

# NOTICE OF OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET ACTION

Date 12/28/2011

Department of Commerce  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
FOR CERTIFYING OFFICIAL: Simon Szykman  
FOR CLEARANCE OFFICER: Diana Hynek

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, OMB has taken action on your request received 10/18/2011

ACTION REQUESTED: Revision of a currently approved collection  
TYPE OF REVIEW REQUESTED: Regular  
ICR REFERENCE NUMBER: 201109-0648-003  
AGENCY ICR TRACKING NUMBER:  
TITLE: Pacific Islands Region Permit Family of Forms  
LIST OF INFORMATION COLLECTIONS: See next page

OMB ACTION: Approved without change  
OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 0648-0490

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: 12/31/2014

DISCONTINUE DATE:

BURDEN:	RESPONSES	HOURS	COSTS
Previous	438	192	9,448
New	225	124	8,000
Difference			
Change due to New Statute	0	0	0
Change due to Agency Discretion	-168	-38	-264
Change due to Agency Adjustment	-45	-30	-1,184
Change Due to Potential Violation of the PRA	0	0	0

TERMS OF CLEARANCE:

OMB Authorizing Official:

Kevin F. Neyland  
Deputy Administrator,  
Office Of Information And Regulatory Affairs

List of ICs

IC Title	Form No.	Form Name	CFR Citation
Western Pacific Fisheries Permit Applications	NA	Federal Fisheries Permit Application - Pacific Islands Region	
Pacific Island Region Permit Family of Forms - Appeals			50 CFR 665
American Samoa Longline Limited Entry Permit	NA	American Samoa Pelagic Longline Limited Access Program - Limited Entry Permit Application	

# 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.**

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

## 19. Certification for Paperwork Reduction Act Submissions

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

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

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

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

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

Signature of Senior Official or designee

Date

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

Signature

Date

Signature of NOAA Clearance Officer

Signature

Date

**SUPPORTING STATEMENT  
PACIFIC ISLANDS REGION PERMIT FAMILY OF FORMS  
OMB CONTROL NO. 0648-0490**

**INTRODUCTION**

This request is for revision and extension of this information collection.

**A. JUSTIFICATION**

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

The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA) established the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council), to develop fishery ecosystem plans (FEP) for fisheries in the United States (U.S.) exclusive economic zone (EEZ) in the central and western Pacific. These plans, if approved by the Secretary of Commerce, are implemented in Federal regulations by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and enforced by NOAA's Office of Law Enforcement (OLE) and the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG), in cooperation with state and territorial agencies. FEPs regulate fishing to prevent overfishing and to ensure the long-term productivity and social and economic benefit of the resources. Regulations implementing these plans are at 50 C.F.R. 665.

NMFS has jurisdiction over fisheries in Federal waters of the Pacific Ocean seaward of American Samoa, Guam, Hawaii, the Northern Mariana Islands (NMI), and the Pacific Remote Island Areas (PRIA)<sup>1</sup>. The Council prepares, and the Secretary approves and implements through regulations, FEPs for American Samoa, Hawaii, and Northern Mariana Islands (Guam and NMI) archipelagos, PRIA, and pelagic fisheries in the western Pacific. Each of these FEPs contains requirements that commercial fishery participants obtain Federal permits for federally-managed fisheries in their area.

This collection of information is needed for permit issuance, to identify actual or potential participants in the fishery, determine qualifications for permits, and to help measure the impacts of management controls on the participants in the fishery. The permit program is also an effective tool in the enforcement of fishery regulations and serves as a link between NMFS and fishermen.

Program changes are due to elimination of Hawaii longline shallow-set certificate requests and northwest Hawaiian islands (NWHI) bottomfish limited entry permits due to regulatory changes in the past three years, and moving western Pacific (WP) crustacean permit applications to another collection, OMB Control No. 0648-0586, Permitting, Vessel Identification, and Reporting Requirements for Deepwater Shrimp Fisheries in the Western Pacific Region.

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<sup>1</sup>Howland, Baker, Jarvis, Wake and Palmyra Islands, Johnston Atoll, Midway Atoll, and Kingman Reef.

