

NOTICE OF OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET ACTION

Date 01/31/2014

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 12/20/2013

ACTION REQUESTED: Extension without change of a currently approved collection

TYPE OF REVIEW REQUESTED: Regular

ICR REFERENCE NUMBER: 201311-0648-002

AGENCY ICR TRACKING NUMBER:

TITLE: Western Alaska Community Development Quota Program

LIST OF INFORMATION COLLECTIONS: See next page

OMB ACTION: Approved without change

OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 0648-0269

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: 01/31/2017

DISCONTINUE DATE:

BURDEN:	RESPONSES	HOURS	COSTS
Previous	13	11	2
New	13	11	16
Difference			
Change due to New Statute	0	0	0
Change due to Agency Discretion	0	0	0
Change due to Agency Adjustment	0	0	14
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
Application for Approval of Use of Non-CDQ Harvest Regulations	NA	Applicaton for approval of use of non-CDQ harvest regulations	
Non-Chinook CDQ or PSQ transfer request	NA	Groundfish/Halibut CDQ or PSQ transfer form	

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
WESTERN ALASKA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT QUOTA (CDQ) PROGRAM
OMB CONTROL NO. 0648-0269**

This action requests extension of this information collection.

INTRODUCTION

National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) manages the groundfish fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ) off Alaska. NMFS manages the groundfish and crab fisheries of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands management area (BSAI) under the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area and the Fishery Management Plan for Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands King and Tanner Crabs (FMPs). The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) prepared the FMPs under the authority of the [Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation & Management Act](#) (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*) as amended in 2006. The International Pacific Halibut Commission and NMFS manage fishing for Pacific halibut through regulations established under the authority of the Northern Pacific Halibut Act of 1982. Regulations implementing the FMPs appear at [50 CFR parts 300, 679, and 680](#).

The Western Alaska Community Development Quota (CDQ) Program is an economic development program associated with Federally managed fisheries in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area (BSAI). The CDQ Program receives apportionments of the annual catch limits for a variety of commercially valuable species in the BSAI, which are in turn allocated among six different non-profit managing organizations representing different affiliations of communities (CDQ groups). The CDQ Program redistributes a portion of commercially important BSAI fisheries species to adjacent communities. There are 65 communities participating in the program. CDQ groups use the revenue derived from the harvest of their fisheries allocations as a basis both for funding economic development activities and for providing employment opportunities. Thus, the successful harvest of CDQ Program allocations is integral to achieving the goals of the program.

A. JUSTIFICATION

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

The CDQ Program was established to provide eligible western Alaska villages with the opportunity to participate and invest in BSAI fisheries, to support economic development in western Alaska, to alleviate poverty and provide economic and social benefits for residents of western Alaska, and to achieve sustainable and diversified local economies in western Alaska. The fisheries primarily affected include the halibut CDQ, fixed gear sablefish CDQ, and pollock CDQ fisheries. All six CDQ groups annually are allocated groundfish CDQ, halibut CDQ, and crab CDQ. These groups participate, either directly or indirectly, in the commercial harvest of these allocations.

CDQ groups receive royalties from the successful harvest of CDQ by commercial fishing

companies, as well as access to employment and training opportunities for their communities' residents. Royalties and income from CDQ harvesting activities are used to fund economic development projects in CDQ communities. Based on the most recently available information, the CDQ groups received approximately \$60 million in royalties from the harvest of their CDQ allocations in 2009.

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 applicable NOAA Information Quality Guidelines.

a. Groundfish/Halibut CDQ and Prohibited Species Quota (PSQ) Transfer Request [NO CHANGES]

CDQ groups may request that NMFS transfer groundfish CDQ, halibut CDQ, or Prohibited Species Quota (PSQ) from one group to another group by each group submitting a completed transfer request as described in § 679.5(n)(1). NMFS will approve the transfer request if the CDQ group transferring quota to another CDQ group has sufficient quota available for transfer. If NMFS approves the request, NMFS will make the requested transfer(s) by decreasing the account balance of the CDQ group from which the CDQ or PSQ species is transferred and by increasing the account balance of the CDQ group receiving the transferred CDQ or PSQ species. The PSQ will be transferred as of the date NMFS approves the transfer request and is effective only for the remainder of the calendar year in which the transfer occurs. NMFS will not approve transfers to cover overages of CDQ or PSQ. The transfer of either CDQ or PSQ may occur during any month of the year, and either may be transferred without the other.

A CDQ group may transfer all or part of its annual CDQ or PSQ to another group for several reasons, including but not limited to:

- ◆ Changes in, or the non-availability of, a group's harvesting partner;
- ◆ Length of a particular non-CDQ fishery season;
- ◆ Availability of a given target species; and
- ◆ Weather or seasonal conditions impacting smaller vessels

In order for an inter-CDQ group transfer to be approved, both parties must be already established and recognized by NMFS as a CDQ group prior to the transfer. The CDQ or PSQ would be transferred as of the date NMFS approves the transfer request. Transfers will continue to be effective only for the remainder of the calendar year in which a transfer occurs.

