

NOTICE OF OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET ACTION

Date 09/06/2013

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 08/06/2013

ACTION REQUESTED: Revision of a currently approved collection

TYPE OF REVIEW REQUESTED: Regular

ICR REFERENCE NUMBER: 201307-0648-001

AGENCY ICR TRACKING NUMBER:

TITLE: American Fisheries Act: Permits

LIST OF INFORMATION COLLECTIONS: See next page

OMB ACTION: Approved without change

OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 0648-0393

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: 09/30/2016

DISCONTINUE DATE:

BURDEN:	RESPONSES	HOURS	COSTS
Previous	76	181	124
New	60	112	118
Difference			
Change due to New Statute	0	0	0
Change due to Agency Discretion	0	0	-31
Change due to Agency Adjustment	-16	-69	25
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
American Fisheries Act: Vessel Replacement Application	NA	AFA Application for Replacement Vessel	
AFA Inshore Catcher Vessel Cooperative Permit Application	NA	AFA Inshore Catcher Vessel Cooperative Permit Application	
Contract Fishing by Non-Member Vessels	NA	Contract fishing notification	50 CFR 679.62
Chinook PSQ Allocation Application For Eligibility	NA	Application for approval as an entity to receive transferable chinook salmon PSC allocation	
Transfer Chinook PSQ Allocation	NA	Application to transfer chinook salmon PSC	

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
ALASKA AMERICAN FISHERIES ACT (AFA): PERMITS
OMB CONTROL NO. 0648-0393

This request is for revision and extension of this information collection. The revision consists of removal of notary signature requirement for two of the forms.

INTRODUCTION

National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), Alaska Region manages the United States (U.S.) groundfish fisheries in the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) 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 (FMP) under the authority of the [Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation & Management Act](#) (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*) and other applicable laws. The North Pacific Fishery Management Council prepared, and NMFS approved, the FMP. Regulations implementing the FMP appear at [50 CFR part 679](#).

On October 21, 1998, the President signed [The American Fisheries Act](#) (AFA). With respect to the fisheries off Alaska, the AFA affected the management programs of the pollock fishery of the BSAI and to a lesser extent the other groundfish fisheries of the BSAI: the groundfish fisheries of the Gulf of Alaska, the king and Tanner crab fisheries of the BSAI, and the scallop fishery off Alaska. NMFS incorporated the relevant provisions of the AFA into the FMP and established a comprehensive management program to implement the AFA.

JUSTIFICATION

The set of AFA permits for participants in the BSAI pollock fishery, with some exceptions, had a one-time application deadline of December 1, 2000. Applications for AFA vessel or processor permits are not accepted after this date, and any vessels or processors for which an application had not been received by this date are permanently ineligible to receive AFA permits.

With exceptions noted below, all participants in the AFA pollock fishery are already permitted and the permits are issued with an indefinite expiration date. The permanent AFA permits are: AFA catcher vessel, AFA catcher/processor, AFA mothership, and AFA inshore processor. The permit exceptions are issued annually -- the inshore vessel cooperative permit and inshore vessel contract fishing permit. In addition, the AFA vessel replacement application may be submitted to NMFS at any time.

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

NMFS and the Council developed regulations under the Magnuson-Stevens Act and AFA to govern commercial fishing for BSAI pollock according to the requirements of the AFA. These regulations are necessary to achieve the AFA's objective of decapitalization and rationalization of the BSAI pollock fishery.

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

Any vessel used to engage in directed fishing for a non-western Alaska community development quota (CDQ) allocation of pollock in the Bering Sea and any shoreside processor, stationary floating processor, or mothership that receives pollock harvested in a non-CDQ directed pollock fishery in the Bering Sea must have a valid AFA permit onboard the vessel or at the facility location at all times while non-CDQ pollock is being harvested or processed. In addition, the owner of any vessel that is a member of a pollock cooperative in the Bering Sea must also have a valid AFA permit for every vessel that is a member of the cooperative, regardless of whether or not the vessel actually engages in directed fishing for pollock in the Bering Sea.

a. Application for AFA Permit for Replacement Vessel

In the event of the actual total loss or constructive total loss of an AFA catcher vessel, AFA mothership, or AFA catcher/processor, the owner of such vessel may replace the vessel with a replacement vessel.

Applications to replace lost or destroyed AFA vessels may be submitted to NMFS Restricted Access Management Program (RAM) at any time. A constructive total loss is a loss of such significance that the property is beyond economical repair (cost of restoring it exceeds its insured value).

The replacement vessel will be eligible in the same manner as the original vessel after submission and approval of an application for an AFA replacement vessel. However, if the replacement vessel does not already hold a fishery endorsement from the United States Coast Guard (USCG), that endorsement must be obtained within 36 months of the end of the last year that the vessel fished for or processed pollock in the BSAI.

In 2012 one application was submitted; so far in 2013 there have been 4 remove or replace requests. This is a one-time only submittal; the number used in this analysis is 3.

Application for AFA Permit for Replacement Vessel
Identification and Ownership of Lost AFA Eligible Vessel

Vessel name
Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) vessel registration number
USCG documentation number
AFA permit number
Gross tons
Shaft horsepower
Registered length (feet)
Owner name
Owner business mailing address
Owner business telephone number, fax number, and e-mail address
Record the last year in which this vessel harvested or processed pollock in a BSAI directed pollock fishery

Describe how the vessel was lost or destroyed

Attach USCG documentation for this vessel

Identification and ownership of replacement vessel

Vessel name

ADF&G vessel registration number

USCG documentation number

Federal Fisheries Permit number

Gross tons

Net tons (U.S. tons)

Shaft horsepower

Registered length (feet)

Current length overall (feet)

Owner name

Owner business mailing address

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

Indicate whether vessel was built in the U.S

Indicate whether the vessel has ever been rebuilt

If YES, whether rebuilt in the United States

Attach USCG documentation for this vessel

Certification of Applicant

Signature and printed name of owner and date of signature

Application for AFA Replacement Vessel Permit, Respondent	
Total annual respondents	3
Total annual responses	3
Total burden hours (1.5)	2 hr
Time per response = 30 minutes	
Total personnel cost	\$50
Personnel cost per hour = \$25/hr x 1	
Total miscellaneous cost (1.65)	\$2
Postage (.45 x 3 = 1.35)	
Photocopy (2pp x .05 x 3 = 0.30)	

Application for AFA Replacement Vessel Permit, Federal Government	
Total annual responses	3
Total burden hours	3 hr
Time per response = 1 hr	
Total personnel cost	\$75
Personnel cost per hour = \$25	
Total miscellaneous cost	0

b. Application for AFA Inshore Catcher Vessel Cooperative Permit

NMFS will issue an AFA inshore cooperative fishing permit to an inshore catcher vessel cooperative formed pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 521 for the purpose of cooperatively managing directed fishing for pollock for processing by an AFA inshore processor. The AFA authorizes the formation of fishery cooperatives in all sectors of the BSAI pollock fishery, grants anti-trust exemptions to cooperatives in the mothership sector, and imposes operational limits on fishery

cooperatives in the BSAI pollock fishery. NMFS relies on fishery cooperatives for much of the day-to-day management of fishing activity at the cooperative and individual vessel level. Fishery cooperatives are formed by groups of vessel owners to provide an alternative to the open access race for fish. Under a fishery cooperative, the members agree to divide up the available quota among the membership in a manner that eliminates a wasteful race for fish and allows participants to maximize productivity.

AFA inshore catcher vessel cooperatives must apply for an AFA permit annually. The application must be received by NMFS by December 1 of the year prior to the year in which the cooperative permit will be in effect. NMFS will issue an AFA inshore cooperative permit upon receipt of a complete application to a cooperative formed pursuant to [15 U.S.C. 521](#).

The information obtained from an inshore catcher vessel cooperative permit application is used annually to identify the universe of participating vessels and processors in the BSAI pollock fishery prior to the start of each fishing year.

