The data collection is consistent with OMB guidelines.

8. Provide a copy of 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 is attached for this renewal. There was no public comment in direct response to this notice.

The majority of the logbooks are distributed through the WFOA, an organization comprised of fishermen who participate in the Pacific albacore fishery. The initial development of the data collection system and forms as well as all changes to the system and forms were made only after review and approval of the WFOA and its members. NMFS annually reviews the sampling for problems in procedures and forms. Proposals for any changes are submitted for review and approval as needed. The annual reviews also solicit input from vessel owners and state sampling coordinators in the Washington Department of Fisheries, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, and California Department of Fish and Game. The Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission is also consulted. NMFS observers aboard vessels also solicit comments from vessel owners.

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

No payments or gifts are made to respondents.

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

As per NOAA Administrative Order 216-100, data are considered confidential and can only be distributed in summary form so as not to reveal the operations of a unique vessel. This is consistent with the Trade Secrets Act.

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 information of a sexual, religious or other private nature is collected.

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

With an average of four trips per year for each of 1,000 respondents, the response rate should be 100% or 4,000 responses. The burden is approximately 1 hour per response (it should be noted that regardless of this requirement, data supplied would be recorded by the captain and carbons are kept for the vessels records).

4,000 responses per year x 1 hour/response = 4,000 hours per year

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 #12 above).

Mailing costs are estimated to be \$.64 a submission for a total of \$2,560. There are no other costs.

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

Annualized cost for the Federal Government is a contract for \$100k, one GS-9 Information Technology Specialist \$50k, printing \$25k and computer \$2k.

15. Explain the reasons for any program changes or adjustments reported in Items 13 or 14 of the OMB 83-I.

The hours are a program change to increased coverage in the collection, justified by the Highly Migratory Species Fishery Management Plan (FMP). The FMP requires 100% coverage, whereas the previous collection was based on 40% coverage.

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

Results are published annually for distribution to the fishermen. The summaries are completed in June and are published as a Center Administrative Report. The content varies but includes annual landings, geographical locations of catches and effort and size distribution of the fish caught.

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.

N/A

18. Explain each exception to the certification statement identified in Item 19 of the

OMB 83-I.

There are no exceptions.

B. COLLECTION OF INFORMATION EMPLOYING STATISTICAL METHODS

No statistical methods will be employed.

U.S. PACIFIC ALBACORE LOGBOOK



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH & GAME

WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES

OREGON DEPARTMENT OF FISH & WILDLIFE

U.S. NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE

(Ninth Edition, July 2004)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING FORMS FP AND LS

PART I. ALBACORE FISHING OPERATION INFORMATION (FORM FP). This section is used to provide information on the general composition of the albacore fleet. Fill in the blanks or circle the number(s) of the fields that apply to your vessel. Complete **one sheet** each season. Sign and date each sheet that is submitted.

PART II. FISHING INFORMATION (FORM LS). Complete one line of the daily catch section from the logbook for each day's fishing. Complete each column on the form by circling or entering the appropriate information. Seven days of fishing can be recorded on each log sheet. **INSERT THE FOLDED FLAP OF THE BACK COVER UNDER THE YELLOW COPY OF THE SHEET BEING WRITTEN ON.** This will prevent the entries from being transferred to the underlying sheets. Sign and date each sheet that is submitted.

TOP OF THE PAGE

Enter Vessel Name, Coast Guard Document Number or State Marine Board Number, Radio Call Sign, Captain's Name, High Seas Fishing Compliance Act Permit Number, Highly Migratory Species Permit Number, Departure and Arrival Ports, Port or Ports where catch was landed, Departure and Arrival Dates, Total Pounds Landed, and all transshipping information for the trip.

DAILY FISHING SECTIONS

1. DATE Enter the month and day of fishing.
2. GEAR CODE Circle the appropriate code number indicating the gear used.
3. FISHING CODE Circle the appropriate code number identifying the vessel's major activity during the day.
4. LOCATION (LAT/LONG) Enter the location (to the nearest minute) where most of the fish were caught.
5. ALBACORE CATCH
 - NUMBER KEPT: Enter the total number of albacore caught and retained for the day. Enter 0 if no albacore were caught and kept.
 - DISCARD NUMBERS: Enter the total number of albacore discarded (dead or alive) for the day.
 - AVERAGE WEIGHT: Enter the average weight (pounds) of albacore caught and retained during the day (your best estimate).
6. # JIG LINES Enter the average number of lines trolled during the day when fishing with jigs.
7. # BAIT POLES Enter the average number of bait poles used during the day when fishing with bait.
8. # HOURS FISHED Enter the total number of hours (to the nearest whole hour) that fishing occurred during the day.
9. # SKIFFS Enter the total number of skiffs used during the day.
10. SEA TEMPERATURE Record the surface temperature (nearest tenth of a degree Fahrenheit) at the time of best fishing.
11. SEA CONDITIONS Circle the appropriate code number that best represents sea conditions during the day.
12. BYCATCH Record the following information about any non-albacore catch (birds, turtles, sharks, other fish and marine mammals) that was kept or returned to the ocean.
 - SPECIES: Record the bycatch species (common or scientific) name.
 - NUMBER KEPT: Record the numbers of the bycatch species that were kept.
- N h
13. COMMENTS Record any observations related to fishing activities such as number of gill net vessels seen during the day, percentage or numbers of catch that had gill net scars, movement of fish, type of feed, water color, bird flocks, temperature "edges" or "fronts".

