

# NOTICE OF OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET ACTION

Date 01/13/2015

Department of Commerce  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

FOR CERTIFYING OFFICIAL: Jerry Harper  
FOR CLEARANCE OFFICER: Jennifer Jessup

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, OMB has taken action on your request received 12/11/2014

ACTION REQUESTED: Revision of a currently approved collection

TYPE OF REVIEW REQUESTED: Regular

ICR REFERENCE NUMBER: 201411-0648-013

AGENCY ICR TRACKING NUMBER:

TITLE: Alaska License Limitation Program for Groundfish, Crab, and Scallops

LIST OF INFORMATION COLLECTIONS: See next page

OMB ACTION: Approved without change

OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 0648-0334

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: 01/31/2018

DISCONTINUE DATE:

BURDEN:	RESPONSES	HOURS	COSTS
Previous	151	276	1,981
New	78	129	656
Difference			
Change due to New Statute	0	0	0
Change due to Agency Discretion	-9	-8	-830
Change due to Agency Adjustment	-64	-139	-495
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
Groundfish, Crab, and Scallop Transfers	NA, NA	Application for transfer LLP scallop license, LLP transfer application for groundfish and crab	50 CFR 679
Transfer Appeals			50 CFR 679

# 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 <span style="float: right;">b. <input type="checkbox"/> None</span> 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  
ALASKA LICENSE LIMITATION PROGRAM FOR  
GROUNDFISH, CRAB, AND SCALLOPS  
OMB CONTROL NO. 0648-0334**

This request is for revision and extension of an existing information collection. Two information collections that were for one time only have been removed.

**INTRODUCTION**

National Marine Fisheries Service, Alaska Region (NMFS) manages the fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ) off the coast of Alaska under Fishery Management Plans (FMPs): the FMP for Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska, the FMP for Groundfish of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area, the FMP for Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands King and Tanner Crabs, and the FMP for the Scallop Fishery off Alaska. The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) prepared, and NMFS approved, the FMPs under the authority of the [Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act](#), 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.* as amended in 2006. These FMPs are implemented by regulations at [50 CFR parts 679 and 680](#).

**BACKGROUND**

The License Limitation Program (LLP) is a step toward solving the conservation and management problems of Alaska's open access fisheries. The LLP provides stability in the fishing industry and identifies the field of participants in the fisheries. The LLP restricts access to the commercial groundfish fisheries, commercial crab fisheries and commercial scallop fisheries in the EEZ off Alaska except for certain areas where alternative programs exist. The intended effect of the LLP is to limit the number of participants and reduce fishing capacity in fisheries off Alaska. LLP licenses authorize the license holder to deploy a vessel in fisheries designated by gear, area, and operational type endorsements specified on the LLP license.

A limited number of LLP licenses have been issued to limit the total number of potential participants in Gulf of Alaska (GOA) groundfish fisheries. LLP licenses are assigned endorsements for specific areas (e.g., Central or Western GOA), specific gear (e.g., trawl or hook-and-line gear), and operation type (e.g., catcher vessel or catcher/processor), and in the case of vessels using hook-and-line or pot gear in the Central and Western GOA Pacific cod fisheries, a Pacific cod endorsement.

**A. JUSTIFICATION**

An LLP license is required for vessels participating in directed fishing for LLP groundfish species in the GOA or Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area (BSAI), or fishing in any BSAI LLP crab fisheries. The scallop LLP is intended to limit the number of participants and reduce fishing capacity in the scallop fishery off Alaska.

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

The LLP originally collected basic information in order to make decisions regarding which owners of vessels were issued licenses and which were not. The decisions were based on the

fishing history of the vessel and on the vessel's size. Now that the selection process is completed, LLPs are issued to qualifying vessel owners only through transfer.

**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.**

**a. Notification to Surrender LLP Endorsement (REMOVED: One time only)**

Amendment 99 automatically increased the vessel MLOA to 220 feet (67 m) on 33 LLP licenses in the BSAI longline catcher/processor subsector not also endorsed for pot gear. NMFS encouraged the remaining eligible three LLP license holders who also use pot gear to surrender their LLP in exchange for eligibility to replace aging vessels with newer, safer, and more efficient 220-foot (67 m) MLOA vessels.

If the written notification is received by NMFS within the 36 months prior to the deadline, NMFS would issue a revised LLP license to the holder of that license. License holders who choose not to make the one-time election, or who do not submit a written notification within the 36-month deadline would retain their current MLOA on their LLP licenses and eligibility to fish in both the Pacific cod pot fisheries and longline fisheries in the BSAI and GOA.

Thirty days following the publication of the final rule, NMFS issued new LLP licenses with an MLOA of 220 feet (67 m) to the 33 holders of the eligible licenses and the MLOAs of the three pot-gear LLP licenses would only be modified after the submission of a written request from the holders of LLP licenses.

**b. Survey to Verify the Length Overall (LOA) of the Vessel (REMOVED: One-time only)**

To determine the maximum length overall (MLOA) to be applied to the LLP license, NMFS uses the LOA of the vessel to which the LLP license was assigned at the time of the effective date of Amendment 86. If the LLP holder disagreed with the LOA on file with NMFS, and wished to provide data to NMFS establishing a different LOA for the vessel, NMFS would require that the LLP license holder provide a survey conducted by a naval architect or marine surveyor independent from the vessel owner or LLP license holder to verify the LOA of the vessel prior to approving the designation of an LLP license for that vessel, if that vessel does not have a certified survey on file.