Six CDQ groups are in the CDQ Program, and all six have the hardware and software to accomplish online transfers. Industry requested the option to submit transfer requests electronically in order to react quickly to changing conditions and to realize harvesting efficiencies. When using the online submittal method, the respondent must enter the NMFS

Person ID, password, and Transfer Key, previously provided by NMFS, instead of name, address, telephone number, fax number, and email address. These three pieces of information are provided by NMFS after an applicant is approved for participation in the CDQ Program. A paper or electronic request form must be completed with all information fields accurately filled in by transferors and transferees, and all required additional documentation must be attached.

CDQ groups may transfer groundfish CDQ, halibut CDQ, and PSQ online from one CDQ group to another, instead of each group submitting a transfer request directly to NMFS. Rather than NMFS reviewing each request prior to transfer to ensure that the group providing CDQ has adequate quota available to transfer, this check would be done automatically by NMFS' catch accounting system. This form should be completed and signed by a representative from each CDQ group proposing to transfer annual amounts.

Submit the completed application via one of the following means:

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| Electronically | SF_Division@noaa.gov , using a NMFS-approved format
[attachment to e-mail] |
| By fax | 907-586-7465 |
| By mail | Sustainable Fisheries Division
NMFS Alaska Region
PO Box 21668
Juneau, AK 99802-1668 |
| Online | [expected mid-year 2014] |

For questions or additional information, call NMFS Sustainable Fisheries at 907-586-7228.

Groundfish/Halibut CDQ and PSQ transfer request

Transferring CDQ group information.

Group Name or initials
CDQ group number.
CDQ representative
Business Telephone Number, Business Fax Number, and Business e-mail address
Name and signature

Receiving CDQ group information

Group name or initials
CDQ group number
CDQ representative

Business Telephone Number, Business Fax Number, and Business e-mail Address
Name and signature

CDQ amount transferred.

Species name or species category
Area
Amount

Groundfish (to the nearest 0.001 mt)

Halibut (lb net weight)

PSQ amount transferred.

Species name or species category

Crab Zone

Amount (number of animals)

Transfer year

Certification of transferor

Non-electronic submittal

Transferor's designated representative must sign and date the application certifying that all information is true, correct, and complete

Electronic submittal

Transferor's designated representative must log into the system and create a transfer request as indicated on the computer screen.

By using the transferor's NMFS ID, password, and Transfer Key and submitting the transfer request, the designated representative certifies that all information is true, correct, and complete

Certification of transferee

Non-electronic submittal

Transferee's designated representative must sign and date the application certifying that all information is true, correct, and complete

Electronic submittal

Transferee's designated representative must log into the system and create a transfer request as indicated on the computer screen.

By using the transferee's NMFS ID, password, and Transfer Key and submitting the transfer request, the designated representative certifies that all information is true, correct, and complete.

CDQ or PSQ transfer request, Respondent	
Number of respondents	6
Total annual responses	12
Frequency of response = 2	
Total burden hours	6 hr
30 minutes x 12	
Total personnel cost (\$25/hr x 6 hr)	\$150
Total miscellaneous costs (11.10)	\$11
Copy (0.05 x 12 = 0.60)	
Fax (2 x 5 = 10)	
Email and planned online (0.05 x 10 = 0.50)	

CDQ or PSQ transfer request, Federal Government	
Total annual responses	12
Total burden hours	4 hr
Time per response = 20 minutes	
Total personnel cost (\$25/hr x 4)	\$100
Total miscellaneous cost	0

b. Application for Approval of Use of Non-CDQ Harvest Regulations [NO CHANGES]

The fisheries management regulations governing the CDQ fisheries were integrated into the regulations governing the concurrent fisheries for groundfish, halibut, and crab -- often termed the “non-CDQ” fisheries -- to comply with certain changes made to the Magnuson-Stevens Act. Section 305(i)(1) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act was amended on July 11, 2006, by the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act (Coast Guard Act) (Pub. L. 109–241). The Coast Guard Act replaced all of the existing language in section 305(i)(1) to ensure that they are no more restrictive than the regulations in effect for comparable non-CDQ fisheries managed under individual fishing quotas or cooperative allocations.