**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.**

Information is collected via a permit application process. Permits are valid for one calendar year and may be renewed annually, except for the American Samoa longline limited entry permit, which is effective for three years. Information from the permit application form will allow NMFS, Pacific Islands Region, to confirm the identity of the permit holder and applicant, and to determine whether the applicant qualifies for the permit. Vessel-related information such as vessel documentation or registration, ownership, managing ownership, etc., is used by NMFS to determine whether the applicant is an owner of a U.S. documented/registered vessel. The information may also be used by OLE, the USCG, and the Council.

This collection also includes information involving appeals of permit denials. The appellant must provide documentation to show why a permit should have been granted. The information is used by the NMFS Pacific Islands Regional Administrator in making a final determination on permit issuance under the FEP. The frequency of appeals for permit denials is expected to be a maximum of four per year, if any.

It is anticipated that business information collected will be disseminated to the public or used to support publicly disseminated information. As explained in the preceding paragraphs, the information gathered has utility. NMFS will retain control over the information and safeguard it from improper access, modification, and destruction, consistent with Federal law and regulations, and NOAA policies 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.**

None of the federal permit application forms for western Pacific fisheries, including this collection, are currently submitted in electronic form. However, applicants for western Pacific fishing permits will be able to download, complete and print an Adobe fillable application form via the Pacific Islands Region's website at <http://www.fpir.noaa.gov/>. NMFS is implementing a Web-based permits program that would allow applicants to apply for or renew permits online.

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

NMFS carefully reviewed the possibility of collections by other Federal agencies or state or territorial agencies that might meet the information needs presented above. It was concluded that no other collections, besides the requested information, would meet these reporting requirements.

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

All of the vessels in the Federally-managed fisheries in the western Pacific region are small business entities of similar size and are affected comparably. No special measures are needed to accommodate different sized businesses. The minimum amount of data needed for permit issuance and consistent with this collection is sought in the permit application process.

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

Without this collection or if it is collected less frequently, NMFS will be unable to properly evaluate permit applications issued under the western Pacific FEPs. Also, it will be difficult to monitor the fisheries and their participants, determine entry and exit patterns, assess catch history to determine appropriate allocations for potential catch share programs, and provide information needed to ensure full impact analysis for fisheries management programs. Without this information, enforcement agents will not be able to identify current fishery participants for compliance monitoring purposes and NMFS would be unable to consult with permit holders on regulatory changes.

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

Not Applicable.

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

A Federal Register Notice soliciting comments was published on April 22, 2011 (76 FR 22675). No comments were received.

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

No payments or gifts are involved in this collection.

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

As stated on all forms, the information collected is confidential under section 402(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, as amended in 2006. It is also confidential under NOAA Administrative Order 216.100, which sets forth procedures to protect confidentiality of fishery statistics.

A Privacy Act System of Records Notice for all NMFS Sustainable Fisheries Permits was published on April 17, 2008 (73 FR 20914).

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

No questions of a sensitive nature are asked.

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

There are an estimated 167 unduplicated respondents (vessels) in this collection: 130 Hawaii longline, 20 American Samoa longline, 6 Western Pacific general longline, 3 Pacific Remote Island Areas troll and handline, 5 Western Pacific bottomfish, and 3 Western Pacific precious coral. A respondent may apply for more than one (1) permit.

The decrease in responses (from 438 to 225) and hours (from 192 to 124) is due to elimination of Hawaii longline shallow-set certificate requests and northwest Hawaiian islands (NWHI) bottomfish limited entry permits due to regulatory changes in the past three years, moving western Pacific (WP) crustacean permit applications to another collection, OMB Control No. 0648-0586, Permitting, Vessel Identification, and Reporting Requirements for Deepwater Shrimp Fisheries in the Western Pacific Region and adjustments to some permit numbers (Table 1).