U.S. PACIFIC ALBACORE FISHING INFORMATION

Form LS

VESSEL NAME _____ COAST GUARD DOCUMENT NO. _____ RADIO CALL SIGN _____ HSFCA PERMIT NUMBER _____
 CAPTAIN'S NAME _____ STATE MARINE BOARD NO. _____ HMS PERMIT NUMBER _____
 (e.g. WN1234AB)

DEPARTURE PORT _____ ARRIVAL PORT _____ PORT(S) LANDED _____
 DEPARTURE DATE / / ARRIVAL DATE / / POUNDS LANDED _____
 (MM/DD/YYYY) (MM/DD/YYYY)

AT SEA TRANSSHIPPING		
DATE:	TRANSHIPPER	AMOUNT

DATE		GEAR CODE	FISHING CODE	LATITUDE			LONGITUDE			ALBACORE CATCH			# JIG LINES	# BAIT POLES	# HRS FISHED	# SKIFFS	SEA TEMP (°F)	SEA CONDITIONS	BYCATCH			COMMENTS (No. gill net vessels in area, % gill net marked fish, amount of bait and birds in area, transshipments, dumped albacore, etc.)
MONTH	DAY			DEG.	MIN	N/S	DEG.	MIN.	E/W	NO. KEPT	DISCARD NO.	AVGWT (lbs)							SPECIES	NO KEPT	DISCARD NO.	
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I certify that the above information is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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ALBACORE FISHING OPERATION INFORMATION

Form FP

VESSEL NAME _____ RADIO CALL SIGN _____ HOME STATE _____

COAST GUARD DOCUMENT NO. _____ CALIFORNIA REG. NO. _____ HIGH SEAS FISHING COMPLIANCE ACT PERMIT NO. _____

OR STATE MARINE BOARD NO. _____ OREGON REG. NO. _____

(e.g. WN1234AB) _____ WASHINGTON REG. NO. _____ FISHERIES MANAGEMENT PLAN PERMIT NO. _____

LENGTH (ft.) _____ HORSEPOWER _____ AVG. CRUISING SPEED (knots) _____ HOLD CAPACITY (Short Tons) _____

NAVIGATIONAL EQUIPMENT (CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY)
1. RDF
2. LORAN
3. RADAR
4. OMEGA
5. OTHER _____
6. GPS

RADIO EQUIPMENT (CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY)
1. AM
2. CB
3. VHF
4. SSB
5. OTHER _____
6. CELLULAR TELEPHONE
7. INMARSAT

REFRIGERATION TYPE (CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY)
1. ICE
2. BRINE
3. SPRAY BRINE
4. BLOWER / BLAST
5. OTHER

SPECIAL EQUIPMENT (CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY)
1. HYDRAULIC POWER GURDY
2. LINE PULLER
3. XBT
4. SOUNDER
5. SOUNDER W/ WHITE LINE
6. SEA-SURFACE TEMP. SENSOR
7. OTHER
8. SONAR

CREW SIZE (including captain)	CAPTAIN'S ALBACORE FISHING EXPERIENCE
CREW ALBACORE FISHING EXPERIENCE	FISHING EXPERIENCE
NUMBER WITH FIRST SEASON _____	1. FIRST SEASON
NUMBER WITH 1-3 SEASONS _____	2. 1-3 SEASONS
NUMBER WITH 4-10 SEASONS _____	3. 4-10 SEASONS
NUMBER WITH >10 SEASONS _____	4. >10 SEASONS

GEAR	SKIFFS
1. BAIT	NO. _____
2. JIG	AVG. LENGTH _____
3. BOTH	AVG. HP _____
OTHER _____	AVG. NO. _____
	LINES TROLLED _____

I certify that the above information is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge:

DATE _____ CAPTAIN'S NAME _____
 (month/ day/ year) (PRINT) (Last name, First initial) (SIGN)