NMFS interprets the statement “in a manner no more restrictive than for other participants in the applicable sector” from the Magnuson-Stevens Act to mean that the fishery management regulations associated with regulating the harvest of CDQ allocations should be no more costly, complex, or burdensome than those that apply to comparable non-CDQ sectors managed under IFQs or cooperative allocations. Vessels that are participating in a voluntary fishery cooperative in a non-CDQ sector are authorized to conduct groundfish CDQ fishing under the same regulations that apply while such vessels are used to directed fish in the non-CDQ fisheries and are not required to comply with the CDQ operational regulations at § 679.32(c)(3)(i).

A CDQ group representative, a representative of an association representing CDQ groups, or the authorized representative of a voluntary fishing cooperative may submit an application to use alternative CDQ harvest regulations. A completed application consists of an application form and a copy of the cooperative contract or an affidavit, as described below:

- ◆ Application form. The application to use alternative CDQ harvest regulations is available on the NMFS Alaska Region Web site at www.alaskafisheries.noaa.gov. All information fields must be accurately completed, including information about the applicant, the voluntary fishing cooperative, and the vessels participating in the voluntary cooperative.
- ◆ Cooperative contract or affidavit. A copy of the current voluntary fishing cooperative contract demonstrating participation in the cooperative by the owners of each of the vessels named on the application form or an affidavit that includes the information required in § 679.32(e)(3)(i)(B).

NMFS will approve an application to use non-CDQ harvest regulations when it determines that:

- ◆ all of the information submitted with the application complies with the requirements of §679.32(e)(2) and (3),
- ◆ the vessels listed on the application represent a majority of vessels participating in an applicable sector, and
- ◆ the CDQ harvest regulations are more restrictive than the non-CDQ regulations for the applicable sector.

NMFS will issue an initial administrative determination (IAD) disapproving the application and the reasons for its disapproval if the application is incomplete, the voluntary cooperative does not represent a majority of the vessels participating in the sector, or the CDQ harvest regulations are not more restrictive than the non-CDQ regulations for the applicable sector. An applicant who receives an IAD disapproving an application may appeal under the procedures set forth at § 679.43.

An application requesting approval for the use of non-CDQ harvest regulations may be submitted to NMFS at any time. Once approved, an application to use alternative CDQ harvest regulations is effective as of the date on which NMFS approves the application. The approval is effective until the requesting entity withdraws its application, or until there is a change in the membership of the voluntary cooperative, whichever occurs first.

The entity that received approval for use of non-CDQ harvest regulations must promptly notify NMFS of any changes in the voluntary fishing cooperative's membership. Amendments to an approved application to use alternative CDQ harvest regulations may be submitted to NMFS at any time.

The completed application may be submitted by one of the following methods:

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| Electronically | SF_Division@noaa.gov , using a NMFS-approved format [attachment to e-mail] |
| By fax | 907-586-7465 |
| By mail | Sustainable Fisheries Division
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For questions or additional information, call NMFS Sustainable Fisheries at 907-586-7228.

Application for Approval of Use of Non-CDQ Harvest Regulations

Indicate type of application: new or amendment

Block A – Voluntary Fishery Cooperative Information

Name of Voluntary Cooperative

Name of Cooperative's Representative

Permanent Business Mailing Address

Business Telephone Number, Business Fax Number, and Business E-mail Address

Block B – Applicant Information

Check here if applicant is the same as the entity/person identified in Block A

If YES, proceed to Block C

Name of Organization

Name of Organization's Representative

Permanent Business Mailing Address:

Business Telephone Number, Business Fax Number, and Business E-mail Address

Block C– Certification

Printed Name and Signature of Representative and Date Signed

Block D. Cooperative Vessel Information

Vessel Name

Federal Fisheries Permit No.

License Limitation Program No.

Attachment

Voluntary fishing cooperative contract or affidavit

Name of the authorized representative of the cooperative

Printed names and signatures of each vessel owner that is a party to the voluntary cooperative

Vessel name, FFP number, and LLP license number for each vessel managed under the cooperative

Target species, processing mode, gear types, and management area(s) associated with cooperative’s Federal fishing operations

If voluntary fishing cooperative contract does not contain this information, the applicant also must submit a written affidavit that provides all of the information that is not included in the cooperative contract.

Approval of Non-CDQ Harvest Regulations, Respondent	
Number of respondents	1
Total annual responses Frequency of response = 1	1
Total burden hours 5 hours x 1	5 hr
Total personnel cost (\$25/hr x 5 hr)	\$125
Total miscellaneous costs (5.05) Fax (\$5 x 1 = 5) Copy (0.05 x 1 = 0.05)	\$5

Approval of Non-CDQ Harvest Regulations, Federal Government	
Total annual responses	1
Total burden hours Time per response (1 hr x 1)	1 hr
Total personnel cost (\$25/hr x 1)	\$25
Total miscellaneous cost	0

c. Alternative Fishing Plan [REMOVED]

The “alternative fishing plan” under the CDQ Program was removed by a final rule published in September 26, 2012 (77 FR 59053). The action standardized the monitoring options for longline catcher/processors in both the CDQ and non-CDQ fisheries, so the alternative fishing plan regulations are no longer necessary.