NMFS provided a vessel owner 90 days from the effective date of Amendment 86 to provide the survey to NMFS. The 90-day time period provided the LLP license holder with the time necessary to have a vessel surveyed and to provide that information to NMFS. NMFS would not assign a Pacific cod endorsement to an LLP license holder with a greater LOA than that provided in NMFS's record unless a timely independent survey was submitted and received by NMFS. If no survey was provided within the 90 day time frame, NMFS reissued the LLP license with the MLOA equal to the LOA of the vessel that the LLP license was assigned based on the LOA on file with NMFS. Any LLP license that received an endorsement under this provision could not be equal to or exceed 60 feet MLOA under any circumstance.

**c. Application for Transfer License Limitation Program Groundfish/Crab License  
(CHANGED: Fewer respondents, responses and hours, labor rate increased but total decreased, decrease to miscellaneous costs)**

Groundfish/Crab License Transfer

A vessel within the EEZ off Alaska that is catching and retaining LLP groundfish must be named on an original LLP groundfish license that is onboard the vessel. Each vessel within the EEZ off Alaska that is catching and retaining scallops, must have an original scallop LLP license on board at all times it is catching and retaining scallops. LLPs are issued to qualifying vessel owners only through transfer.

Each transfer request must include a completed transfer application, the original license, and a copy of the sale or transfer agreement. From the copy of the transfer contract or Bill of Sale for LLP permits, NMFS can look up much of the same financial information if needed. The financial information requested on the applications is primarily used for research and program evaluation.

**Application for Transfer License Limitation Program Groundfish/Crab License**

Block A – Required documentation

Use this block to determine which forms and other information must be attached to your transfer. Please check all that apply to ensure that your application is complete and can be processed in a timely manner

Block B – Identification of license to be transferred

Indicate whether license to be transferred is groundfish, crab, or Aleutian Islands and enter LLP license number

Block C -- Identification of Rockfish QS to be Transferred

This section applies only to Rockfish Quota Share (QS) assigned to an LLP license that exceeds a use cap specified in § 679.82 (a)(2). All other Rockfish QS is not severable from the LLP license on which it was initially allocated.

LLP license number on which Rockfish QS over the use cap is currently assigned

LLP license number to which the Rockfish QS is being transferred. This LLP license must already be assigned  
Rockfish QS

Identification of Rockfish QS to be transferred (list number of QS units and Rockfish Species)

Block D – Identification of transferor (seller)

Name of transferor (as it appears on LLP)

Permanent business mailing address

Temporary business mailing address for (if applicable)

Business telephone number, business fax number, and e-mail address

Block E – Identification of transferee (receiver)

Indicate if transferee is a U.S. Citizen, or U.S. corporation, partnership, association, or other non-individual entity

**If NO**, stop here. The person is not eligible to receive a license.

Name of transferee

Permanent business mailing address

Temporary business mailing address (if applicable)

Business telephone number, business fax number, and e-mail address

Block F -- Vessel currently named on license

Name of vessel

Length overall (ft)

ADF&G vessel registration number

USCG documentation number

Block G -- Vessel to be named on new license

Name of vessel

Length overall (ft)

ADF&G vessel registration number

USCG documentation number

Block H – LLP Ownership documentation

Provide the names of all persons, to the individual level, holding an ownership interest in the LLP License being transferred and the percentage ownership each person and individual will hold in the LLP License

Block I -- Transferor information

Total amount being paid for the license in this transaction, including all fees

Indicate whether this price includes the price of the vessel

Reason for transferring the license (check all that apply)

Indicate whether a broker is employed to assist with this transaction

**If YES**, enter price paid in brokerage fees or percent of total price

Block J -- Transferee information

Indicate whether license is used as collateral for a loan

**If YES**, enter name of party holding security interest or lien

Primary source of financing

How the license was located

Receiver's relationship to the license holder

Indicate whether transfer of LLP license includes the sale of the fishing history of a vessel

**If YES**, identify

Name of vessel

ADF&G number

USCG documentation number

Vessel LOA

Indicate whether transfer of this LLP license is part of an agreement that also transfers ownership of a vessel

**If YES**, identify

Name of vessel

ADF&G number

USCG documentation number

Vessel LOA

Indicate whether there is an agreement to return the license to the transferor or to transfer it to any other person, or is there is any condition requiring the resale or conveyance of the license

**If YES**, explain

Block K -- Certification of transferor/seller

Printed name, signature, and date signed

If representative, **attach** authorization

Name and signature of notary public, notary stamp or seal, and date commission expires

Block L -- Certification of transferee/receiver

Printed name, signature, and date signed

If representative, **attach** authorization

Name and signature of notary public, notary stamp or seal, and date commission expires.

Scallop License Transfer

Block A – Identification of License to be transferred

License number

Total price to be paid for the license, including fees

Indicate whether this price includes the price of the vessel or other assets

**Attach** copy of sales contract or other agreement between the parties that sets out the terms and conditions of the proposed transfer.

Block B – Transferor information (seller)

Name

Business mailing address; indicate whether permanent or temporary

Business telephone number, business fax number, and e-mail address

Block C – Transferee information (buyer)

Indicate whether transferee is a U.S. Citizen or U.S. corporation, partnership, association, or other non-individual entity

**If NO**, stop. The person is not eligible to receive this license

Name

NMFS Person ID

Business mailing address; indicate whether permanent or temporary  
 Business telephone number, business fax number, and business e-mail address

**Block D -- Certification of transferor**

Printed name, signature, and date signed  
 If signed by representative, **attach** authorization  
 Name and signature of notary public, notary stamp or seal, and date commission expires

**Block E -- Certification of transferee**

Printed name and signature and date signed  
 If signed by representative, **attach** authorization  
 Name and signature of notary public, notary stamp or seal, and date commission expires.