INSERT THIS FLAP UNDER YELLOW COPY

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is collecting this information in support of its implementation of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Management and Conservation Act, the High-Seas Fishing Compliance Act (HSFCA), and the Fisheries Management Plan for Highly Migratory Species. The information will be used by NMFS to assess the status of Pacific albacore stocks and monitor the fisheries. It will be also be used by U.S. negotiators in international and domestic forums to develop policy for the continued harvesting of Pacific albacore. Response is mandatory. The information submitted will be treated confidentially in accordance with NOAA Administrative Orders. The burden for completing a logbook for a fishing trip of 30 days is estimated at 1 hour above that of logbooks kept for normal business practice. This estimate includes the time for reviewing the instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Notwithstanding any other provision of the law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject 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.

within 30 days of publication of this notice to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, FAX number (202) 395-7285, or David_Rostker@omb.eop.gov.

Dated: October 19, 2004.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 102104A]

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Foreign Fishing Vessel Permit Applications

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

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, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before December 27, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at DHynek@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Bob Dickinson, F/SF4, Room 13304, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3282 (phone (301) 713-2276, ext. 154).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Section 204 of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act and regulations at 50 CFR 600, Subpart F, provide for the issuance of fishing permits to foreign vessels. The information submitted in applications to fish is used to determine whether permits should be issued to authorize directed foreign fishing, participation in

joint ventures with U.S. vessels, or transshipments of fish or fish products within U.S. waters.

II. Method of Collection

Paper forms are used.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0089.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 12.

Estimated Time Per Response: 1.5 hours for an application for a directed fishery; 2 hours for a joint venture application; and 45 minutes for a transshipment permit.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 14.5.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$4,560.

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: October 19, 2004.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 102104B]

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Southwest Fishery Science Center operates a Pacific albacore data collection program. Fishermen participating in the program submit logbooks documenting their catch and effort on fishing trips. The agency uses the information to assess the status of albacore stocks and to monitor the fishery.

II. Method of Collection

A logbook paper form is used.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0223.

Form Number: NOAA Form 88-197.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business and other non-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 4,000.

Estimated Time Per Response: 1 hour.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 4,000.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$2,560.

IV. Request for Comments

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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: October 19, 2004.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 102104C]

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Individual Fishing Quotas for Pacific Halibut and Sablefish in the Alaska Fisheries

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

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, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before December 27, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Patsy A. Bearden, 907-586-7008 or patsy.bearden@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

NMFS seeks to renew a collection of information for the continued management of the Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) Program for fixed-gear Pacific halibut and sablefish fisheries off Alaska as well as the Western Alaska Community Development Quota Program (CDQ) halibut fishery. The IFQ program allocates annual total catch limits for the halibut and sablefish fisheries among individual fishermen. The CDQ halibut program allocates annual total catch limits for the halibut fishery among individual CDQ fishermen. Fishermen are assigned Quota Shares (QS) for the fisheries, and then annually receive an IFQ and/or CDQ. Applications and reporting are required to manage and track the program.

II. Method of Collection

The information is submitted to respond to requirements set forth in a regulation. Paper applications and reports, electronic reports, and telephone calls are required from participants, and methods of submittal include Internet and facsimile transmission of paper forms.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0272.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions and business or other for-profits organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 6,742.

Estimated Time Per Response: 30 minutes for Application for IFQ/CDQ Landing Card; 30 minutes for Application for IFQ/CDQ Registered Buyer Permit; 1 hour for Request for Application for Quota Share, Individuals; 1 hour for Request for Application for Quota Share, Existing Corporations or Partnerships; 1 hour for Request for Application for Quota Share, Dissolved Corporations or Partnerships; 4 hours for Letter of Appeal; 30 minutes for QS/IFQ Beneficiary Designation Form; 2 hours for QS Holder: Identification of Ownership Interest; 30 minutes for Annual Updates on the Status of Corporations and Partnerships QS; 2 hours for Application for QS/IFQ Transfer Eligibility Certificate; 2 hours for Application for Transfer of QS/IFQ (includes sweep-up); 30 minutes for Application for Replacement of Certificates, Permits, or Cards; 30 minutes for Request for Automated Transaction Terminal; 6 minutes for IFQ

Administrative Waiver; 12 minutes for Prior Notice of IFQ Landing; 12 minutes for electronic IFQ/CDQ Landing Report; 18 minutes for manual IFQ/CDQ Landing Report; 15 minutes for Departure Report; 12 minutes for Transshipment Authorization; 6 minutes for Dockside Sales Receipt; 200 hours for Application to Become a Community Quota Entity (CQE); 40 hours for CQE Annual Report; 30 minutes for Approval of Transfer from Governing Body; and 10 hours for Community Petition to Form Governing Body.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 12,012.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$82.

IV. Request for Comments

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 102104D]

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Billfish Tagging Report

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and