It is anticipated that the information collected will be disseminated to the public or used to support publicly disseminated information. 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. Prior to dissemination, the information will be subjected to quality control measures and a 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.

The Groundfish/halibut CDQ or PSQ transfer request and Application for Approval of Use of Non-CDQ Harvest Regulations are available in a fillable format on the NMFS Alaska Region website at <http://www.alaskafisheries.noaa.gov>. NMFS expects that the online access to the quota transfer form will be available mid-year 2014.

4. Describe efforts to identify duplication.

No duplication exists with other information collections.

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

The entities directly regulated are the six CDQ groups that participate in the halibut, sablefish, groundfish, and pollock CDQ fisheries in the BSAI. CDQ groups are considered to be small entities under the RFA's categorization of small, non-profit organizations; they are not significantly impacted.

In addition, a voluntary fishing cooperative consisting of vessels that participate in a non-CDQ sector as well as conduct groundfish CDQ fishing is not considered a small business.

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

The purpose of the CDQ Program is to provide Western Alaska communities a method to support regionally based, commercial seafood or other fisheries-related businesses. Under the CDQ Program, 65 eligible Western Alaska communities have organized into six separate CDQ groups. Without this program, these small communities would be economically devastated.

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

Not Applicable.

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 May 20, 2013 (78 FR 29331) solicited public comments on the information collection. One comment was received; however, the comment did not relate to the collection of information.

A questionnaire was prepared and submitted to representatives of each of the six CDQ groups as well as the fishing cooperative whose vessels conduct CDQ and non-CDQ fishing. NMFS received one response on behalf of six CDQ groups. The comments are summarized below. Question No. 3 asked about miscellaneous costs for each of the two forms. NMFS received comments for both questions that differed from NMFS' estimate of miscellaneous costs. Although the comments did not include reasons why their cost estimate was higher, one response implied that their response included personnel time and cost. In the future, NMFS will clarify the miscellaneous cost question to state that the estimated miscellaneous costs are only recordkeeping costs and do not include personnel time and cost.

Groundfish/Halibut CDQ and Prohibited Species Quota (PSQ) Transfer Request				
at http://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/sustainablefisheries/bycatch/salmon/chinook/forms/cdqpsq_transfer_nochinook.pdf				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES, I use this form		<input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable		
	YES (X)	NO (X)	COMMENTS	No Comment (X)
1. Is the information requested on the form easily available? If NO, explain.	6			
2. Is our estimate of 30 minutes per transfer for completion and submittal of a paper transfer accurate? If NO, explain.	6			
3. Is our estimate of \$5.05 per transfer for completion and submittal of a paper transfer accurate and reasonable? If NO, explain		6	We estimate that thirty minutes to complete the application would cost approximately \$24.00.	
4. NMFS is scheduled to have online transfer available in mid-2014. Would it be less expensive or take less time to complete an online application? Explain.	6		An online application would eliminate the extra steps required to print and scan or mail the form.	
5. Are the instructions for the transfer request clear and understandable? If NO, explain.	6			

6. Provide any additional comments on any aspect of the CDQ requirements.			For purposes of efficiency, the CDQ entities would prefer an online medium for all NMFS required forms/applications.	6
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Application for Approval of Use of Non-CDQ Harvest Regulations at http://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/ram/cdq/noncdqharvestregsapp.pdf				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES, I use this form		<input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable		
	YES (X)	NO (X)	COMMENTS	No Comment (X)
1. Is the information requested on the form easily available? If NO, explain.	6			
2. Is our estimate of 5 hours for completion and submittal of application accurate? If NO, explain.	6		The last time the CDQ groups used this form was March 2012. On that occasion, 5 hours was an appropriate estimate of time spent coordinating with the FLCC to obtain vessel information, complete an affidavit, and draft the submission letter.	
3. Is our estimate of \$5.05 per application for completion and submittal accurate and reasonable? If NO, explain		6	We estimate that five hours to complete the application would cost approximately \$240.00.	
4. Are the instructions for the application clear and understandable? If NO, explain.	6			
5. Provide any additional comments on any aspect of the CDQ requirements.				6

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

No payment or gift will be provided under this program.

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

As stated on the transfer form and in the regulations, the information collected is confidential under section 402(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act. It is also confidential under [NOAA](#)

[Administrative Order 216-100](#), which sets forth procedures to protect confidentiality of fishery statistics.

All information collected is part of a system of records: NOAA #19, published April 17, 2008.

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.

Information collected for the CDQ Program does not include information of a private or sensitive nature.