<b>Groundfish, crab, and scallop transfer application, Respondent</b>	
<b>Total respondents</b>	<b>61</b>
Scallops -- 1	<b>61</b>
Crab -- 10	
Groundfish -- 50	
<b>Total responses</b>	<b>61</b>
Frequency of response = 1	
<b>Total burden hours</b>	<b>61 hr</b>
Time per response = 1 hr	
<b>Total personnel cost</b> (\$37 x 61)	<b>\$2,257</b>
<b>Total miscellaneous costs</b> (646.60)	<b>\$647</b>
Postage (0.45 x 61 = 27.45)	
Photocopy (0.05 x 3pp x 61 = 9.15)	
Notary (\$10 x 61 = 610)	

<b>Groundfish, crab, and scallop transfer application, Federal Government</b>	
<b>Total responses</b>	<b>61</b>
<b>Total burden hours</b> (30.50)	<b>31 hr</b>
Time per response = 30 minutes	
<b>Total personnel costs</b> (\$37/hr x 31)	<b>\$1,147</b>
<b>Total miscellaneous costs</b>	<b>0</b>

**d. Transfer appeals (CHANGED: Fewer respondents, responses and hours, labor rate increased but total decreased, decrease to miscellaneous costs)**

To apply for a transfer appeal, the applicant must provide a written statement in support of the appeal and show why the initial determination should be reversed.

<b>Transfer appeals, Respondent</b>	
<b>Total respondents</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Total responses</b>	<b>17</b>
Frequency of response = 1	
<b>Total burden hours</b>	<b>68 hr</b>
Hours per response = 4 hr	
<b>Total personnel cost</b> (\$37 x 68)	<b>\$2,516</b>
<b>Total miscellaneous costs</b> (8.50)	<b>\$9</b>
Postage (0.45 x 17 = 7.65 )	
Photocopy (0.05 x 17 = 0.85)	

<b>Transfer appeals, Federal Government</b>	
<b>Total responses</b>	<b>17</b>
Frequency of response = 1	
<b>Total burden hours</b>	<b>68 hr</b>
Hours per response = 4 hr	
<b>Total personnel cost (\$75 x 68)</b>	<b>\$5,100</b>
<b>Total miscellaneous costs</b>	<b>0</b>

It is anticipated that the information collected be disseminated to the public or used to support publicly disseminated information. NMFS will retain control over the information and safeguard it from improper access, modification, and destruction, consistent with National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (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 transfer applications may be completed on the computer screen at <http://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov> by the participant, downloaded, printed, and faxed or submitted by e-mail. NMFS is pursuing an Internet method in the future whereby all of the information will be entered online and submitted directly and automatically into a database.

**4. Describe efforts to identify duplication.**

None of the information collected as part of this information collection duplicates other collections.

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

NMFS has concluded that the LLP license holders are all affiliated with each other through membership in a cooperative. Consequently, all entities are considered “large entities” for the purpose of the RFA. Since there are no directly regulated small entities under this action, there are no economic impacts from this action on small entities.

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

An essential feature of the LLP program is the ability for participants to transfer their LLP license. The transfer feature is not a mandated item nor does it contain a cycle of completion. Transfers are done when the participants deem it necessary. Without the ability to track the movement of the LLP license, NMFS would be unable to manage effectively the LLP program

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

No special circumstances are associated with this information collection.

**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 published on June 19, 2014 (79 FR 35150, June 19, 2014) solicited public comments. No comments were received.

A questionnaire was prepared and transmitted by email to 20 randomly selected permit holders; two were returned because of incorrect address. 4 responses were received. A summary of the comments received is provided below. The survey form is appended.

Comments	Responses
I know we used to have one for GOA groundfish but thought it was no longer a valid program. Any chance you can check on our status?	NMFS Permits contacted this responder to answer his questions about the LLP Program
Sounds fishy to me. I am not clicking on any links from any unsolicited emails.	NA
Responder had no comments, and marked the survey to indicate that the responder did not use any of the three forms	No response
Responder had no comments, and marked the survey to indicate that the responder used only the Transfer of LLP groundfish or crab and agreed with all questions.	No response

**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.**

The information collected is mandatory and is required to manage commercial fishing efforts under 50 CFR part 679 and under section 402(a) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act (16 U.S.C. 1801, *et seq.*); 3) As stated on the forms, responses to this information request are confidential under section 402(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act as amended in 2006 and under [NOAA](#)

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

**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.**

This information collection does not involve information of a sensitive nature.

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

Estimated total respondents: 78, down from 100. Estimated total responses: 78, down from 151. Estimated total burden: 129, down from 276 hours. Estimated total personnel costs: \$4,773 down from \$7,000.

**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: \$656, down from \$1,981.

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

Estimated total responses: 78, down from 151. Estimated total burden: 99 hr, down from 227 hr. Estimated total personnel costs: \$6,247, down from \$14,747.

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

**Adjustments**

Application to transfer groundfish, crab, and scallop

a decrease of 39 respondents and responses, 61 instead of 100  
a decrease of 39 burden hours, 61 hr instead of 100 hr  
a decrease of \$243 in personnel costs, \$2,257 instead of \$2,500  
a decrease of \$465 in miscellaneous costs, \$647 instead of \$1,112

Transfer appeals

a decrease of 25 respondents and responses, 17 instead of 42  
a decrease of 100 burden hours, 68 hr instead of 168 hr  
a decrease of \$1,684 in personnel costs, \$2,516 instead of \$4,200  
a decrease of \$30 in miscellaneous costs, \$9 instead of \$39

**Subtotal of adjustments:** 64 fewer respondents and responses, 139 fewer hours, decreases of \$495 in recordkeeping/reporting costs and \$1,927 in personnel costs.