Application for AFA Inshore Catcher Vessel Cooperative PermitCooperative Contact Information.

- Name of cooperative
- Name of Co-op representative
- Co-op business mailing address (P.O. Box or street, city, state, zip code);
indicate whether permanent or temporary
- Co-op business telephone number, Fax number, and E-mail address

Designated Cooperative Processor Information

- Name
- Physical location of AFA Inshore Processor
- Federal processor permit number

Cooperative Contract Information – List of attachments that are included

Vessel Information

- Vessel name as displayed in official documentation.
- ADF&G Vessel Registration Number
- USCG Documentation Number
- AFA Permit Number.

Certification of applicant

- Signature and printed name of co-op representative and date of signature

For the years 2012 and 2013, the number of cooperatives is seven.

Application for AFA Cooperative Permit, Respondent	
Total annual respondents	7
Total annual responses	7
Total burden hours	14 hr
Time per response = 2 hr	
Total personnel cost	\$350
Personnel cost per hour = \$25/hr x 14	
Total miscellaneous cost (17.50)	\$18
Postage (.45 x 4 = 1.80)	
Fax (\$5 x 3 = 15)	
Photocopy (2pp x .05 x 7 = 0.70)	

Application for AFA Cooperative Permit, Federal Government	
Total annual responses	7
Total burden hours	7
Time per response = 1 hr	
Total personnel cost (\$25/hr)	\$175
Personnel cost per hour = \$25	
Total miscellaneous cost	0

c. AFA Inshore Vessel Contract Fishing Notification

(title changed from Contract Fishing by Non-Member Vessels)

An AFA inshore cooperative that intends to contract with a vessel that is a member of another AFA inshore cooperative must submit complete information to NMFS, Alaska Region pursuant to 50 CFR part 679.62(c) for each contracted vessel. A separate notification must be submitted for each vessel.

NMFS will notify the parties to the vessel contract when the agency receives the contract fishing notification. NMFS will not make any determinations as to the legality of any contract between or among the parties or its compliance with AFA requirements. There are no permits issued for this AFA contract. NMFS simply sends a letter acknowledging that the coops are contracting.

The information derived from this information will assist cooperatives in understanding how their catch is accounted, and also will alert NMFS inseason management that some vessels might be reporting with an alternative cooperative identification. The inshore vessel contract fishing notification may assume any format, but must contain the following information.

AFA Inshore Vessel Contract Fishing Notification

Vessel information

Vessel name and AFA permit number of the contracted vessel. This AFA catcher vessel must have an inshore fishing endorsement and be a member of an inshore cooperative

Name and signature of the contract vessel’s owner

Name of the contract vessel’s home cooperative

Name and signature of the home cooperative’s designated representative

A complete harvest schedule that shows how all catch and any overages by the contracted vessel will be allocated between the contracting cooperative(s) and the contract vessel’s home cooperative. In the event that multiple cooperatives are contracting with the same non-member vessel, each harvest schedule submitted must clearly specify how all catch and any overages will be allocated among the various cooperatives with which the vessel is contracted as of the date of submission.

Cooperative information

Name of the AFA inshore cooperative wishing to contract with the vessel

Name and signature of the AFA inshore cooperative’s designated representative

Signatures

The inshore vessel contract fishing application is not valid unless it is signed by:

Contracting cooperative’s designated representative

Contract vessel owner, and

Vessel’s home cooperative designated representative

The number of AFA contracted vessels in 2012 was 18.

Vessel Contract Fishing Notification, Respondent	
Total respondents	18
Total annual responses	18
Number of responses per respondent = 1	
Total burden hours	72 hrs
Estimated time per response = 4 hrs	
Total personnel cost (\$25/hr)	\$1800
Total miscellaneous cost (\$78.15)	\$78
Postage (.45 x 3) = \$1.35	
Fax (\$5 x 15) = \$75	
Photocopy (2pp x .05 x 18) = \$1.80	

Vessel Contract Fishing Notification, Federal Government	
Total annual responses	18
Total burden hours	9 hrs
Estimated time per response = 30 minutes	
Total personnel cost (\$25/hr)	\$225
Total miscellaneous cost	0

d. Application for Approval as an Entity to Receive Transferable Chinook Salmon PSC Allocation

Each year, NMFS will allocate to American Fisheries Act (AFA) sectors a portion of the Chinook salmon prohibited species catch (PSC) limit per §679.21(f). An entity representing the catcher/processor sector or the mothership sector may request approval by NMFS to receive transferable Chinook salmon PSC allocations on behalf of the members of the sector.

A complete application must include an authorization contract. The authorization contract authorizes the entity to act on behalf of the vessel owner for purposes of receiving and transferring Chinook salmon PSC allocations and authorizes the entity to be responsible for receiving legal papers on behalf of the vessel owners in the sector. This authorization to represent the sector members is needed under both the 60,000 and the 47,591 PSC limit. An authorization contract must contain the following information:

- ◆ Documentation that all vessel owners party to the contract agree that the entity, the entity’s representative, and the entity’s agent for service of process named in this application represent them for purposes of receiving transferable allocations of Chinook salmon Prohibited Species Catch (PSC).
- ◆ A statement that the entity’s representative and agent for service of process are authorized to act on behalf of the vessel owners party to the contract and are responsible to comply with all applicable requirements of this part.
- ◆ Certification that the application includes signatures and printed names and date of signature for the owners of each of the AFA permitted vessels identified in the

application. The names of the vessel owners signing the contract must be the same as the names of on the USCG vessel documentation.

An initial or amended application and contract must be received by NMFS no later than 5 pm Alaska time on October 1 of the year prior to the fishing year for which the Chinook salmon PSC allocations are effective. Once submitted, the authorization contract attached to the application is valid until amended or revoked by the parties to the contract.

Additions or deletions to the vessels represented by the entity may be done once per year for subsequent years by submitting an amended contract and revised vessel information by December 1, unless additions or deletions are as a result of a replacement vessel. An amendment to the contract related to a replacement vessel may be made at any time upon submission of an amended application and a copy of the AFA permit issued under § 679.4 for the replacement vessel.

Application for Approval as an Entity to Receive Transferable Chinook Salmon PSC Allocation

Contact information.

- Name and NMFS person ID of entity
- Name of entity’s representative
- Name of agent for service of process (if different from representative)
- Permanent business mailing address
- Temporary business mailing address (if applicable)
- Business telephone number, business fax number, and business e-mail address of the entity’s representative

Affirmation – check box

Certification.

- Signature and printed name of entity’s representative and date signed
- Signature and printed name of agent for service of process, and date signed (if different from representative)

Vessel identification

- Vessel name
- ADF&G vessel registration number
- Federal Fisheries Permit number

Attach Authorization Contract

Approval as an Entity Eligible to Receive Transferable Chinook Salmon PSC Allocation, Respondent	
Estimated number of respondents	2
1 mothership entity	
1 catcher/processor entity	
Total annual responses	2
1 response per year	
Total burden hours = 8 hrs	16 hrs
Total personnel cost (\$25/hr)	\$400
Total miscellaneous cost (\$3.20)	\$3
Mail (1.35 x 2) = \$2.70	
Photocopy (5 pp x 0.05 x 2) = \$0.50	

Approval as an Entity Eligible to Receive Transferable Chinook Salmon PSC Allocations, Federal Government	
Total annual responses	2
Total burden hours = 2 hrs	4
Total personnel cost (\$25/hr)	\$100
Total miscellaneous cost	0

e. Application for Transfer of Bering Sea Chinook Salmon PSC Allocations

NMFS will process a request for transfer of Chinook salmon PSC provided that a paper or electronic application is completed, with all information fields accurately filled in. Application forms are available on the NMFS Alaska Region Web site (<http://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/>).