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

Estimated total unique respondents: 7, increased from 6. Estimated total responses: 13. Estimated total burden: 11 hr. Estimated total personnel cost: \$275, decreased from \$ 425.

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).

Estimated total miscellaneous costs: \$16, increased from \$2.

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

Estimated total responses: 13. Estimated total burden: 5 hr, decreased from 18 hr. Estimated total personnel cost: \$125, decreased from \$450, based on \$25/hr the average wage equivalent to a GS-9 employee in Alaska, including COLA. Estimated total miscellaneous costs: \$0, decreased from \$2.

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

No program changes are made in this action. Adjustments are made to correct the number of participants using each form and to add costs for submitting a fax.

Groundfish/halibut CDQ or PSQ transfer request

A form, CDQ or PSQ Transfer Request, was removed and replaced by two separate forms when a new program was created for the management of Chinook salmon prohibited species catch in the Bering Sea pollock fishery managed under the American Fisheries Act implemented by a final rule RIN No. 0648-AX89 (75 FR 53026, August 30, 2010). One new transfer form, called the "Application for Transfer of Bering Sea Chinook Salmon PSC Allocations," was created for the transfer of Chinook salmon and eventually approved under OMB Control No. 0648-0393. The second new form, called "Groundfish/Halibut CDQ and Prohibited Species Quota (PSQ) Transfer Request," was approved under OMB Control No. 0648-0269. The original form was analyzed to have 6 respondents, 48 responses, 12 hr burden, \$300 personnel costs, and \$2

miscellaneous cost. This revised form was analyzed to have 6 respondents, 12 responses, 6 burden hours, \$150 personnel cost, and \$61 miscellaneous cost.

a decrease of \$150 personnel costs, \$150 instead of \$300
an increase of \$10 miscellaneous costs, \$11 instead of \$1 (fax costs are added)

Application for approval of use of non-CDQ harvest regulations

an increase of \$4 miscellaneous costs, \$5 instead of \$1 (fax costs are added).

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

The information obtained from this collection is not expected to be published for statistical use.

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.

Not Applicable.

18. Explain each exception to the certification statement.

Not Applicable.

B. COLLECTIONS OF INFORMATION EMPLOYING STATISTICAL METHODS

This collection does not employ statistical methods.

APPENDIX

QUESTIONS FOR OMB CONTROL NUMBER 0648-0269 COLLECTION WESTERN ALASKA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT QUOTA (CDQ) PROGRAM (July 24, 2013)

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Please take a few minutes to let us know what you think about details of these two forms. Also, we would appreciate any comments you may have on any aspect of this collection.

Respond to YES or NO answers and NO COMMENT answers with an “X”. Enter comments in the COMMENT section. Then, email your responses to me at patsy.bearden@noaa.gov no later than Friday, August 2, 2013.

If you have questions about the questionnaire or need additional information, please call me at 907-586-7008. Thanks in advance.

Respectfully,

Patsy A. Bearden
Sustainable Fisheries Division
NMFS Alaska Region

Telephone (907)586-7008
Fax (907) 586-7465
e-mail Patsy.bearden@noaa.gov

Groundfish/Halibut CDQ and Prohibited Species Quota (PSQ) Transfer Request at http://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/sustainablefisheries/bycatch/salmon/chinook/forms/cdqpsq_transfer_nonchinook.pdf				
<input type="checkbox"/> YES, I use this form		<input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable		
	YES (X)	NO (X)	COMMENTS	No Comment (X)
1. Is the information requested on the form easily available? If NO, explain.				
2. Is our estimate of 30 minutes per transfer for completion and submittal of a paper transfer accurate? If NO, explain.				
3. Is our estimate of \$5.05 per transfer for completion and submittal of a paper transfer accurate and reasonable? If NO, explain				
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5. Are the instructions for the transfer request clear and understandable? If NO, explain.				
6. Provide any additional comments on any aspect of the CDQ requirements.				

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<p>Groundfish/Halibut CDQ and Prohibited Species Quota (PSQ) Transfer Request</p>	<p>NOAA/National Marine Fisheries Service Sustainable Fisheries Division P.O. Box 21668 Juneau, AK 99802-1668 Fax: 907-586-7131 Telephone: 907-586-7228</p>
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This form should be completed and signed by a representative from each CDQ group proposing to transfer annual amounts of: groundfish and halibut CDQ and Prohibited Species Quota (PSQ) except Bering Sea Chinook salmon.

DO NOT USE THIS FORM TO TRANSFER BERING SEA CHINOOK SALMON PSC.