## Program Changes

### Survey to Verify Vessel LOA [REMOVED]

- a decrease of 6 respondents and responses, 0 instead of 6
- a decrease of 6 burden hours, 0 hr instead of 6 hr
- a decrease of \$150 in personnel costs, 0 instead of \$150
- a decrease of \$818 in miscellaneous costs, 0 instead of \$818

### Notify to Surrender Endorsement [REMOVED]

- a decrease of 3 respondents and responses, 0 instead of 3
- a decrease of 2 burden hours, 0 hr instead of 2 hr
- a decrease of \$150 in personnel costs, 0 instead of \$150
- a decrease of \$12 in miscellaneous costs, 0 instead of \$12

**Subtotal of Program Changes:** 9 fewer respondents and responses, 8 fewer hours, decreases of \$830 in recordkeeping/reporting costs and \$300 in personnel costs.

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

NMFS Alaska Region posts LLP license information on the web at <http://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/ram/llp.htm#list>. The lists contain LLP groundfish and crab licenses issued as of the indicated preparation date. Data are sorted alphabetically and are updated daily. Under current regulations, vessels must be designated on the licenses and the identities of original qualifying vessels are provided for reference only.

### **17. If seeking approval to not display the expiration date for OMapproval 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.



**BLOCK D – IDENTIFICATION OF TRANSFEROR (SELLER)**

1. Name of Transferor ( <i>as it appears on the LLP license</i> ):		
2. Permanent Business Mailing Address:	3. Temporary Mailing Address ( <i>if applicable</i> ):	
4. Business Telephone Number:	5. Business Fax Number:	6. E-mail Address:

**BLOCK E – IDENTIFICATION OF TRANSFEREE (RECEIVER)**

1. Is the person applying to receive the license a U.S. Citizen or U.S. corporation, partnership, association, or other non-individual entity? <p align="center"><input type="checkbox"/> YES                      <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <b>If NO, STOP HERE.</b> This person is <b>not eligible</b> to receive a license.		
2. Name of Transferee(s)( <i>as it will appear on the license</i> ):		
3. Permanent Business Mailing Address:	4. Temporary Mailing Address ( <i>if applicable</i> ):	
5. Business Telephone Number:	6. Business Fax Number:	7. E-mail Address:

<b>BLOCK F - VESSEL CURRENTLY NAMED ON LICENSE</b>		<b>BLOCK G - VESSEL TO BE NAMED ON NEW LICENSE</b>	
Name of Vessel:		Name of Vessel:	
Length Overall (LOA): _____	ADF&G Vessel Number: _____	LOA: _____	ADF&G Vessel Number: _____
U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) Number: _____		USCG Number: _____	

**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:**

Applications Will Not Be Processed Unless All Information Requested In Blocks H & I is Provided.





<b>BLOCK K – CERTIFICATION OF TRANSFEROR</b>	
Under penalty of perjury, I hereby declare that I have examined this application, and the information presented herein is true, accurate, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.	
1. Signature of Transferor or Authorized Representative:	2. Date:
3. Printed Name of Transferor or Authorized Representative <i>Note: If Representative, attach authorization:</i>	
4. Notary Public Signature <b>ATTEST</b>	5. Affix Notary Stamp or Seal Here:
6. Commission Expires:	
<b>BLOCK L – CERTIFICATION OF TRANSFeree</b>	
Under penalty of perjury, I hereby declare that I have examined this application, and the information presented herein is true, accurate, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.	
1. Signature of Transferee or Authorized Representative:	2. Date:
3. Printed Name of Transferee or Authorized Representative <i>Note: if Representative, attach authorization:</i>	
4. Notary Public Signature <b>ATTEST</b>	5. Affix Notary Stamp or Seal Here:
6. Commission Expires:	

**PUBLIC REPORTING BURDEN STATEMENT**

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**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Before completing this form please note the following: 1) Notwithstanding any other provision of 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 commercial fishing efforts under 50 CFR part 679 and under section 402(a) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act (16 U.S.C. 1801, *et seq.*); The information requested on this application is for the express purpose of ensuring that transfers of License Limitation Program groundfish and crab licenses are properly executed as requested by the parties to the transfer and to ensure that all provisions of the Federal regulations governing the transfer of such licenses [50 CFR 679.4(k)(7)] have been met. 3) Responses to this information request are confidential under section 402(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act. They are also confidential under NOAA Administrative Order 216-100, which sets forth procedures to protect confidentiality of fishery statistics.

**Instructions**  
**APPLICATION FOR**  
**LICENSE LIMITATION PROGRAM (LLP) TRANSFER**  
**GROUND FISH/CRAB LICENSE**

Vessel-specific LLP

The transfer of a license that was issued based on the documented harvests from a vessel that did not have a Federal Fisheries Permit (FFP) during the period beginning January 1, 1988, through October 8, 1998, is restricted by regulation. Under this transfer restriction, this type of groundfish LLP license cannot be transferred separately and used on a vessel other than the original qualifying vessel, with two exceptions.

- ◆ First, if the fishing history of a vessel that did not have an FFP was transferred before February 7, 1998, the qualifying vessel did not have to accompany the license.
- ◆ Second, a vessel that is subject to this provision but that is lost or destroyed can be replaced under the general vessel replacement provisions of the LLP.