**Table 1. Permit Application-Related Burden**

	<b>Number of Responses (Previous responses in parentheses)</b>	<b>Time per Response</b>	<b>Burden</b>
<b>WP Federal Fisheries Permit Application:</b>			
Hawaii Longline Limited Entry Permit	150 (174)	30 min.	75 hours
Hawaii Longline Closed Area Exemption	0	2 hours	0
WP Longline General Permit	6 (12)	30 min.	3 hours
WP Receiving Vessel Permit	25 (10)	30 min.	12.5 hours (13)
PRIA Troll & Handline Permit	10 (10)	30 min.	5 hours
WP Bottomfish (Guam and PRIA) Permit	10 (10)	30 min.	5 hours
<b>American Samoa Longline Limited Entry Permit</b>	20 (50)	45 min.	15 hours
<b>Permit Appeals</b>	4 (4)	2 hours	8 hours
<b>Experimental Fishing Permits</b>	0	2 hours	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>225 (270)</b>		<b>124 hours</b>

**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).**

There are no start-up costs associated with the permits. No special equipment or materials are required to apply for permits. Non-refundable application processing fees are charged for renewals and transfers of Hawaii longline limited entry permits and additional permits, renewals, and transfers of American Samoa longline limited entry permits. Only these two (2) permits currently have fees:

Hawaii longline limited entry permit =  $\$43 \times 150 = \$6,450$

American Samoa longline limited entry permit =  $\$55 \times 20 = \$1,100$

Total application processing fees = \$7,550.

The estimated cost to respondents for postage, faxes, copies, etc., related to this collection is estimated at \$450 per year.

**The total cost burden is estimated at \$8,000.**

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

The estimated cost to the Federal government to administer this collection, which includes database management, is \$4,679:  $\$4,219 (225 \times 45 \text{ min/permit} \times \$25/\text{hr}) + \$450 (\text{postage}) + \$10 (\text{supplies})$ .

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

**Program Changes:**

The elimination of Hawaii shallow-set certificate requests and NWHI bottomfish limited entry permits and the transfer of WP crustacean permits to OMB Control No. 0648-0586 resulted in a decrease of 168 responses and 38 hours.

There was a decrease of \$264 in permit fees that were previously charged for the NWHI bottomfish limited entry permits.

**Adjustments:**

Changes in burden estimates for remaining permits are based on updated estimates for numbers of applications, resulting in a net decrease of 45 responses and 30 hours.

Processing fee amounts were increased but responses decreased, for a net decrease of \$1,184.

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

No publication based solely on this collection of information is planned at this time. However, the information contained in the permit application will be analyzed by NMFS to determine eligibility for permit issuance and the need for management changes to conserve fish stocks and protect endangered or threatened marine animals and their habitats. These analyses will be included in annual stock assessment and fishery evaluation reports as required under these FEP. The information from this collection may ultimately be published in scientific journals.

**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.**

The expiration date will be displayed.

**18. Explain each exception to the certification statement.**

No exceptions are proposed.

**B. COLLECTIONS OF INFORMATION EMPLOYING STATISTICAL METHODS**

This collection does not employ statistical methods.

**FEDERAL FISHERIES PERMIT APPLICATION FORM**

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION  
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE  
PACIFIC ISLANDS REGION

OMB Control No: 0648-0490

Expiration Date: 10/31/2011

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**Mail or deliver this application to:**

NOAA Fisheries Pacific Islands Regional Office  
ATTN: Permits  
1601 Kapiolani Blvd., Suite 1110  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96814-4700  
Tel: (808) 944-2200; FAX: (808) 973-2940

Please Print Legibly

(Check  one or more appropriate boxes for types of permit application)

1. PELAGIC:	<input type="checkbox"/> Hawaii Longline Limited Entry Permit - Renewal, Transfer, or Vessel Registration (Non-refundable Application Processing Fee: \$xx.xx. Make checks or money orders payable to: Dept. of Commerce, NOAA)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Hawaii Closed Area Exemption (contact Pacific Islands Region for form)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Western Pacific General Longline Permit (Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Pacific Remote Island Areas)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Western Pacific Receiving Vessel Permit (all areas)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Remote Island Areas Troll & Handline
<i>LOBSTER and DEEPWATER SHRIMP (Use the Western Pacific Crustacean Permit application form, OMB Control No. 0648-0586)</i>	
2. BOTTOMFISH:	<input type="checkbox"/> Guam Large Vessel <input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Remote Island Areas (CNMI: Use the Northern Mariana Islands Bottomfish Permit application form, OMB Control No. 0648-0584)
3. PRECIOUS CORAL:	<input type="checkbox"/> Permit Area (write in):