BLOCK A - TRANSFERRING CDQ GROUP INFORMATION			
1. Group Name or Initials:		2. Group Number:	
3. Business Telephone Number:	4. Business Fax Number:	5. Business e-mail Address (if available):	
6. Representative's Name:		7. Representative's Signature:	

BLOCK B - RECEIVING CDQ GROUP INFORMATION			
1. Group Name or Initials:		2. Group Number:	
3. Business Telephone Number:	4. Business Fax Number:	5. Business e-mail Address (if available):	
6. Representative's Name:		7. Representative's Signature:	

BLOCK C - CDQ AMOUNT TRANSFERRED							
Species or Species Category	Area	Amount		Species or Species Category	Area	Amount	
		Groundfish (nearest 0.001 mt)	Halibut (lb net weight)			Groundfish (nearest 0.001 mt)	Halibut (lb net weight)

BLOCK D - PSQ AMOUNT TRANSFERRED					
NOTE: Do not record Bering Sea Chinook Salmon PSC					
Species or Species Category	Crab Zone	Amount (Number of Animals)	Species or Species Category	Crab Zone	Amount (Number of Animals)

BLOCK E - TRANSFER YEAR

Specify the year to which this transfer applies:	
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BLOCK F – CERTIFICATION OF TRANSFEROR

Under penalty of perjury, I declare that I have examined this form, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information I have presented here is true, correct, and complete.

1. Signature	2. Date
3. Printed Name	4. Title if Authorized Representative

BLOCK G – CERTIFICATION OF TRANSFEREE

Under penalty of perjury, I declare that I have examined this form, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information I have presented here is true, correct, and complete.

1. Signature	2. Date
3. Printed Name	4. Title if Authorized Representative

PUBLIC REPORTING BURDEN STATEMENT

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Before completing this form please note the following: 1) 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; 2) This information is mandatory and is required to manage the commercial fishing effort of the CDQ program in the BSAI under 50 CFR part 679 and under section 402(a) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act (16 U.S.C. 1801, *et seq.*); 3) Responses to this information request are confidential under section 402(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act as amended in 2006. It is also confidential under NOAA Administrative Order 216-100, which sets forth procedures to protect confidentiality of fishery statistics.

Instructions

**GROUND FISH/HALIBUT CDQ AND PROHIBITED SPECIES QUOTA (PSQ)
TRANSFER REQUEST**

DO NOT USE THIS FORM TO TRANSFER BERING SEA CHINOOK SALMON PSC

To transfer Bering Sea Chinook Salmon PSC, use the Application for Transfer of Bering Sea Chinook Salmon PSC Allocations.

A Western Alaska Community Development Quota (CDQ) group may request to transfer all or part of its annual groundfish and halibut CDQ or Prohibited Species Quota (PSQ) for Aleutian Islands Chinook salmon, non-Chinook salmon, Pacific Halibut, and Bering Sea crab. Once approved, a CDQ or PSQ transfer is effective for the year for which the transfer is requested.

Certification

Non-electronic submittal -- Transferor's and Transferee's designated representative must sign and date the application certifying that all information is true, correct, and complete.

Electronic submittal [available mid-year 2014] -- Transferor's and Transferee's designated representative must log into the system and create a transfer request as indicated on the computer screen. By using the transferor's NMFS ID, password, and Transfer Key and submitting the transfer request, the designated representative certifies that all information is true, correct, and complete

Type or print legibly in ink; retain a copy of completed application for your records.

NMFS will review the transferor's catch account during a transfer request to ensure sufficient CDQ or PSQ is available to transfer. NMFS will notify the transferor and transferee when the application is received and approved. A transfer of CDQ or PSQ is not effective until approved by NMFS.

When complete, submit

Online: <http://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov>
[available mid-year 2014]

Electronically: SF_Division@noaa.gov

Mail: **NMFS Alaska Region
Sustainable Fisheries Division
P.O. Box 21668
Juneau, AK 99802-1668**

Or fax: **907-586-7131**

If you need additional information regarding transfers of groundfish and halibut CDQ and PSQ, contact Sustainable Fisheries Division at 907-586-7228.

Also, regulations at 50 CFR part 679, Subpart C, are available at NMFS Alaska Region web site at <http://www.alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/regs/default.htm>.

COMPLETING THE APPLICATION

Enter the following information for each transfer.

BLOCK A -- TRANSFERRING CDQ GROUP INFORMATION (TRANSFEROR)

1. Name or initials of transferring CDQ group
2. CDQ group number
- 3-5. Business telephone number, business fax number, and business e-mail address
- 6-7. Printed name and signature of transferring CDQ representative

BLOCK B -- RECEIVING CDQ GROUP INFORMATION (TRANSFeree)

1. Name or initials of receiving CDQ group
2. CDQ group number
- 3-5. Business telephone number, business fax number, and business e-mail address
- 6-7. Printed name and signature of receiving CDQ representative

BLOCK C -- CDQ AMOUNT TRANSFERRED

1. Species or Species Category. For each species for which a transfer is being requested, enter the species name or species category.
2. Area. Enter the particular management area associated with a species category, such as Eastern Aleutian Islands (EAI), if applicable.
3. Amount. Specify the amount being transferred.
For groundfish, specify transfer amounts to the nearest 0.001 metric tons.
For halibut CDQ, specify the amount in pounds (net weight).