However, subsequent transfers will require the license to be “coupled” with the existing vessel (i.e., the license cannot be transferred separately from the vessel named on the license).

Aleutian Island Area (AI) Endorsement

An AI area endorsement is issued based on the landings of vessels less than 60 feet length overall and is severable and transferable from the overall license. No other regulatory area endorsement in the existing LLP is allowed to be transferred separately from the LLP license to which it is attached. However, the AI area endorsement must be reassigned, or reattached, only to a trawl catcher vessel LLP license with a maximum length overall of less than 60 feet in order to be used.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

- ◆ Both the proposed transferor (seller) and the proposed transferee (receiver) must complete and sign this application.
- ◆ This application is available:
  - On the NMFS, Alaska Region web site at <http://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov>
  - Call RAM at 1-800-304-4846 (option 2) or (907) 586-7202 (option 2)
  - Walk in to the RAM office (709 W 9<sup>th</sup> Street, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, Suite 713, Juneau, Alaska)

- ◆ When completed, submit the application:

By mail to: **NMFS Alaska Region**  
**Restricted Access Management (RAM)**  
**P.O. Box 21668**  
**Juneau, Alaska 99802-1668**

By delivery to: **709 West 9<sup>th</sup> Street Suite 713**  
**Juneau, Alaska 99801**

- ◆ Send the original application. An application sent by fax will **not** be processed.

- ◆ **Please allow at least ten working days for your application to be processed.** Items will be sent by first class mail, unless you provide alternate instructions **and** include a prepaid mailer with appropriate postage or corporate account number for express delivery.
- ◆ It is important that all blocks are completed and attachments provided. Failure to answer any of the questions, provide any of the required documents, or to have signatures notarized could result in delays in the processing of your request for a transfer under the provisions of 50 CFR 679.4(k)(7).

### ***COMPLETING THE APPLICATION***

#### **BLOCK A – REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION**

To ensure timely processing of your transfer application, use this list as a guide to include all the necessary items in the mailing of your application.

**Attachments.** A legible copy of a contract or sales agreement that specifies the license to be transferred, the license holder, the designated transferee, the monetary value or the terms of the license transfer, and the signature of the license holder and the designated transferee must be attached to this application.

#### **BLOCK B - IDENTIFICATION OF LLP LICENSE TO BE TRANSFERRED**

Use one application for each LLP license.

Indicate the endorsement type: groundfish, crab, or Aleutian Islands < 60 ft Trawl.

Indicate the LLP license number being transferred.

**Note:** If both crab and groundfish licenses resulted from the activities of the same qualifying vessel, the two licenses may not be transferred independently of each other.

#### **BLOCK C -- IDENTIFICATION OF ROCKFISH QS TO BE TRANSFERRED**

*This section applies only to Rockfish QS assigned to an LLP license that exceeds a use cap specified at § 679.82 (a)(2). All other Rockfish QS is not severable from the LLP license on which it was initially allocated and will transfer with the LLP license.*

1. Enter the LLP license number on which the Rockfish QS over the use cap is currently assigned
2. Enter the LLP license number to which the Rockfish QS is being transferred. This LLP license must already be assigned Rockfish QS.
3. Identify the Rockfish QS to be transferred; list the number of QS units and Rockfish species

#### **BLOCK D – IDENTIFICATION OF TRANSFEROR (SELLER)**

1. Enter the full name of transferor as it appears on the LLP license.
2. Enter the permanent business mailing address, include city, state, and zip code.
3. Enter the temporary mailing address (*include city, state, and zip code*), if you would like the transfer documentation sent somewhere other than to your permanent address.
- 4-5. Enter the business telephone and fax numbers, including area code.
6. Enter the e-mail address (*if available*).

**BLOCK E – IDENTIFICATON OF TRANSFEREE (RECEIVER)**

1. Indicate if the person applying to receive the license by transfer is a U.S. Citizen or U.S. corporation, partnership, association or other non-individual entity, as defined at chapter 121, title 46, U.S.C.).

**If NO, STOP**, this person is not eligible to receive a license.

2. Enter the full name of the transferee as it will appear on the license.

3. Enter the permanent business mailing address, including city, state, and zip code.

4. Enter the temporary mailing address (*including city, state, and zip code*), if you would like the transfer documentation sent somewhere other than to your permanent address.

5-6. Enter the business telephone and fax numbers, including area code.

7. Enter the e-mail address (*if available*).

**BLOCK F –VESSEL CURRENTLY NAMED ON LICENSE**

Enter the vessel’s name, Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) vessel registration number, U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) documentation number, and length overall (LOA) of the vessel currently named on the license.

**BLOCK G – VESSEL TO BE NAMED ON NEW LICENSE**

**NOTE: If the LOA of this vessel exceeds the maximum LOA of the original qualifying vessel, this vessel may not receive this license by transfer.**

Enter the vessel’s name, ADF&G vessel registration number, USCG documentation number, and LOA of the vessel to be named on the new license. **If no vessel is named in this block, no license will be issued until a vessel is named.**

**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

**APPLICATION WILL NOT BE PROCESSED  
UNLESS ALL INFORMATION REQUESTED IN BLOCKS G, H AND I IS PROVIDED**

**BLOCK H – LLP OWNERSHIP DOCUMENTATION (*to be provided by the Transferee*)**

Enter the names of all persons, to the individual level, holding an ownership interest in the LLP License being transferred and the percentage ownership each person and individual holds in the LLP License.

If the LLP License Holder is a non-individual (*i.e., a corporation, partnership or other non-individual entity*), provide the names of, and the percentage of ownership held by, all of its owners. Provide information to the individual level.