Potential Number of Transferable Chinook Salmon PSC Allocations

Entities That Could Receive Transferable Allocations					
	Catcher/ Processor Sector	Mothership Sector	Inshore Co-Ops	CDQ	Total Transferable
A Season	1	1	7	6	15
B Season	1	1	7	6	15
Annual total	2	2	14	12	30

Including the catcher/processor and mothership sectors, there would be a maximum of 15 different Chinook salmon PSC accounts each season. Separate allocations would be made for the A season and the B season for a total of up to 30 transferable PSC allocation accounts each year. This number of transferable PSC accounts could exist under either the 60,000 Chinook salmon PSC limit or the 47,591 Chinook salmon PSC limit.

The entity receiving a transferable Chinook salmon PSC allocation from NMFS would be authorized:

- ◆ to transfer all or a portion of the entity’s salmon PSC allocation to another entity or
- ◆ to receive a transfer from another entity (authorized to sign transfer request forms), and be responsible for any penalties assessed for exceeding the entity’s salmon PSC allocation.

A transfer is a voluntary request to NMFS. A transfer is initiated by the transferor moving a specific amount of a Chinook salmon PSC allocation from his or her account to another entity’s account. NMFS will review the transferor’s catch account to ensure sufficient Chinook salmon is available to transfer. If enough Chinook salmon are in the account, NMFS will make that transfer effective immediately. Transfers to eligible entities may occur at any time in a season but transfers cannot be made between the B and A seasons.

Upon receipt of an approved transfer request, NMFS will issue Bering Sea Chinook salmon prohibited species catch (PSC) allocations to the catcher/processor sector entity, the mothership sector entity, inshore cooperatives, and CDQ groups. NMFS will issue separate PSC allocations for the A season and the B season. PSC remaining from the A season could be used in the B season (“rollover”).

Transferees may receive transfers of PSC to cover overages (post-delivery transfers). NMFS will evaluate overages of Chinook salmon PSC on June 25 for the A season and on December 1 for the B season.

This would provide entities 15 days after the end of the A season and 30 days after the end of the B season to obtain post delivery transfers to reduce or eliminate any overages. NMFS would allow 30 days after the end of the B season for post delivery transfers because pollock fishing will cease for the remainder of the year on November 1. If, after NMFS allows for post-delivery transfers to cover an overage, an entity exceeded its Chinook salmon PSC allocation, the entity would be subject to an enforcement action for violating NMFS regulations.

Requests for transfers may be submitted to NMFS either electronically or non-electronically. The form is available on the NMFS Alaska Region website (<http://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/>).

Application for Transfer of Bering Sea Chinook Salmon PSC Allocations

Non-Electronic

Identification of transferor

Name and NMFS person ID

Permanent (and temporary, if applicable) Business Mailing Address

Business Telephone No., Business Fax No, and Business E-mail address:

Identification of transferee

Name and NMFS person ID

Permanent (and temporary, if applicable) Business Mailing Address

Business Telephone No., Business Fax No, and Business E-mail address:

Chinook Salmon PSC transferred

Number of Chinook salmon

Date of Transfer

Check whether A Season or B Season

Electronic

Identification of transferor

Transferor selects the transferee.

NMFS person ID, password and Transfer

Chinook PSC Amount Transferred

Number of Chinook PSC

Date of Transfer

Whether A Season or B Season

Identification of Transferee.

Transferee accepts transfer

NMFS person ID, password, and Transfer Key

Transfer Bering Sea Chinook Salmon PSC Allocation, Respondents	
Total number of respondents (per season)	15
1 Catcher/processor sector	
1 Mothership sector	
7 Inshore cooperatives	
6 CDQs	
Total number of responses = 2	30
Two seasons -- A season and B season	
Total time burden (\$7.50)	8 hrs
Time per response = 15 minutes	
Total personnel cost (\$25/hr)	\$200
Total miscellaneous cost (\$17.15)	\$17
Fax (\$5 x 3) = \$15	
Mail (\$0.45 x 2) = \$0.90	
Online (\$0.05 x 25) = \$1.25	

Transfer Bering Sea Chinook Salmon PSC Allocation, Federal Government	
Total number of responses	30
Total time burden	15 hrs
Time per response = 30 minutes	
Total personnel cost (\$25/hr)	\$375
Total miscellaneous cost	0

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 applications for AFA Inshore Cooperative Permit and AFA Replacement Vessel Permit are available on the NMFS Alaska Region Home Page at <http://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov>. The applications are fillable onscreen and may be printed and submitted by mail, or fax. The AFA Inshore Vessel Contract Fishing Notification does not have a form. Future plans of the NMFS Alaska Region are to allow completion of applications online through the Internet.

The Application for Transfer of Chinook PSC allocation may be submitted online at this Web site. The Application for Eligibility to Receive Transferable PSC has an attachment with original signatures and must be mailed to the Regional Administrator, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668,

Juneau, AK 99802, or sent by courier to the Office of the Regional Administrator, 709 West 9th St., Juneau, AK 99801.

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 AFA Program consists of western Alaska Community Development Quota (CDQ) organizations and Alaskan communities that are home to the shorebased processors (which are small entities) and inshore processors, motherships, catcher/processors, and cooperatives (which are large entities).

The proposed action applies only to those entities that participate in the directed pollock trawl fishery in the Bering Sea. The only small entities that are directly regulated by this action are the six western Alaska CDQ organizations, and the impact is not significant.

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

If this collection were not conducted or conducted less frequently, the consequences would be that the program would be jeopardized and NMFS could not fulfill the intent of the AFA. With regard to commercial fishing vessels operating in the directed BSAI pollock fishery, the AFA established the legal basis for achieving the objective of reducing excessive fishing capacity and management regulatory conditions that could contribute to the creation of an environment capable of fostering operational inefficiencies in this fishery (Division C, Title II of P.L. 105-277) including limiting entry into the fishery, cooperative formation, allocations of pollock, and development of sideboard measures.

The purpose of the proposed action is to minimize Chinook salmon PSC to the extent practicable while achieving optimum yield from the pollock fishery. The proposed action is necessary to ensure long-term conservation and abundance of salmon, maintain a healthy marine ecosystem, provide maximum benefit to fishermen and communities that depend on salmon and pollock, and comply with the Magnuson–Stevens Act. If the information were not collected annually, NMFS would be unable to achieve these goals.

Mitigation of potential adverse impacts to non-AFA fishermen and processors is also mandated by the AFA. The intent of this action is to provide permits for an AFA Program in the BSAI.

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

No special circumstances exist.

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 March 12, 2013 (78 FR 15705) solicited public comments. No comments were received.

On May 20, 2013, the Program Administrator of Restricted Access Management (RAM) provided a list of three AFA inshore cooperative managers for solicitation of comments as required by OMB for information collection extension; these managers interact regularly with RAM regarding AFA cooperative permits, AFA vessel contracts, and AFA vessel permits.

Each company was contacted by telephone or e-mail to notify them that NMFS AKR had developed a brief questionnaire regarding the AFA permits information collection and would appreciate their participation. Each agreed to complete the questionnaire. The questionnaire is provided in the Appendix.