BLOCK D -- PSQ AMOUNT TRANSFERRED

(DO NOT RECORD BERING SEA CHINOOK SALMON PSC ON THIS FORM)

1. Species or Species Category. For each PSQ species for which a transfer is being requested, enter the species name or species category.
2. Crab Zone. For crab only, designate the appropriate zone for each PSQ being transferred (e.g. Zone 2), if applicable.
3. Amount. Specify the amount of crab and salmon being transferred; specify transfer amounts in numbers of animals.

BLOCK E -- TRANSFER YEAR

Specify which year's CDQ or PSQ is requested to be transferred.

BLOCK F -- CERTIFICATION OF TRANSFEROR

Printed name and signature of Transferor's authorized representative and date signed
Attach authorization

BLOCK G -- CERTIFICATION OF TRANSFEREE

Printed name and signature of Transferee's authorized representative and date signed
Attach authorization

<p>APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF USE OF NON-CDQ HARVEST REGULATIONS</p>	<p>U.S. Dept. of Commerce/NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Sustainable Fisheries Division P.O. Box 21668 Juneau, AK 99802-1668 Fax: 907-586-7465, Tel: 907-586-7228</p>
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NOTE: When submitting this application, attach a copy of the voluntary cooperative contract or affidavit and a list of vessels associated with the cooperative or affidavit as required by § 679.32(e)(3).

TYPE OF APPLICATION
<p>Indicate Type of Application</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> New Application <input type="checkbox"/> Amended Approval </p>

BLOCK A – VOLUNTARY FISHERY COOPERATIVE INFORMATION		
1. Name of Voluntary Cooperative:	2. Name of Cooperative’s Representative:	
3. Permanent Business Mailing Address:		
4. Business Telephone Number:	5. Business Fax Number:	6. Business e-mail Address:

BLOCK B – APPLICANT INFORMATION		
<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if applicant is the same as the entity/person identified in Block A. If YES , proceed to Block C.		
1. Name of Organization:	2. Name of Organization’s Representative:	
3. Permanent Business Mailing Address:		
4. Business Telephone Number:	5. Business Fax Number:	6. Business e-mail Address:

Instructions
APPLICATION FOR
APPROVAL OF NON-CDQ HARVEST REGULATIONS

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Western Alaska Community Development Quota (CDQ) Program is an economic development program associated with Federally managed fisheries in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area (BSAI). The purpose of the program is to provide western Alaska communities the opportunity to participate and invest in BSAI fisheries, to support economic development in western Alaska, to alleviate poverty and provide economic and social benefits for residents of western Alaska, and to achieve sustainable and diversified local economies in western Alaska.

The CDQ Program was developed to redistribute some of the BSAI fisheries' economic benefits to adjacent communities by allocating a portion of commercially important BSAI fisheries species to such communities. The CDQ Program was incorporated into the Magnuson-Stevens Act in 1996 through the Sustainable Fisheries Act (Public Law 104-297).

NMFS will allow vessels that are fishing for groundfish CDQ, while operating in a voluntary fishery cooperative, to submit to NMFS an application for the use of non-CDQ regulations when the CDQ regulations are more restrictive than the regulations otherwise required for participants in non-CDQ groundfish fisheries. This application may be submitted to NMFS at any time. Upon NMFS' approval, the use of non-CDQ harvesting regulations is effective. An approval is effective until the voluntary cooperative is no longer in effect, or until there is a change in the membership of the voluntary cooperative, whichever occurs first.

NMFS will approve an application to use non-CDQ harvest regulations when it determines that:

- ◆ All of the information submitted with the application complies with the requirements of 50 CFR part 679.32(e)(2) and (3),
- ◆ The vessels listed on the application form represent a majority of vessels participating in an applicable sector, and
- ◆ The relevant CDQ harvest regulations are more restrictive than the non-CDQ regulations for the applicable sector.

Additionally

Retain a copy of completed application for your records.

Submit the completed application via one of the following means:

Electronically to SF_Division@noaa.gov, using a NMFS-approved format

By fax to 907-586-7465

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NOTE: Attach a copy of the voluntary cooperative contract, as well as a list vessels associated with the cooperative, or affidavit as required by 50 CFR part 679.32(e)(3).

If you have any questions, or if you need any assistance in completing the application, please call
NMFS Sustainable Fisheries at 907-586-7228.