VESSEL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ VESSEL OFFICIAL NO: \_\_\_\_\_ CALL SIGN: \_\_\_\_\_

VESSEL OWNER: \_\_\_\_\_  
First, Middle, & Last Name or Business Name

PERMIT HOLDER: \_\_\_\_\_  
First, Middle, & Last Name or Business Name      Taxpayer Identification Number (business)

DATE OF BIRTH (if individual) OR INCORPORATION (if business) OF PERMIT HOLDER: \_\_\_\_\_

**Privacy Act Statement:** Federal Regulations (at 50 CFR Part 665) authorize collection of this information. This information is used to verify the identity of the applicant(s) and to accurately retrieve confidential records related to federal commercial fishery permits. The primary purpose for requesting the Taxpayer Identification Number is for the collection and reporting on any delinquent amounts arising of such person's relationship with the government pursuant to the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-134). Personal information is confidential and protected under the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a). Business information may be disclosed to the public.

BUSINESS CONTACT: \_\_\_\_\_ /TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_  
(First, Middle, & Last Name, if not same as permit holder)      (corporate officer, business owner, partner)

BUSINESS MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street/PO Box      City      State      ZIP Code

BUSINESS PHONE (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_; CELL PHONE (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_; FAX (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICANT: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name and Signature of Permit Holder, Corporate Officer, Partner, or Designated Agent

APPLICANT TITLE:  Permit holder,  Corporate officer or partner,  Designated agent, or  Other \_\_\_\_\_  
(Check only one)

**For Permit Transfer: to be completed and signed by originating permit holder**

PERMIT TRANSFEROR: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name & Signature of Permit Holder Transferring Permit

Permit Number of Transferred Permit:

**REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:** You must submit: 1) a copy of the vessel's current U.S. Coast Guard Certificate of Documentation (documented vessel) or registration certificate from a state/territorial agency (undocumented vessel) showing current vessel owner, 2) payment for the processing fee, if required, with this application form, and 3) if the applicant is an agent, attach a signed letter from the permit holder authorizing the applicant as the agent. **It is prohibited to file false information on any application for a fishing permit (50 CFR § 665.15(b)).**

Revised xx/xx/xxxx

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT INFORMATION

Public reporting burden for this collection is estimated as follows: 30 minutes for Hawaii longline limited access permit renewal/transfer, WP general longline permits and receiving vessel permits; 30 minutes for Guam bottomfish large vessel permits; 30 minutes for precious coral permits (established, conditional, refugia, exploratory areas), Pacific remote island areas (PRIA) troll and handline and bottomfish permits; and 2 hours for all permit denial appeals. Each burden includes time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspects of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to Pacific Islands Regional Administrator, NOAA Fisheries Service, 1601 Kapiolani Blvd. Suite 1110, Honolulu, Hawaii 96814-4700.

This information is being collected to ensure accurate and timely records about the persons licensed to participate in fisheries under Federal regulations in the Pacific Islands Region. This will enable NOAA Fisheries Service and the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council to (a) determine who would be affected by changes in management; (b) inform license holders of changes in fishery regulations; and (c) determine whether the objectives of the fishery program are being achieved by monitoring entry and exit patterns and other aspects of the fisheries. The information is used in analyzing and evaluating the potential impacts of regulatory changes on persons in the regulated fisheries as well as in related fisheries. Responses to the collection are required to obtain the benefit of a permit for the fishery involved (ref. 50 CFR 665.13). Data provided concerning the proprietary business of the respondents are handled as confidential under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Sec. 402(b)). Notwithstanding any other provision of the law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB Control Number.