Responses to the questionnaire from three different companies are summarized below:

AFA Inshore Catcher Vessel Cooperative Permit – Annual -- http://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/ram/afa/afacoop.pdf				
	COMMENTS	YES	NO	No Comment
1. Is the information requested on the permit application easily available?	As we have been putting the applications together the same way every year, and the information required does not change from year to year unless the vessels in our inshore Cooperative change. We usually just need to fill out and sign a new application, which only takes a few minutes	111		
2. Would it be less expensive or take less time to complete an online application?	Possibly	11		1
	The applications are pretty easy and convenient to put together as is, but they do require a lot of paper. If online submission would decrease paper use and mailing fees, it would be convenient			
3. Is our estimate of 2 hours long enough for you to collect and record the information? IF NO, how long does it take to complete a permit application?		111		
4. Are the instructions for the application clear and understandable?	We have been putting the applications together the same way every year, and have never had any problems filling out the application	11		
5. Do you think that re-applying each year for the permit is necessary?	I think the application only needs to be re-applied for if the membership changes. This is a very infrequent occurrence.	1	11	
	Yes, Coop members may change from year to year			
6. Provide any additional comments on any aspect of the permit application	Either online or email submission of applications would be a more convenient and cost-effective method of submitting applications than the current mail or fax method, not just for this permit but for all RAM permits that require paper or faxed applications	1		11

AFA Vessel Contract Fishing Notification – Annual -- http://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/ram/afa/afafishcontract.pdf				
	COMMENTS	YES	NO	No Comment
1. Is the information requested on the permit application easily available?	Unless a form has been developed for this recently, we have adopted our own format for submitting this information. The information needed is not hard to find, however, a more universal process for doing this would be helpful.	11	1	
2. Would it be less expensive or take less time to complete an online application?	It would be nice to have this all done online much like we can transfer crab in the Crab Rat program	111		
3. Is our estimate of 4 hours long enough for you to collect and record the information? IF NO, how long does it take to complete an application?	A lot of time is taken up tracking down signatures from the vessel owner and both Coop reps. This was the same bottleneck we saw with crab transfers until it went web based and now signatures are no longer needed.	111		
4. Are the instructions for the application clear and understandable?		11		1
5. Do you think that re-applying each year for the permit is necessary?	We don't require a contract fishing notification each year, and each one is different, so I think this has to be on an as-needed basis. In our experience, this contract has not been effective for an entire year.	1	11	
	The contract fishing should be for the calendar year only. Contracted vessels often change from year to year.			
6. Provide any additional comments on any aspect of the permit application				111

AFA Application For Replacement Vessel – As necessary -- http://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/ram/afa/afacvrplfrm.pdf		NOT APPLICABLE. We have not yet had to complete an Application for an Replacement Vessel 11		
1. Is the information requested on the permit application easily available?	COMMENTS	YES	NO	No Comment
		1		
2. Would it be less expensive or take less time to complete an online application?		1		
3. Is our estimate of 1 hour long enough for you to collect and record the information? If NO, how long does it take to complete an application?		1		
4. Are the instructions for the application clear and understandable?		1		
5. Provide any additional comments on any aspect of the permit application				1

Application For Transfer Of Bering Sea Chinook Salmon PSC Allocation – Seasonal -- http://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/sustainablefisheries/bycatch/salmon/chinook/forms/psc_transfer.pdf		NOT APPLICABLE. We have not yet had a need to request a transfer of Chinook salmon 11		
1. Is the information requested on the permit application easily available?	COMMENTS	YES	NO	No Comment
		1		
2. Would it be less expensive or take less time to complete an online application?		1		
3. Is our estimate of 8 hours long enough for you to collect and record the information? IF NO, how long does it take to complete an application?		1		
4. Are the instructions for the application clear and understandable?		1		
5. Do you think that re-applying each season for the permit is necessary?			1	
6. Provide any additional comments on any aspect of the permit application				1

Application For Approval As An Entity To Receive Transferable Chinook Salmon PSC Allocation – Seasonal -- http://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/sustainablefisheries/bycatch/salmon/chinook/forms/psc_eligibility.pdf		NOT APPLICABLE 11		
	COMMENTS	YES	NO	No Comment
1. Is the information requested on the permit application easily available?			1	
2. Would it be less expensive or take less time to complete an online application?		1		
3. Is our estimate of 8 hours long enough for you to collect and record the information? IF NO, how long does it take to complete an application?		1		
4. Are the instructions for the application clear and understandable?		1		
5. Do you think that re-applying each season for the permit is necessary?			1	
6. Provide any additional comments on any aspect of the permit application				1

Responses to the suggestions for increased online forms were that NOAA does plan for all forms to be submittable online, and each year, more forms have this capability.

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

No payment or gift is 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 forms, 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.

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 collection of information does not include questions of a sensitive nature.

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

Estimated total unique respondents: 27 (7 cooperatives, 18 contracted vessels, 2 eligible sectors for salmon PSC transfer), decreased from 61. Estimated total responses: 60, decreased from 76. Estimated total burden: 112 hr, decreased from 181 hr. Estimated total personnel costs: \$ 1,900, decreased from \$ 4,575.

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: \$ 118, decreased from \$ 124.

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

Estimated total burden: 31, decreased from 39 hr. Estimated total personnel cost: \$775, decreased from \$820.

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

Program Changes:

Application for Replacement Vessel and Application for Inshore Catcher Vessel Cooperative Permit: removal of notary requirement, resulting in decreases of \$4 and \$27.

Adjustments : Some adjustments are due to increased postage to \$ 0.45 per unit. Photocopy costs are reduced from 0.10 to 0.05 because cost per single copy has decreased.

Application for Replacement Vessel is adjusted to increase the number of respondents.

an increase of 2 respondents and responses, 3 instead of 1

an increase of 1 hour, 2 instead of 1

a decrease of \$4 miscellaneous cost, \$2 instead of \$6

Application for Inshore Catcher Vessel Cooperative Permit is adjusted to decrease the number of respondents and to correct the miscellaneous cost.

a decrease of 1 respondent and response, 7 instead of 8

a decrease of 2 hours burden, 14 instead of 16 hours

a decrease of \$27 miscellaneous cost, \$18 instead of \$45

Application for Vessel Contract is adjusted to decrease the number of respondents and to correct the miscellaneous cost.

a decrease of 17 respondents and responses, 18 instead of 35

a decrease of 68 hours burden, 72 instead of 140 hours

an increase of \$10 miscellaneous cost, \$78 instead of \$68

a decrease of \$1,700 personnel costs, \$1,800 instead of \$3,500

Application for Transfer of Bering Sea Chinook Salmon PSC Allocation is adjusted to account for the few respondents that do not submit online.

an increase of \$15, \$17 instead of \$2.

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

The information collected will not be published.

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 0648-0393 COLLECTION – AFA PERMITS

To satisfy the paperwork requirements of the Office of Management and Burden (OMB). NMFS Alaska Region is seeking your opinion on the American Fisheries Act (AFA) permit collection, OMB Control Number 0648-0393. The AFA Permits collection includes permit applications, Bering Sea Chinook allocation transfers, and a vessel contract fishing notification.

Please provide a copy of these questions to all persons at your organization that work with your AFA permits and submit their responses to NMFS.

If a certain form or permit does not apply to your organization, check N/A, and go to the next form. If you do have a certain permit, mark YES. Within each form, please make a check mark to indicate your answer and write a brief response under Comments.

Please call or email your responses to Patsy A. Bearden at 907-586-7008, or email patsy.bearden@noaa.gov no later than Wednesday, May 22, 2013, or if you have any questions.

AFA INSHORE CATCHER VESSEL COOPERATIVE PERMIT – annual -- http://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/ram/afa/afacoop.pdf	
<input type="checkbox"/> YES, I have this permit <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable	
1. Is the information requested on the coop permit application easily available? COMMENTS:	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> NO COMMENT
2. <u>Would it be less expensive or take less time to complete an online application?</u> COMMENTS:	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> NO COMMENT
3. Is our estimate of 2 hours long enough for you to collect and record the information? IF NO, how long does it take to complete a coop permit application?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> NO COMMENT
4. Are the instructions for the application clear and understandable? COMMENTS:	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> NO COMMENT
5. <u>Do you think that re-applying each year for the coop permit is necessary?</u> COMMENTS:	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> NO COMMENT
6. Provide any additional comments on any aspect of the AFA coop permit application COMMENTS:	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> NO COMMENT