COMPLETING THE APPLICATION

Submit the following information on this form:

TYPE OF APPLICATION

Indicate whether this application is for a new application or an amended approval.

BLOCK A – VOLUNTARY FISHERY COOPERATIVE INFORMATION

1. Name of the voluntary cooperative.
2. Name of the cooperative's representative.
3. Permanent business mailing address.
- 4-6. Business telephone number, Business fax number, and Business email address.

BLOCK B – APPLICANT INFORMATION

If applicable, check box denoting that information in Block A is the same as that requested in Block B. If the Cooperative and the Applicant are not the same, enter the following:

1. Name of the applicant's organization.
2. Name of the organization's representative.
3. Permanent business mailing address.
- 4-6. Business telephone number, Business fax number, and Business email address.

BLOCK C – CERTIFICATION

Enter the Representative's printed name, signature, and date signed.

BLOCK D – COOPERATIVE VESSEL IDENTIFICATION (Attach additional sheet if necessary.)

List the name, Federal Fisheries Permit (FFP) number, and License Limitation Groundfish (LLG) license number of each vessel

ATTACHMENTS -- COOPERATIVE DOCUMENTATION

The applicant must submit a copy of the current voluntary cooperative contract in effect for the vessels and fisheries for which the use of non-CDQ harvest regulations is requested.

The contract must contain the printed names and signatures of each vessel owner who is a member of the cooperative, and the name, FFP number, and LLG license number for each vessel that is participating in the voluntary cooperative.

The contract also must describe the target species, processing mode, gear types, and management area(s) associated with the voluntary cooperative's federal fishing operations.

Alternatively, the applicant may submit an affidavit describing the voluntary cooperative and its fishing operations (as noted above), and that affirms that each vessel listed in the application form is a member of a voluntary cooperative.

PUBLIC REPORTING BURDEN STATEMENT

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The formats for the revised certifications are provided at the end of the *Interim Final Rule*. The Department intends to reject factual submissions in any proceeding segments initiated on or after March 14, 2011, if the submitting party does not comply with the revised certification requirements.

This notice is issued and published pursuant to section 777(i) of the Act.

Dated: May 13, 2013.

Paul Piquado,

Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

Appendix I—Scope of the Investigations

The product covered by these investigations is high carbon steel wire; stress relieved or low relaxation; indented or otherwise deformed; meeting at a minimum the American Society for Testing Materials (ASTM) A881/A881M specification; regardless of shape, size, or other alloy element levels; suitable for use as prestressed tendons in concrete railroad ties (“PC tie wire”). High carbon steel is defined as steel that contains 0.6 percent or more of carbon by weight.

PC tie wire is classified under the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) subheading 7217.10.8045, but may also be classified under subheadings 7217.10.7000, 7217.10.8025, 7217.10.8030, 7217.10.9000, 7229.90.1000, 7229.90.5016, 7229.90.5031, 7229.90.5051, and 7229.90.9000. Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the scope of the investigations is dispositive.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Western Alaska Community Development Quota Program

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

Information To Import Administration During Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings: Supplemental Interim Final Rule, 76 FR 54697 (September 2, 2011).

collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before July 19, 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 Patsy A. Bearden (907) 586–7008 or patsy.bearden@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This request is for extension of a current information collection.

The Western Alaska Community Development Quota (CDQ) Program is an economic development program implemented under the Magnuson Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, the Fishery Management Plan for the Groundfish Fishery of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands, and regulations at 50 CFR part 679. The purpose of the program is to provide western Alaska communities the opportunity to participate and invest in Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area fisheries, to support economic development in western Alaska, to alleviate poverty and provide economic and social benefits for residents of western Alaska, and to achieve sustainable and diversified local economies in western Alaska.

CDQ and prohibited species quota (PSQ) allocations are made to CDQ groups. However, in many cases the CDQ groups contract with existing fishing vessels and processors to harvest CDQ on their behalf. The CDQ group is responsible to monitor the catch of CDQ and PSQ by all vessels fishing under its Community Development Plan and to take the necessary action to prevent overages. National Marine Fisheries Service monitors the reported catch to assure that quotas are not being exceeded. Information is collected only through quota transfers in this collection.

II. Method of Collection

Respondents have a choice of either electronic or paper forms. Methods of submittal include email of electronic forms, and mail and facsimile transmission of paper forms.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648–0269.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission (extension of a current information collection).

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 6.

Estimated Time per Response: 30 minutes for Non-Chinook CDQ/PSQ Transfer Request; 5 hours for Application for approval of use of non-CDQ harvest regulations.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 11.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0.

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: May 15, 2013.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648–XC689

Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative Management Act Provisions; Horseshoe Crabs; Application for Exempted Fishing Permit, 2013

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

ACTION: Notification of a proposal to conduct exempted fishing; request for comments.