See example below:

<b>Name of Owner</b>	<b>% Interest</b>
Joe Groundfish	25%
Alice Groundfish	25%
LLP Family Holdings, Inc.	50%
A. LLP Holder	25% (of 50%)
B. LLP Holder	25% (of 50%)
C. LLP Holder	25% (of 50%)
D. LLP Holder	25% (of 50%)

## **BLOCK I - TO BE COMPLETED BY THE TRANSFEROR**

1. Enter the total amount being paid for the license in this transaction, including all fees. The total amount entered should include **any and all** monies collected on behalf of the seller for the subject license.

Indicate whether this price includes the price of the vessel.

**If YES**, the sale of the license is combined with, or part of, the sale of some other asset (*i.e., a vessel*), the sales price of the license must be specified, including any fees that will later be paid out to other parties for the expenses of brokering or assisting in the sale of this license.

2. Indicate reason(s) for transferring the license. Please check all boxes that apply to this transaction.
3. Indicate whether a permit broker or other third party was paid to assist with this transaction.

**If YES**, enter the total price paid to the broker or calculate how much was paid to the third party as a percentage of the total sales price (*including fee*).

## **BLOCK J - TO BE COMPLETED BY THE TRANSFEREE**

1. Indicate if the license will be used as collateral for a loan.

**If YES**, enter the name of entity or person(s) who will hold the security interest or lien.

2. Indicate the primary source of financing for this transfer (*check all that apply*).
3. Indicate how the license was located (*check all that apply*).
4. Indicate the transferee's relationship to the transferor (*check all that apply*).
5. Indicate whether the transfer of this LLP license includes the sale of the fishing history of a vessel.

**If YES**, enter the name, LOA, ADF&G vessel registration number, and USCG documentation number of the vessel.

6. Indicate whether the transfer of this LLP license is part of an agreement that also transfers ownership of a vessel.

**If YES**, enter the name, LOA, ADF&G vessel registration number, and USCG documentation number of the vessel.

7. Indicate whether an agreement exists to return the license to the transferor, or any other person, or whether a condition is placed on resale or conveyance of the license.

**If YES**, provide details.

## **BLOCKS K & L - CERTIFICATION OF TRANSFEROR AND TRANSFEREE**

Enter signature, date signed, and print name of transferor and transferee in the presence of a Notary Public. If an authorized representative, attach authorization. A Notary Public must attest and affix a Notary Stamp or Seal.

**NOTE:** Application forms submitted to RAM must bear the **original signatures** of the parties. **RAM will not process faxed applications.**

<p><b>LLP</b> License Limitation Program</p>	<p><b>APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER OF SCALLOP LLP LICENSE</b></p>	<p>U.S. Dept. of Commerce/NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Restricted Access Management Program (RAM) P.O. Box 21668 Juneau, AK 99802-1668 (800) 304-4846 toll free / 586-7202 in Juneau (907) 586-7354 fax</p>	
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**BLOCK A -- IDENTIFICATION OF LICENSE TO BE TRANSFERRED**

1. License Number: _____
2. What is the total <b>PRICE</b> (if any), including all fees, being paid for this license? \$_____
Does this price include the price of the vessel or other assets?      YES [ <input type="checkbox"/> ]      NO [ <input type="checkbox"/> ]
<b>Attach:</b> A copy of the sales contract or other agreement between the parties that sets out the terms and conditions of the proposed transfer.

**BLOCK B – PERSON TRANSFERRING LICENSE (TRANSFEROR/SELLER)**

1. Name(s):	2. NMFS Person ID:	
3. Business Mailing Address                      [ <input type="checkbox"/> ] Permanent                      [ <input type="checkbox"/> ] Temporary		
4. Business Telephone No.:	5. Business Fax No.:	6. Business e-mail Address ( <i>if any</i> ):

**BLOCK C – PERSON TO WHOM LICENSE WILL BE TRANSFERRED (TRANSFeree/BUYER)**

1. Are you a U.S. citizen or U.S. corporation, partnership, association, or other non-individual entity? YES [ <input type="checkbox"/> ]                      NO [ <input type="checkbox"/> ] <b>If NO, STOP.</b> Only U.S. citizens may hold a scallop LLP license.		
2. Name(s):	3. NMFS Person ID:	
4. Business Mailing Address:                      [ <input type="checkbox"/> ] Permanent                      [ <input type="checkbox"/> ] Temporary		
5. Business Telephone No.:	6. Business Fax No.:	7. Business e-mail Address:

**NOTE:** All parties to the requested transfer must complete and sign this Application for Transfer of Scallop License and signatures must be notarized. **Failure to have signatures properly notarized will result in processing delays.**

**NOTE:** If an authorized representative is signing on behalf of a party, authorization (*in the form of a Power of Attorney or other legally sufficient documentation*) must be submitted with this application, or be on file with the RAM Program.

<b>BLOCK D – CERTIFICATION OF TRANSFEROR</b>	
Under penalty of perjury, I hereby declare that I have examined this application, and the information presented herein is true, accurate, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.	
1. Signature of Transferor or Authorized Representative	2. Date
3. Printed Name of Transferor or Authorized Representative <i>Note: If completed by a representative, attach authorization</i>	
4. Title, if Representative	
5. Notary Public Signature <b>ATTEST</b>	6. Affix Notary Stamp or Seal Here
7. Commission Expires	

<b>BLOCK E – CERTIFICATION OF TRANSFEREE</b>	
Under penalty of perjury, I hereby declare that I have examined this application, and the information presented herein is true, accurate, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.	
1. Signature of Transferee or Authorized Representative	2. Date
3. Printed Name of Transferee or Authorized Representative <i>Note: If completed by Representative, attach authorization</i>	
4. Title, if Representative	
5. Notary Public Signature <b>ATTEST</b>	6. Affix Notary Stamp or Seal Here
7. Commission Expires	

**INSTRUCTIONS  
APPLICATION FOR  
TRANSFER OF SCALLOP LLP LICENSE**

The information requested on this application is for the express purpose of ensuring that transfers of scallop licenses are properly executed as requested by the parties to the transfer and to ensure that all provisions of the federal regulations governing the transfer of such licenses, 50 CFR 679.4(1)(4), have been met.

Upon approval of an Application for Transfer of Scallop License, RAM will void the license in the name of the transferor and mail a new license to the new holder's address via first class mail, unless a pre-paid express envelope or an account number for a private express carrier has been provided, or arrangements have been made to have the transaction expedited by a private facilitator or courier.

***GENERAL INFORMATION***

The Scallop License Limitation Program is authorized in Federal regulations at 50 CFR Part 679, and provides that any vessel that is deployed in the scallop fisheries in Federal waters off Alaska must carry a valid scallop license.

A license is transferable; i.e., once issued, it may be transferred by its holder(s) to another person(s) who may then use the license aboard a vessel deployed in the Federal scallop fishery in the waters off Alaska (subject to the restrictions of the license).

Scallop licenses have no area endorsements, all licenses are statewide.

***RESTRICTIONS***

**Gear:** If a vessel did not make a legal landing of scallops outside Cook Inlet (State of Alaska Registration Area H) in 1 of the 3 years 1996, 1997, or 1998, through October 9, 1998, the license would be restricted to a single 6 foot (*1.8 m*) dredge.

**Maximum Length Overall (MLOA):** Each license displays an MLOA (in feet). MLOA is restricted to 100% of the LOA of the qualifying vessel or, 100% of the LOA of the largest vessel used in the recent qualifying period.

***APPLICATION PROCESSING***

An original application must be submitted to NMFS Restricted Access Management (RAM) and must bear the original signatures of the parties -- RAM will not process faxed applications. NMFS requires that this application be notarized.

**Attach** a copy of the sales contract or other agreement between the parties that sets out the terms and conditions of the proposed transfer.

When completed, submit the Application for Transfer of Scallop License and any required attachments, including the original license,

By mail to:

**NMFS Alaska Region  
Restricted Access Management (RAM)  
P.O. Box 21668  
Juneau, Alaska 99802-1668**

or deliver to:

**NMFS Alaska Region  
Restricted Access Management (RAM)  
709 West 9<sup>th</sup> Street Suite 713  
Juneau, Alaska 99801**

Additional information is available from RAM, as follows:

Fax: **907-586-7354**  
e-Mail: [RAM.Alaska@noaa.gov](mailto:RAM.Alaska@noaa.gov)  
Website: <http://www.alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/ram/default.htm>  
Telephone (toll free) **800-304-4846 (Option #2)**  
Telephone (in Juneau) **907-586-7202 (Option #2)**

**Please allow at least 10 days for processing of your application.** Upon approval of an Application for Transfer of Scallop License, RAM will void the license in the name of the transferor and mail a new license to the new holder's address via first class mail, unless a pre-paid express envelope or an account number for a private express carrier has been provided, or arrangements have been made to have the transaction expedited by a private facilitator or courier.

### ***COMPLETING THE APPLICATION***

**Attach:** A complete copy of the sales contract, or other agreement between the parties, that sets out the terms and conditions of the proposed transfer.

#### **BLOCK A -- IDENTIFICATION OF LICENSE TO BE TRANSFERRED**

1. Enter the number of the scallop LLP license to be transferred.
2. Enter the total price, including brokerage fees, being paid for the license. Enter "zero" if the transfer is being proposed pursuant to a gift agreement or for non-monetary consideration.

#### **BLOCK B -- PERSON TRANSFERRING LICENSE (TRANSFEROR/SELLER)**

- 1-2. Enter the transferor's name(s) and NMFS Person ID. NMFS will provide this number, if you do not already have one.
3. Enter the business mailing address, including street or P.O. Box, city, state, and zip code.
- 4-6. Enter the business telephone number, including area code, business fax number, and e-mail address.

#### **BLOCK C -- PERSON(S) TO WHOM LICENSE WILL BE TRANSFERRED (TRANSFeree/ BUYER).**

1. Indicate if the proposed transferee is a U.S. citizen or U.S. corporation, partnership, association, or other non-individual entity. **If NO, STOP.** Only U.S. citizens may hold a scallop license.
- 2-3. Enter the transferee's name(s) and NMFS Person ID. NMFS will provide this number, if you do not already have one.
4. Enter the business mailing address, including street or P.O. Box, city, state, and zip code.
- 5-7. Enter the business telephone number, including area code, business fax number, and e-mail address.

## **BLOCKS D and E – TRANSFEROR AND TRANSFEREE CERTIFICATION**

The transferor and transferee must sign, print name, and date the application in the presence of a Notary Public. If a Representative is signing on behalf of the proposed transferor or transferee, authorization (*in the form of a Power of Attorney or other legally sufficient documentation*) must be submitted with the application or be currently on file with the RAM Program. Enter the title of the Representative, if any. A Notary Public must attest and affix a Notary Stamp or Seal to the application.