AFA VESSEL CONTRACT FISHING NOTIFICATION – annual -- http://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/ram/afa/afafishcontract.pdf	
<input type="checkbox"/> YES, I submit this notification <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable	
1. Is the information requested on the contract fishing notification easily available? COMMENTS:	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> NO COMMENT
2. <u>Would it be less expensive or take less time to complete an online notification?</u> COMMENTS:	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> NO COMMENT
3. Is our estimate of 4 hours long enough for you to collect and record the information? IF NO, how long does it take to complete a contract fishing notification?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> NO COMMENT
4. Are the instructions for the notification clear and understandable? COMMENTS:	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> NO COMMENT
5. <u>Do you think that re-applying each year for the contract fishing notification is necessary?</u> COMMENTS:	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> NO COMMENT
6. Provide any additional comments on any aspect of the contract notification. COMMENTS:	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> NO COMMENT

AFA APPLICATION FOR REPLACEMENT VESSEL – as necessary -- http://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/ram/afa/afacvrplfrm.pdf	
<input type="checkbox"/> YES, I have this permit <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable	
1. Is the information requested on the replacement vessel application easily available? COMMENTS:	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> NO COMMENT
2. Would it be less expensive or take less time to complete an online application? COMMENTS:	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> NO COMMENT
3. Is our estimate of 1 hour long enough for you to collect and record the information? IF NO, how long does it take to complete a coop permit application?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> NO COMMENT
4. Are the instructions for the application clear and understandable? COMMENTS:	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> NO COMMENT
5. Provide any additional comments on any aspect of the AFA replacement vessel application COMMENTS:	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> NO COMMENT

APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER OF BERING SEA CHINOOK SALMON PSC ALLOCATION – seasonal -- http://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/sustainablefisheries/bycatch/salmon/chinook/forms/psc_transfer.pdf	
<input type="checkbox"/> YES, I have this permit <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable	
1. Is the information requested on the Chinook salmon PSC transfer application easily available? COMMENTS:	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> NO COMMENT
2. Would it be less expensive or take less time to complete an online application? COMMENTS:	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> NO COMMENT
3. Is our estimate of 8 hours long enough for you to collect and record the information? IF NO, how long does it take to complete a coop permit application?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> NO COMMENT
4. Are the instructions for the application clear and understandable? COMMENTS:	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> NO COMMENT
5. Do you think that re-applying each season for the permit is necessary? COMMENTS:	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> NO COMMENT
6. Provide additional comments on any aspect of the Chinook salmon PSC transfer application COMMENTS:	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> NO COMMENT

APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL AS AN ENTITY TO RECEIVE TRANSFERABLE CHINOOK SALMON PSC ALLOCATION – seasonal --

http://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/sustainablefisheries/bycatch/salmon/chinook/forms/psc_eligibility.pdf

YES, I have this permit **Not applicable**

1. Is the information requested on the Chinook Salmon PSC entity approval application easily available? COMMENTS:	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> NO COMMENT
2. Would it be less expensive or take less time to complete an online application? COMMENTS:	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> NO COMMENT
3. Is our estimate of 8 hours long enough for you to collect and record the information? IF NO, how long does it take to complete a coop permit application?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> NO COMMENT
4. Are the instructions for the application clear and understandable? COMMENTS:	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> NO COMMENT
5. Do you think that re-applying each season for the permit is necessary? COMMENTS:	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> NO COMMENT
6. Provide additional comments on any aspect of the Chinook PSC entity approval application COMMENTS:	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> NO COMMENT

<p style="text-align: center;">AMERICAN FISHERIES ACT (AFA) Inshore Vessel Contract Fishing Notification</p>	<p>U.S. Dept. of Commerce/NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Restricted Access Management (RAM) P.O. Box 21668 Juneau, AK 99802-1668 (800) 304-48411 free / 586-7202 in Juneau (907) 586-7354 fax</p>	
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An AFA inshore cooperative that intends to contract with a non-member vessel to harvest a portion of the cooperative's annual pollock allocation must submit a complete contract fishing notification to NMFS, Alaska Region, Restricted Access Management (NMFS/AKR/RAM). (See regulations at 50 CFR part 679.62(c)). A separate notification must be submitted for each cooperative for which the vessel harvests. This information will assist cooperatives to understand how their catch is accounted and also alert NMFS In-season Management that some vessels might be reporting with an alternative cooperative ID. The inshore vessel contract fishing notification may assume any format you choose, but must contain the following information.

- ◆ Name and AFA permit number of the contract vessel. This AFA catcher vessel must have an inshore fishing endorsement and be a member of an inshore cooperative
- ◆ Name and signature of the contract vessel's owner
- ◆ Name of the contract vessel's home cooperative
- ◆ Name and signature of the home cooperative's designated representative
- ◆ Name of the AFA inshore cooperative wishing to contract with the vessel
- ◆ Name and signature of the AFA inshore cooperative's designated representative
- ◆ A complete harvest schedule. This harvest schedule must show how all catch and any overages by the contracted vessel will be allocated between the contracting cooperative (or cooperatives) and the contract vessel's home cooperative. In the event that multiple cooperatives are contracting with the same non-member vessel, each harvest schedule submitted must clearly specify how all catch and any overages will be allocated among the various cooperatives with which the vessel is contracted as of the date of submission.

The inshore vessel contract fishing notification is not valid unless it is signed by:

- 1) The contracting cooperative's designated representative,
- 2) The contract vessel owner, and
- 3) The vessel's home cooperative designated representative

Submit the inshore vessel contract fishing notification to:

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

NOTE: NMFS/AKR/RAM will notify the parties to the inshore vessel contract that the inshore vessel contract fishing notification has been received. However, NMFS will not make any determinations as to the legality of any contract between/among the parties or its compliance with AFA requirements.



**APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL
AS AN ENTITY TO RECEIVE
TRANSFERABLE CHINOOK
SALMON PSC ALLOCATION**

U.S. Dept. of Commerce/NOAA
National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)
Sustainable Fisheries Division
P.O. Box 21668
Juneau, AK 99802-1668
Fax: 907-586-7131
Telephone: 907-586-7228



REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION CONTRACT ATTACHMENT

An authorization contract containing the following information must be attached:

- ◆ Information that documents that all vessel owners party to the contract agree that the entity, the entity’s representative, and the entity’s agent for service of process named in this application represent them for purposes of receiving transferable allocations of Chinook salmon Prohibited Species Catch (PSC).
- ◆ A statement that the entity’s representative and agent for service of process are authorized to act on behalf of the vessel owners party to the contract and are responsible to comply with all applicable requirements of this part.

BLOCK A – CONTACT INFORMATION

1. Name of Entity:		2. NMFS Person ID:	
3. Name of Entity’s Representative		4. Name of Agent for Service of Process <i>(if different from representative)</i>	
5. Permanent Business Mailing Address:		6. Temporary Business Mailing Address <i>(if applicable)</i> :	
7. Business Telephone Number:	8. Business Fax Number:	9. Business E-mail address:	

BLOCK B – VESSEL IDENTIFICATION

For each AFA permitted vessel that the entity will represent, provide the following information. *Attach additional sheet if necessary.*

Name of vessel	ADF&G No.	Federal Fisheries Permit No.

Instructions
**APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL AS AN ENTITY
TO RECEIVE TRANSFERABLE CHINOOK SALMON PSC ALLOCATION**

Each year, NMFS will allocate to American Fisheries Act (AFA) sectors a portion of the Chinook salmon prohibited species catch (PSC) limit per §679.21(f). A representative of an entity representing the catcher/processor sector or the mothership sector may request approval by NMFS to receive transferable Chinook salmon PSC allocations on behalf of the members of the sector.

GENERAL INFORMATION

An authorization contract containing the following information must be attached to this application:

- ◆ Information that documents that all vessel owners party to the contract agree that the entity, the entity's representative, and the entity's agent for service of process named in this application represent them for purposes of receiving transferable allocations of Chinook salmon Prohibited Species Catch (PSC).
- ◆ A statement that the entity's representative and agent for service of process are authorized to act on behalf of the vessel owners party to the contract and are responsible to comply with all applicable requirements of this part.

Once submitted, the contract attached to this application is valid until amended or revoked by the parties to the contract.

Deadlines.