Federal Fisheries Application Form - Pacific Islands Region

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION FOR:**

**\*\* MAIN HAWAIIAN ISLANDS LONGLINE FISHING PROHIBITED AREA EXEMPTION \*\***

**ELIGIBLE VESSEL:** \_\_\_\_\_ **OFFICIAL NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Basis for Exemption Eligibility (all boxes must be checked and supporting documents attached to be eligible):**

- Applicant currently holds a Hawaii longline limited entry permit
- Applicant was the owner or operator of a vessel that made landings of pelagic management unit species taken on longline gear prior to 1970 from waters now closed to longline fishing.
- Applicant was the owner or operator of a vessel that made landings of pelagic management unit species taken on longline gear in at least five (5) years since (and including) 1970 from waters now closed to longline fishing.
- Applicant was the owner or operator of a vessel that made at least 80 percent of its landings of longline-caught pelagic management unit species in any calendar year in waters now closed to longline fishing.

**Legible copies of supporting document(s) for exemption eligibility attached (check as many boxes as may apply):**

- State of Hawaii Catch Reports     Vessel fishing logs     Auction receipts
- Signed affidavits (original)     Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Public reporting burden for this collection is estimated as follows: 2 hours for main Hawaiian Islands longline fishing prohibited area exemption and 2 hours for all permit denial appeals. Each burden includes time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspects of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to Pacific Islands Regional Administrator, NOAA Fisheries Service, 1601 Kapiolani Blvd. Suite 1110, Honolulu, Hawaii 96814-4700.

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**FEDERAL FISHERIES APPLICATION FORM**

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 NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE  
 1601 Kapiolani Blvd., Suite 1110  
 Honolulu, HI 96814-4700  
 Ph: (808) 944-2200; Fax: (808) 973-2940

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PLEASE PRINT RESPONSES

**American Samoa Pelagic Longline Limited Access Program  
 Limited Entry Permit Application**

Version: xx/xx/xx

**Application Type** (check only one type): *Mail or deliver completed application form to Pacific Islands Region, ATTN: Permits.*

(Non-Refundable Application Processing Fee: **\$XX.00**, payable by check or money order to: **Department of Commerce, NOAA**. Fee charged for all permit transactions unless otherwise noted below)

PERMIT CLASS SIZE:  **A** = 40' or less  **B** = 40.1' – 50'  **C** = 50.1' – 70'  **D** = 70' or larger

**Permit Renewal OR**  **Additional Permit Issuance** (Please indicate permit class size):

**Registration of vessel** to initial permit or re-registration (applies to vessels which have been sold or sunk): [No application processing fee charged for initial registration of vessel to initial permit]

**Permit transfer** (for permits registered to vessels of size Class **A, B, C, and D**, and Class B-1, C-1, and D-1 after three years)  
 To:  Family member  Community organization  Person with documented participation in the American Samoa longline fishery (participation in vessel size Class A for Class A only)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Family Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Print first and last names, or name of community organization) (if Family member is checked)

VESSEL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ VESSEL NUMBER (USCG or AS): \_\_\_\_\_

VESSEL OWNER: \_\_\_\_\_ VESSEL RADIO CALL SIGN: \_\_\_\_\_

PERMIT HOLDER: \_\_\_\_\_ TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (First, Middle and Last Name, or Business Name) (if a business)

PERMIT HOLDER DATE OF BIRTH (individual) or INCORPORATION (business): \_\_\_\_\_

Use the Supplementary Information Sheet to list names and addresses of owners, partners or officers.

**Privacy Act Statement:** Federal Regulations (at 50 CFR Part 665) authorize collection of this information. This information is used to verify the identity of the applicant(s) and to accurately retrieve confidential records related to federal permits. The primary purpose for requesting the Taxpayer Identification Number is for the collection and reporting on any delinquent amounts arising out of such person's relationship to the government pursuant to the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-134). Personal information is confidential and protected under the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a). Business information may be disclosed to the public.

BUSINESS MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Number, street, apt. no.) (City/Village) (State) (Zip)

BUSINESS PHONE: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ (required) CELL: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Please include the area code for each number)

FAX: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PERMIT APPLICANT: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 [if applicant is an agent, see note 4 below] (Print first, middle and last name) (Signature)

**Additional permit, permit renewal or upgrade, and vessel registration:** Permit holder or applicant fills out "Permit Applicant" information above.  
**Permit transfers:** The transferring permit holder completes Permit Transferor information below and signs, and the person receiving the permit completes and signs the Permit Applicant information above.