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### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Before completing this application, please note the following: 1) Notwithstanding any other provision of 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 being used to manage the Scallop License Limitation Program; 3) Submission of an Application for Transfer of Scallop License is required of those seeking to obtain such a transfer; 5) Responses to this information request are confidential under section 402(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act. They are also confidential under NOAA Administrative Order 216-100, which sets forth procedures to protect confidentiality of fishery statistics.

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**LLP**License  
Limitation  
Program**ALASKA LICENSE  
LIMITATION PROGRAM (LLP)  
FOR GROUND FISH, CRAB,  
AND SCALLOPS  
TRANSFER APPEAL**U.S. Dept of Commerce/NOAA  
National Marine Fisheries Service  
Restricted Access Management  
P.O. Box 21668  
Juneau, Alaska 99802-1668  
Telephone: 1-800-304-4846  
FAX: 907-586-7354

The LLP originally collected basic information in order to make decisions regarding which owners of vessels were issued licenses and which were not. The decisions were based on the fishing history of the vessel and on the vessel's size. Now that the selection process is completed, LLPs are issued to qualifying vessel owners only through transfer.

An LLP has no expiration date, but is transferable. LLP licenses may only be transferred to qualified persons. Permanent LLP licenses are transferable from the person holding the license to other persons. To be effective, an application for the transfer of a license must be submitted to, and approved by, NMFS.

Transfer applications are available online and in pdf format at the NMFS Alaska Region website at <http://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/ram/applications.htm#lpaapp> and also from NMFS Restricted Access Management (RAM).

The Regional Administrator will evaluate an application for an LLP transfer and will return an incomplete transfer application to the applicant. Any deficiencies will be identified if the application does not meet all the criteria. An applicant who fails to submit the information specified in the application for a transfer will be provided a reasonable opportunity to submit the specified information or submit a revised application.

The Regional Administrator will prepare and send an Initial Administrative Decision (IAD) to the applicant if the application is deficient or if the applicant fails to submit the specified information or a revised application. The IAD will indicate the deficiencies in the application, including any deficiencies with the information on the revised application. An applicant who receives an IAD may appeal under the appeals procedures set out at 15 CFR Part 906 by providing a written statement in support of the appeal and must show why the IAD should be reversed. In any appeal or reconsideration of an IAD made, an applicant has the burden of proving his or her claim.

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***PUBLIC REPORTING BURDEN STATEMENT***

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 4 hours per response, including the time for reviewing the instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to Assistant Regional Administrator, Sustainable Fisheries Division, NOAA, NMFS Alaska Region, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668.

***ADDITIONAL INFORMATION***

Before completing this form please note the following: 1) The NMFS may not conduct or sponsor this information request, and you are not required to respond to this information request, unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number; 2) This information is being used to implement the Alaska Subsistence Halibut Program; 3) Federal law and regulations require and authorize NMFS to manage subsistence halibut programs in Alaska; 4) Submission of this information is mandatory for any tribe or community participating in directed fishing for Pacific halibut under the Ceremonial or Educational Permit Program; 5) This information is used to monitor the Subsistence Halibut Program under the North Pacific Halibut Act of 1982; 6) Responses to this information request are not confidential.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Alaska License Limitation Program (LLP) for Groundfish, Crab, and Scallops**

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice.

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

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before August 18, 2014.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:Patsy.Bearden@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****I. Abstract**

This request is for extension of a currently approved information collection.

The License Limitation Program (LLP) restricts access to the commercial groundfish fisheries, commercial crab fisheries and commercial scallop fisheries in the Exclusive Economic Zone off Alaska except for certain areas where alternative programs exist. The intended effect of the LLP is to limit the number of participants and reduce fishing capacity in fisheries off Alaska.

For a vessel designated on an LLP license, the LLP license authorizes the type of fishing gear that may be used by the vessel, the maximum size of the vessel, and whether the vessel may catch and process fish at sea or if it is limited to delivering catch without at-sea processing. LLP licenses that allow vessels to catch and process at-sea are assigned a catcher/processor endorsement. LLP licenses specify the maximum length over all (MLOA) of the vessel to which that LLP license may be assigned. Regulations implementing the

LLP prohibit participants in LLP groundfish fisheries from using a vessel to fish for LLP groundfish that has a length overall that is greater than the MLOA specified on the LLP license. The LLP also includes a species endorsement for Pacific cod in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands (BSAI) and Gulf of Alaska (GOA).

An LLP license is required onboard any vessel deployed in scallop fisheries in Federal waters off Alaska (except for some diving operations). The scallop LLP is intended to limit the number of participants and reduce fishing capacity in the scallop fishery off Alaska. The scallop LLP will limit the number of participants and reduce fishing capacity in the scallop fishery off Alaska.

**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:* 0648-0334.

*Form Number:* None.

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

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations; individuals or households.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 171.

*Estimated Time per Response:* Affidavit to Remove Non-AFA Crab Sideboards for Pacific Cod in the Western or Central GOA, 2 hours; Notification to Surrender LLP Endorsement, 30 minutes; Survey to Verify the Length Overall (LOA) of the Vessel, 1 hour; Application for Transfer of License Limitation Program Groundfish/Crab License, 1 hour; Application for Transfer License Limitation Program Scallop License, 1 hour; and Transfer appeals, 4 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 323.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$2,110 in recordkeeping/reporting costs.

**IV. Request for Comments**

*Comments are invited on:* (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be

collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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

Dated: June 13, 2014.

**Gwellnar Banks,**

*Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; NMFS Alaska Region American Fisheries Act Reports**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****I. Abstract**

This request is for extension of a currently approved information collection.

On October 21, 1998, the President signed into law The American Fisheries Act, 16 U.S.C. 1851 (AFA). The AFA