- ◆ The initial application and contract must be received by **October 1**.
- ◆ Additions or deletions to the vessel owners party to the contract or the list of vessels represented by the entity must be received by **December 1**.

Additionally

Retain a copy of completed application for your records.

When complete, submit to NMFS:

- ◆ by mail to: Administrator, Alaska Region, NMFS
Attn: NMFS Sustainable Fisheries
P.O. Box 21668
Juneau, AK 99802-1668
- ◆ by fax to: (907)586-7354
- ◆ or electronically at <http://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov>

Report forms are available on the NMFS Alaska Region website at <http://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov>, or by contacting NMFS at (800)304-4846, Option 2.

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

BLOCK A – CONTACT INFORMATION

1. Name of Entity: Legibly print or type the name of the entity requesting transfer.
2. NMFS Person ID. NMFS will assign this number, if necessary.
3. Name of Entity's Representative. Name of representative of entity.
4. Name of Agent for Service of Process, if different from representative.
5. Permanent Business Mailing Address: P.O Box number or street, city, state, and zip code.
6. Temporary Business Mailing Address (if applicable): If appropriate, enter the temporary business mailing address (the address to which the transfer documentation should be sent, if different from the permanent address).
7. Business Telephone Number, including area code.
8. Business Fax Number, including area code.
9. Business E-mail address.

BLOCK B – VESSEL INFORMATION

For each AFA permitted vessel that the entity will represent, provide the following information. **Attach** additional sheet if necessary.

1. Vessel Name
2. Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) Vessel Registration Number of vessel
3. Federal Fisheries Permit (FFP) Number of vessel

BLOCK C – AFFIRMATION

Check (Y) this box.

BLOCK D – CERTIFICATION

1. Enter printed name and signature of the Representative, and date signed.
2. Enter printed name and signature of Agent for Service of Process (if different from the Representative), and date signed.

PUBLIC REPORTING BURDEN STATEMENT

Public reporting for this collection of information is estimated to average 8 hours per response, including the time for reviewing the instructions, searching the 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 National Marine Fisheries Service, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668.

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.*) as amended in 2006; 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.



**APPLICATION FOR
AMERICAN FISHERIES
ACT (AFA) PERMIT
FOR
REPLACEMENT VESSEL**

U.S. Dept. of Commerce/NOAA
National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)
Restricted Access Management (RAM)
P.O. Box 21668
Juneau, AK 99802-1668
(800) 304-4846 toll free / 586-7202 in Juneau
(907) 586-7354 fax



Provide information as of the time of the actual or constructive loss of the vessel.

BLOCK A - IDENTIFICATION OF LOST AFA ELIGIBLE VESSEL
Attach USCG form 2692 or insurance papers to verify the loss.

1. Vessel Name:		2. ADF&G Vessel Registration Number:	
		3. USCG Documentation Number:	
		4. AFA Permit Number:	
5. Gross Tons:	6. Shaft Horsepower:	7. Registered Length (<i>feet</i>):	
8. Owner Name:			
9. Business Mailing Address:		10. Business Telephone Number:	
		11. Business FAX Number:	
		12. Business E-mail Address:	
13. What was the last year in which this vessel harvested or processed pollock in a BSAI directed pollock fishery?			
14. Describe how the vessel was lost or destroyed:			

BLOCK B - IDENTIFICATION & OWNERSHIP OF REPLACEMENT VESSEL
(Attach USCG documentation for this vessel)

1. Vessel Name:		2. ADF&G Vessel Registration Number:	
		3. USCG Documentation Number:	
		4. Federal Fisheries Permit Number:	
5. Gross Tons:	6. Net Tons (U.S. tons):	7. Shaft Horsepower:	
8. Registered Length (feet):		9. Current Length Overall (feet):	
10. Owner Name:			
11. Business Mailing Address:		12. Business Telephone Number:	
		13. Business Fax Number:	
		14. Business E-mail Address:	
15. Was the vessel built in the United States? YES [] NO []	16. Has the vessel ever been rebuilt? YES [] NO []	17. If YES , was it rebuilt in the United States? YES [] NO []	

BLOCK C - CERTIFICATION OF APPLICANT

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

1. Signature of Owner	2. Date:
3. Printed Name of owner	

Instructions

APPLICATION FOR AFA PERMIT FOR REPLACEMENT VESSEL

Provide information as of the time of the actual or constructive loss of the vessel.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Use this application to request replacement of an AFA qualified catcher vessel, catcher/processor, or mothership in the event of total or constructive loss of the qualified vessel. Replacement of AFA qualified vessels is authorized at Section 208(g) of the AFA and 50 CFR 679.4(l).

Attach USCG form 2692 or insurance papers for this vessel to verify the loss

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

When completed, submit application to:

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

or fax to: **(907) 586-7354**

or deliver to: **709 West 9th Street, Room 713
Juneau, AK 99801**

Items will be sent to you by first class mail, unless you provide alternate instructions and include a prepaid mailer with appropriate postage or corporate account number for express delivery.

If you have any questions, or if you need any assistance in completing the application, please contact RAM as follows:

Telephone (toll Free): 1-800-304-4846 (press "2") or
(Juneau): 907-586-7202

E-Mail Address: RAM.Alaska@noaa.gov

Web Site: www.alaskafisheries.noaa.gov

Please allow at least 10 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 a corporate account number for express delivery.

COMPLETING THE APPLICATION

BLOCK A - IDENTIFICATION & OWNERSHIP OF LOST AFA ELIGIBLE VESSEL

1. Vessel Name as displayed in official documentation.

2. ADF&G Vessel Registration Number (example: 51233)l.
3. USCG Documentation Number (example: 566722).
4. AFA Permit Number.
5. Gross tons from USCG documentation/registration.
6. Shaft horsepower from USCG documentation/registration.
7. Registered length (in feet) from USCG documentation/registration.
8. Owner Name - If there is more than one owner, list the principal owner first; the permit will be issued to the first owner listed, with an et al. notation. The permit **MUST** be issued to the owner of the vessel, not operators or lessees.
9. Business Mailing Address – enter complete, **PERMANENT** business mailing address, including state and zip code. Your permit will be sent to this address. If you need to have your permit sent to a different address, please enter your **PERMANENT** business address on the application and attach a note with your alternate address.
10. Business Telephone Number used by the vessel or processor owner, including area code. It is very important that you provide a telephone number where we can contact you, or where we can leave messages for you; if questions arise concerning your application and we cannot contact you by telephone, issuance of your permit will be delayed.
11. Business fax Number used by the vessel owner, including area code.
12. Business E-mail address used by the vessel owner.
13. Indicate the last year in which this vessel harvested or processed pollock in a BSAI directed pollock fishery
14. Describe how the vessel was lost or destroyed

BLOCK B - IDENTIFICATION & OWNERSHIP OF REPLACEMENT VESSEL

(Attach USCG Documentation for this vessel)

1. Vessel Name as displayed in official documentation.
2. ADF&G Vessel Registration Number (example: 51233).
3. USCG documentation number (example: 566722).
4. Federal Fisheries Permit number.
5. Gross tons from USCG documentation.
6. Net tons (U.S. tons) as stated in official documentation.
7. Shaft horsepower from USCG documentation.
8. Registered length (in feet) from USCG documentation.

9. Current length overall (in feet).
10. Enter the full name(s) of the vessel owner(s). If there is more than one owner, list the principal owner first; the permit will be issued to the first owner listed, with an et al. notation. The permit **MUST** be issued to the owner of the vessel, not operators or lessees.
11. Enter complete **PERMANENT** business mailing address of owner, including state and zip code. Your permit will be sent to this address. If you need to have your permit sent to a different address, please enter your **PERMANENT** business address on the application and attach a note with your alternate address.
12. Enter business telephone number used by the vessel owner, including area code. It is very important that you provide a telephone number to avoid delays in permit processing.
13. Enter business fax number used by the vessel owner, including area code.
14. Enter business e-mail used by the vessel owner
15. Indicate whether the vessel was built in the United States.
16. Indicate whether the vessel was ever rebuilt.
17. **If YES**, indicate whether it was rebuilt in the United States.

BLOCK C - CERTIFICATION OF APPLICANT

Signature and printed name of the owner and date application was signed.

PUBLIC REPORTING BURDEN STATEMENT

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 30 minutes 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, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802.

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 used to manage regulations under the American Fisheries Act (AFA); 3) Submission of this information is required of persons seeking to participate in the groundfish fisheries under authority of the AFA; 4) This information is mandatory and is required to manage the AFA Limited Access Programs under 50 CFR part 679 and under section 402(a) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act (16 U.S.C. 1801, et seq.); 5) Responses to this information request are confidential under section 402(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act as amended in 2006. They are also confidential under NOAA Administrative Order 216-100, which sets forth procedures to protect confidentiality of fishery statistics.

	<p>APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER OF BERING SEA CHINOOK SALMON PSC ALLOCATIONS</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: 907-586-7131 Telephone: 907-586-7228</p>	
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This application for Transfer of Bering Sea Chinook Salmon PSC Allocations must be received by **NMFS**
A SEASON: by June 25
B SEASON: by December 1

BLOCK A – IDENTIFICATION OF TRANSFEROR			
1. Name of Transferor:		2. NMFS Person ID:	
3. Permanent Business Mailing Address:		4. Temporary Business Mailing Address <i>(if applicable)</i> :	
5. Business Telephone Number:	6. Business Fax Number:	7. Business E-mail Address:	

BLOCK B – IDENTIFICATION OF TRANSFeree			
1. Name of Transferee:		2. NMFS Person ID:	
3. Permanent Business Mailing Address:		4. Temporary Business Mailing Address <i>(if applicable)</i> :	
5. Business Telephone Number:	6. Business Fax Number:	7. Business E-mail Address:	

BLOCK C – CHINOOK SALMON PSC AMOUNT TRANSFERRED			
<i>Check either A Season or B Season for each entry</i>			
Date of Transfer	Number of Chinook Salmon	A Season []	B Season []

Instructions
**APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER
OF CHINOOK SALMON PSC ALLOCATIONS**

NMFS will issue Bering Sea Chinook salmon prohibited species catch (PSC) allocations to the catcher/processor sector entity, the mothership sector entity, inshore cooperatives, and CDQ groups. NMFS will issue separate PSC allocations for the A season and the B season. PSC remaining from the A season could be used in the B season (“rollover”).

The entity receiving a transferable Chinook salmon PSC allocation from NMFS is authorized to transfer all or a portion of the entity’s salmon PSC allocation to another entity or receive a transfer from another entity (authorized to sign transfer request forms), and be responsible for any penalties assessed for exceeding the entity’s salmon PSC allocation.

Transfers are a voluntary request to NMFS, initiated by the entity transferring surplus Chinook salmon allocations, to move a specific amount of a Chinook salmon PSC allocation from one entity’s account to another entity’s account. NMFS will review the transferor’s catch account to ensure sufficient salmon is available to transfer. If enough Chinook salmon are in the account, NMFS will make that transfer effective immediately. Transfers to eligible entities may occur at any time in a season but transfers cannot be made between the B and A seasons. Entities may receive transfers of PSC to cover overages (“post-delivery transfers”).

Requests for transfers may be submitted to NMFS either electronically or non-electronically through a form available on the NMFS Alaska Region website (<http://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov>).

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

When complete

Mail application to:	NMFS Alaska Region Sustainable Fisheries Division P.O. Box 21668 Juneau, AK 99802-1668
Or fax to:	907-586-7131
Or submit online to	http://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov

If you need additional information regarding transfers of PSC, 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://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov>.

COMPLETING THE APPLICATION

Enter the following information for each transfer.

BLOCK A – IDENTIFICATION OF TRANSFEROR

1. Name of Transferor
2. NMFS Person ID
3. Permanent Business Mailing Address
4. Temporary Business Mailing Address (if applicable)
5. Business Telephone No.
6. Business Fax No.
7. Business E-mail address

BLOCK B – IDENTIFICATION OF TRANSFEREE

1. Name of Transferee
2. NMFS Person ID
3. Permanent Business Mailing Address
4. Temporary Business Mailing Address (if applicable):
5. Business Telephone No.
6. Business Fax No.
7. Business E-mail address:

BLOCK C – CHINOOK PSC AMOUNT TRANSFERRED

1. Date of transfer
2. Number of Chinook Salmon
3. Indicate whether A Season or B Season

PUBLIC REPORTING BURDEN STATEMENT

Public reporting for this collection of information is estimated to average 15 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing the instructions, searching the 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 National Marine Fisheries Service, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668.

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, under section 402(a) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act (16 U.S.C. 1801, *et seq.*) as amended in 2006; 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.

	<p>Application for American Fisheries Act (AFA) INSHORE CATCHER VESSEL COOPERATIVE PERMIT</p>	<p>U. S. Department of Commerce/NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Restricted Access Management (RAM) P.O. Box 21668 Juneau, Alaska 99802-1668 (800) 304-4846 toll free / 586-7202 in Juneau (907) 586-7354 fax</p> 
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**Due December 1 of the year prior to the year for which the co-op permit will be in effect.
Late applications will not be accepted.**

BLOCK A - COOPERATIVE CONTACT INFORMATION		
1. Name of Cooperative:	2. Name of Cooperative Representative:	
3. Co-op Business Mailing Address (<i>P.O. box or street, city, state, zip code</i>): [] Permanent [] Temporary		
4. Business Telephone Number:	5. Business Fax Number:	6. E-mail Address:

BLOCK B - DESIGNATED COOPERATIVE PROCESSOR INFORMATION	
Provide the following information for the AFA Inshore Processor who is designated in the cooperative contract as the processor to whom the cooperative has agreed to deliver at least 90 percent of its Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area (BSAI) pollock catch	
1. Name:	
2. Physical location of AFA Inshore Processor:	3. Federal Processor Permit Number:

BLOCK C - COOPERATIVE CONTRACT INFORMATION	
<i>This application is not valid and cannot be processed without the submission of a copy of the co-op contract and certification.</i>	
This list is provided for your convenience to ensure all attachments are included with the application.	
<p>(1) A copy of the cooperative contract or a renewal letter providing notice that a previously filed cooperative contract will remain in effect for the subsequent fishing year. Renewal letters must include the details of any material modifications to the cooperative contract since it was last filed with NMFS.</p> <p>(2) A written certification that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ The contract was signed by the owners of at least 80 percent of the qualified catcher vessels; ◆ The cooperative contract requires that the cooperative deliver at least 90 percent of its BSAI pollock catch to its designated AFA processor; and 	<p>YES [] NO []</p> <p>YES [] NO []</p> <p>YES [] NO []</p>

<p>◆ Each catcher vessel in the cooperative is a qualified catcher vessel as defined in 50 CFR 679.4(l)(6)(ii)(D) if it meets the following permit requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>AFA permit</u>. The vessel must have a valid AFA catcher vessel permit with an inshore endorsement; • <u>LLP permit</u>. The vessel must be named on a valid License Limitation Program (LLP) permit authorizing the vessel to engage in trawling for pollock in the Bering Sea subarea. If the vessel is more than 60 feet (18.3 m) length overall (LOA), the vessel must be named on a valid LLP permit endorsed for the Aleutian Islands (AI) to engage in trawling for pollock in the AI; and • <u>Permit sanctions</u>. The vessel has no permit sanctions that otherwise make it ineligible to engage in fishing for pollock in the BSAI. 	<p>YES [] NO []</p>
<p>(3) A copy of a letter requesting a business review letter on the fishery cooperative from the Department of Justice and any response to such request.</p>	<p>YES [] NO []</p>

BLOCK D - VESSEL INFORMATION			
List all co-op member catcher vessels. List complete information for each co-op catcher vessel member (<i>attach additional pages if necessary</i>).			
1. Vessel Name:	2. ADF&G Number:	3. USCG Number:	4. AFA Permit Number:
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1. Vessel Name:	2. ADF&G Number:	3. USCG Number:	4. AFA Permit Number:

BLOCK E - CERTIFICATION OF APPLICANT

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

1. Signature of Co-op Representative:

2. Date:

3. Printed Name of Co-op Representative:

Please mail completed application to

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

If you need additional information, call RAM toll free at (800) 304-4846 (#2) or (907) 586-7202 (#2).

PUBLIC REPORTING BURDEN STATEMENT

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 2 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, Alaska Region, NMFS, 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 used to manage the American Fisheries Act program; 3) Federal law and regulations require and authorize NMFS to manage commercial fishing effort; 4) Submission of this information is required of persons seeking to participate in the groundfish fisheries under the authority of AFA; 5) This information is mandatory and is required to manage commercial fishing effort under 50 CFR part 679 and under section 402(a) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act (16 U.S.C. 1801, *et seq.*); 6) 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.

Country	Manufacturer/ Producer/ Exporter	Weighted- average dumping margin (percent)
Thailand	China Steel Corporation/Yieh Loong	29.14
	All Others	20.28
	Sahaviriya Steel Industries Public Co., Ltd	7.35
Ukraine	Siam Strip Mill Public Co., Ltd	20.30
	All Others	4.41
	All Others	90.33

Notification to Interested Parties

This notice also serves as the only reminder to parties subject to an administrative protective order (APO) of their responsibility concerning the return or destruction of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305. Timely notification of the return or destruction of APO materials or conversion to judicial protective order is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and terms of an APO is a violation which is subject to sanction.

We are issuing and publishing the final results of these reviews in accordance with sections 751(c), 752(c), and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: March 5, 2013.

Paul Piquado,

Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; American Fisheries Act (AFA): Permits

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

ACTION: Notice.

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

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before May 13, 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 currently approved information collection.

In response to the American Fisheries Act (AFA), NMFS developed a management program for Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area (BSAI) pollock to include a set of AFA permanent permits for AFA catcher/processors, AFA catcher vessels, AFA inshore processors, and AFA motherships. All vessels and processors participating in the non-Community Development Quota (CDQ) BSAI pollock fishery are required to have valid AFA permits on board the vessel or on site at the processing plant.

With the exceptions of the inshore vessel cooperatives, replacement vessel, and inshore vessel contract fishing applications, the AFA permit program had a one-time application deadline of December 1, 2000. All permitted participants in the AFA pollock fishery are already established and are issued with an indefinite expiration date.

This information collection was previously revised to include a new program, the Chinook Salmon Prohibited Species Catch Program (Chinook PSC Program). The Chinook PSC Program was established to promote reduction of Chinook salmon PSC in the Bering Sea pollock fishery to the extent practicable while achieving optimum yield in the pollock fishery. A PSC limit of Chinook salmon was established for the pollock industry participants in an industry-developed contractual arrangement, called an incentive plan agreement (IPA) that establishes an incentive program to

minimize bycatch at all levels of Chinook salmon abundance. NMFS issues transferable Chinook salmon PSC allocations to eligible entities representing the catcher/processor sector, the mothership sector, inshore cooperatives, and Community Development Quota (CDQ) groups. Transferable allocations provide the pollock fleet the flexibility to maximize the harvest of pollock while maintaining Chinook salmon bycatch at or below the PSC limit.

It is also proposed that the title of this collection will be changed from American Fisheries Act: Vessel and Processor Permit Applications to American Fisheries Act (AFA): Permits.

II. Method of Collection

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

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648-0393.

Form Number: None.

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

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 61.

Estimated Time per Response: Application for Approval as an Entity Eligible to Receive Transferable Chinook Salmon PSC Allocations, 8 hours; Application for Transfer of Bering Sea Chinook Salmon PSC Allocation, 8 hours; Application for Incentive Plan Agreement (IPA) and List of IPA participants, 30 minutes; Application for AFA Permit for Replacement Vessel, 1 hour; Application for AFA Inshore Catcher Vessel Cooperative Permit, 2 hours; and Contract Fishing by Non-Member Vessels, 4 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 181.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$124 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: March 6, 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-XC252

Endangered Species; File No. 17316

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

ACTION: Issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that George Burgess, Ph.D., Florida Museum of Natural History, Dickinson Hall, University of Gainesville, Gainesville, FL 32611, has been issued a permit to take smalltooth sawfish (*Pristis pectinata*) for purposes of scientific research.

ADDRESSES: The permit and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

Permits and Conservation Division,
Office of Protected Resources, NMFS,
1315 East-West Highway, Room
13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910;
phone (301) 427-8401; fax (301) 713-
0376; and

Southeast Region, NMFS, 263 13th Ave.
South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701;
phone (727) 824-5312; fax (727) 824-
5309.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Colette Cairns or Jennifer Skidmore,
(301) 427-8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On September 24, 2012, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (77 FR 58812) that a request for a scientific research permit to take smalltooth sawfish had been submitted by the above-named individual. The requested permit has been issued under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222-226).

The permit holder is authorized to gather life history information on smalltooth sawfish populations of Florida, primarily in Florida Bay and the upper Keys area. The purpose of the research is to investigate the movements and habitat use of smalltooth sawfish in Florida waters. Annually, up to 80 sawfish may be captured by gillnet, longline, or angling gear, measured, passive integrated transponder, roto, dart, and external satellite tagged, tissue, muscle, and blood sampled, and released. Dead sawfish acquired through strandings or from law enforcement confiscations may be sampled for scientific purposes. The permit is authorized for a duration of 5 years.

Issuance of this permit, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that such permit (1) Was applied for in good faith, (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of such endangered or threatened species, and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: March 7, 2013.

P. Michael Payne,

*Chief, Permits and Conservation Division,
Office of Protected Resources, National
Marine Fisheries Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XC538

Fisheries of the Gulf of Mexico; Southeast Data, Assessment, and Review (SEDAR); Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of SEDAR 31 Gulf of Mexico Red Snapper Assessment Workshop Webinar #6.

SUMMARY: The SEDAR 31 assessment of the Gulf of Mexico Red Snapper fishery will consist of a series of workshops and supplemental webinars. This notice is for a webinar in the Assessment Workshop portion of the SEDAR process. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

DATES: The SEDAR 31 Assessment Workshop Webinar #6 will be held on April 4th, 2013. The workshop will begin at 1 p.m. and conclude no later than 5 p.m. EDT.

ADDRESSES:

Meeting address: The SEDAR 31 Assessment Workshop Webinar #6 will be held via GoToWebinar. The webinar is open to members of the public. Those interested in participating should contact Ryan Rindone at SEDAR (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) to request an invitation providing webinar access information. Please request meeting information at least 24 hours in advance.

SEDAR address: 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, N. Charleston, SC 29405.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Ryan Rindone, SEDAR Coordinator;
telephone: (813) 348-1630; email:
ryan.rindone@gulfcouncil.org.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Gulf of Mexico, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils, in conjunction with NOAA Fisheries and the Atlantic and Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commissions, have implemented the Southeast Data, Assessment and Review (SEDAR) process, a multi-step method for determining the status of fish stocks in the Southeast Region. SEDAR is a three-step process including: (1) Data Workshop; (2) Assessment Process including a workshop and webinars; and (3) Review Workshop. The product of the Data Workshop is a data report which compiles and evaluates potential datasets and recommends which datasets are appropriate for assessment analyses. The product of the Assessment Process is a stock assessment report which describes the fisheries, evaluates the status of the stock, estimates biological benchmarks, projects future population conditions, and recommends research and monitoring needs. The assessment is independently peer reviewed at the Review Workshop. The product of the Review Workshop is a Consensus Summary documenting panel opinions regarding the strengths and weaknesses of the stock assessment