PERMIT TRANSFEROR: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Current holder) (Print first and last name) (Signature)

PERMIT NUMBER BEING TRANSFERRED: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please submit the appropriate required documents:**

- 1) Payment for the non-refundable application processing fee, if required,
  - 2) A copy of the vessel's current U.S. Coast Guard Certificate of Documentation (documented vessel) or registration certificate from the state/territorial agency (undocumented vessel) to register a vessel to the permit,
  - 3) Documentation of participation in the American Samoa longline fishery if applying for an Additional Permit, Permit Transfer, or Permit Upgrade, and
  - 4) Signed letter from permit holder authorizing the permit applicant as their agent, if the agent is submitting the application.
- If your application is incomplete, you will be notified by PIRO. You have 30 days from the date of notification to provide required documents, or your application will be considered abandoned. It is prohibited to file false information on an application for a fishing permit (50 CFR 665.15(b)).

**American Samoa  
Pelagic Longline Limited Access Program  
Limited Entry Permit Application**

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SHEET**

Company/Corporation officers, owners, or partners:

NAME	MAILING ADDRESS	PERCENT OWNERSHIP
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Check boxes are for office use only:

- Previous ownership of longline vessel: Vessel Name: \_\_\_\_\_ USCG COD \_\_\_\_\_ or AS Vsl Reg. \_\_\_\_\_
- Vessel used to legally harvest Pacific pelagic management unit species with longline gear in the EEZ around American Samoa.
- Fulfilled Minimum Catch Requirements for Renewal
- Current Protected Species workshop certification (for renewal)

Documented Ownership or Evidence of Work (Participation) on AS Longline Fishing Vessel:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
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_____	_____
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**PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT INFORMATION**

Public reporting burden for this collection is estimated as follows: 45 minutes for American Samoa longline limited access initial permit issuance, renewal, transfer or upgrade; 2 hours for permit appeal. Send comments regarding this burden estimate and any other aspects of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to Regional Administrator, NMFS Pacific Islands Region, 1601 Kapiolani Blvd., Suite 1110, Honolulu, Hawaii 96814-4700.

This information is being collected to ensure accurate and timely records about the persons licensed to participate in fisheries under Federal regulations in the Western Pacific Region. This will enable NMFS and the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council to (a) determine who would be affected by changes in management; (b) inform license holders of changes in fishery regulations; and (c) determine whether the objectives of the fishery program are being achieved by monitoring entry and exit patterns and other regulatory changes on person in the regulated fisheries as well as in related fisheries. Responses to the collection are required to obtain the benefit of a license for the fishery involved (ref. 50 CFR 665.13). Data provided concerning the vessel and/or business of the respondents are handled as confidential under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Sec. 402 (b)). Notwithstanding any other provision of the law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB Control Numbers.

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Institute of Standards and Technology****Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award Panel of Judges**

**AGENCY:** National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of closed meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app., notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Panel of Judges of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award on June 14, 2011. The Panel of Judges is composed of twelve members prominent in the fields of quality, innovation, and performance management and appointed by the Secretary of Commerce, assembled to advise the Secretary of Commerce on the conduct of the Baldrige Award. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss and review information received from the National Institute of Standards and Technology and from the Chair of the Judges Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award. The agenda will include: Overview of the Role of the Judges and Scoring Data Reviewed at the September 2010 Meeting, 2011 Baldrige Award Cycle, Conflict of Interest, Judges' Survey of Applicants, Judging Process Improvement Discussion and Judges' Mentoring Program.

**DATES:** The meeting will convene June 14, 2011, at 9 a.m. and adjourn at 4 p.m. on June 14, 2011. The entire meeting will be closed.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the National Institute of Standards and Technology, Administration Building, Lecture Room D, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Harry Hertz, Director, Baldrige Performance Excellence Program, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899, telephone number (301) 975-2361.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the General Counsel, formally determined on March 7, 2011, that the meeting of the Judges Panel may be closed in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4) because the meeting is likely to disclose trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person which is privileged or confidential and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B) because for a government

agency the meetings are likely to disclose information that could significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action. The meeting, which involves examination of Award applicant data from U.S. companies and other organizations and a discussion of these data as compared to the Award criteria in order to recommend Award recipients, will be closed to the public.

Dated: April 18, 2011.

**Charles H. Romine,**

*Acting Associate Director for Laboratory Programs.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Pacific Islands Region Permit Family of Forms**

**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 June 21, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at [dHynek@doc.gov](mailto:dHynek@doc.gov)).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Walter Ikehara, (808) 944-2275 or [walter.ikehara@noaa.gov](mailto:walter.ikehara@noaa.gov).

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

National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Pacific Islands Region (PIR) manages the U.S. Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) in the western Pacific under five fishery management plans (FMP), prepared by the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) pursuant to the Magnuson-Stevens

Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA). The regulations implementing the FMP are found at 50 CFR part 665.

The permitting requirements at 50 CFR part 665 form the basis for this collection of information. PIR requests information from participants in the fisheries and interested persons. This information is needed for permit issuance, to identify participants in the fisheries, and to help measure impacts of management controls on the participants in the fisheries of the EEZ in the western Pacific.

**II. Method of Collection**

Paper submissions and telephone calls are required from participants. Methods of submittal include mailing and facsimile transmission of paper forms.

**III. Data**

*OMB Control Number:* 0648-0490.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission.

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

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 239.

*Estimated Time per Response:* American Samoa longline limited entry permit, 45 min.; Main Hawaiian Islands longline prohibited area exemptions, 2 hours; all other permit applications, 30 minutes; permit appeals, 2 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 136.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$9,050 (\$8,650 in application fees).

**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: April 19, 2011.

**Gwellnar Banks,**

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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

**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 June 21, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at [dHynek@doc.gov](mailto:dHynek@doc.gov)).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Mi Ae Kim, (301) 713-2276 or [mi.ae.kim@noaa.gov](mailto:mi.ae.kim@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Abstract**

This request is for an extension of a current information collection.

Section 204 of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act and regulations at 50 CFR 600, Subpart F, provide for the issuance of fishing permits to foreign vessels. The information submitted in applications is used to determine whether permits should be issued to authorize directed foreign fishing, participation in joint ventures with United States (U.S.) vessels, or transshipments of fish or fish products within U.S. waters.

**II. Method of Collection**

Paper forms are used.

**III. Data**

*OMB Control Number:* 0648-0089.

*Form Number:* None.

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

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

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 3.

*Estimated Time per Response:* One and one half hours for an application for a directed fishery; 2 hours for a joint venture application; and 45 minutes for a transshipment permit.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden*

*Hours:* 4 hours and 15 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$2,451, including permit fees.

**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: April 19, 2011.

**Gwellnar Banks,**

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

**RIN 0648-XA389**

**Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of a public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Pacific Council) Ad Hoc Salmon Amendment Committee (SAC) will hold a meeting to finalize alternatives and analyses for an

amendment to the Pacific Coast Salmon Fishery Management Plan (FMP) to address the Magnuson-Stevens Act (MSA) requirements for annual catch limits (ACL) and accountability measures (AM). This meeting of the SAC is open to the public.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held Monday, May 16, 2011 from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Tuesday, May 17, 2011 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Pacific Council Office, Large Conference Room, 7700 NE.

Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220-1384; telephone: (503) 820-2280.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Chuck Tracy, Salmon Management Staff Officer, Pacific Fishery Management Council; telephone: (503) 820-2280.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The reauthorized MSA established new requirements to end and prevent overfishing through the use of ACLs and AMs. Federal FMPs must establish mechanisms for ACLs and AMs by 2010 for stocks subject to overfishing and by 2011 for all others, with the exceptions of stocks managed under an international agreement or stocks with a life cycle of approximately one year.

On January 16, 2009, NMFS published amended guidelines for National Standard 1 (NS1) of the MSA to provide guidance on how to comply with new ACL and AM requirements. The NS1 guidelines include recommendations for establishing several related reference points to ensure scientific and management uncertainty are accounted for when management measures are established.

The purpose of this meeting is to finalize alternatives and analyses to address those issues in a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis that will be presented to the Council for final action at its June 2011 meeting in Spokane, WA.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may come before the SAC for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under Section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the intent to take final action to address the emergency.

**Special Accommodations**

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities.