

NOTICE OF OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET ACTION

Date 07/05/2012

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 03/29/2012

ACTION REQUESTED: Revision of a currently approved collection  
TYPE OF REVIEW REQUESTED: Regular  
ICR REFERENCE NUMBER: 201203-0648-003  
AGENCY ICR TRACKING NUMBER:  
TITLE: Permitting and Vessel Identification Requirements For The Commercial Bottomfish Fishery In The Commonwealth Of The Northern Mariana Islands  
LIST OF INFORMATION COLLECTIONS: See next page

OMB ACTION: Approved without change  
OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 0648-0584  
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: 07/31/2015 DISCONTINUE DATE:

BURDEN:	RESPONSES	HOURS	COSTS
Previous	137	84	135
New	132	70	3,636
Difference			
Change due to New Statute	0	0	0
Change due to Agency Discretion	-6	-16	3,500
Change due to Agency Adjustment	1	2	1
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
Permit applications	NA	Federal Fisheries Permit Application Form - Northern Mariana Islands Bottomfish Permit	
Vessel identification			50 CFR 665.16
Permit appeals			50 CFR 665.404

# PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT SUBMISSION

**Please read the instructions before completing this form. For additional forms or assistance in completing this form, contact your agency's Paperwork Clearance Officer. Send two copies of this form, the collection instrument to be reviewed, the supporting statement, and any additional documentation to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Docket Library, Room 10102, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503.**

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

## 19. Certification for Paperwork Reduction Act Submissions

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

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

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

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

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

Signature of Senior Official or designee

Date

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

Signature

Date

Signature of NOAA Clearance Officer

Signature

Date

**SUPPORTING STATEMENT**  
**PERMITTING AND VESSEL IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE**  
**COMMERCIAL BOTTOMFISH FISHERY IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE**  
**NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**  
**OMB CONTROL NO. 0648-0584**

**A. JUSTIFICATION**

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

This request is for revision and extension of a current information collection. We are also changing the title from “Permitting, Vessel Identification and Vessel Monitoring Requirements for the Commercial Bottomfish Fishery in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands” to “Permitting and Vessel Identification Requirements for the Commercial Bottomfish Fishery in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as the Vessel Monitoring requirements are now covered under OMB Control No. 0648-0441, Vessel Monitoring System Requirements in the Western Pacific Pelagic Longline Fishery, American Samoa Longline and CNMI Bottomfish Fisheries.

The [Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act](#) (Magnuson Act) established regional fishery management councils, including the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council), to develop fishery ecosystem plans (FEPs) for fisheries in the United States (U.S.) exclusive economic zone (EEZ). These plans, if approved by the Secretary of Commerce, are implemented by Federal regulations, which are enforced by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the United States Coast Guard (USCG), in cooperation with state agencies to the extent possible. The fishery management plans are intended to regulate fishing to ensure sustained productivity and achievement of optimum yield from the resources for the benefit of the United States.

In 2009, the Council prepared, and the Secretary approved and implemented through regulations at [50 CFR Part 665](#), an amendment to the FEP for the Marianas Archipelago. The regulations require the owners of commercial fishing vessels in the bottomfish fishery in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) to register their vessels to a valid Federal bottomfish permit issued by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). 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.

The Federal vessel identification requirements were created for large commercial fishing vessels to assist in aerial and at-sea enforcement of fishing regulations. The typical CNMI-based commercial bottomfish vessel, however, is not large enough to have the superstructure or deckhouse to support the Federal vessel identification markings. CNMI-based commercial bottomfish vessels less than 40 ft (12.2 m) long and in compliance with CNMI vessel registration and marking requirements are exempt from the Federal vessel identification requirements. Commercial CNMI bottomfish vessels 40 ft or longer are required to be marked in compliance with Federal vessel identification requirements.

**Program Changes:** The vessel monitoring system information collection requirements originally covered in this collection are now included under OMB Control No. 0648-0441, Vessel Monitoring System Requirements in the Western Pacific Pelagic Longline Fishery, American Samoa Longline and CNMI Bottomfish Fisheries. There is also now a \$28 permit fee.

**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.**

*Permits*

Information is collected via a NMFS permit application process. Permits are valid for one calendar year and may be renewed annually. Information from the permit application form will allow NMFS 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., are 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 NOAA Office for Law Enforcement (OLE), the USCG, and the Council.

Permit appeal letters and documents are compiled and submitted by the appellant. No form is used.

*Vessel Identification*

The vessel identification markings will be used by OLE and the USCG to verify that vessels and vessel owners comply with the regulations. The markings enable the OLE and USCG to identify the vessel from aerial and sea-borne enforcement platforms.

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.**

*Permits*

Federal CNMI bottomfish fillable adobe permit applications are available online at [http://www.fpir.noaa.gov/SFD/SFD\\_permits\\_index.html](http://www.fpir.noaa.gov/SFD/SFD_permits_index.html) and from PIRO.

*Vessel Identification*

Vessel identification is done manually.

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

*Permits*

There is no similar CNMI permit requirement for the commercial CNMI bottomfish fishery.

*Vessel Identification*

The information is not duplicative; it is a unique requirement for vessels over 40 feet (12.2 m) participating in the commercial CNMI bottomfish fishery.

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

All respondents are considered small businesses.

Applications are available online to reduce the burden of time spent applying or ordering by mail. They may be downloaded, filled, printed, and then mailed to NMFS. Permits will be issued by NMFS and delivered via U.S. mail.

Vessel identification instructions provided by NMFS are straightforward.

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

*Permits*

Without this collection or if it is collected less frequently, NMFS would be unable to properly evaluate activity, participation, and reporting compliance in the commercial CNMI bottomfish fishery. It would be difficult to monitor the fisheries and their participants, determine entry and exit patterns, and provide information needed to ensure full impact analysis for fisheries management programs. Without this information, enforcement agents would 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.

*Vessel Identification*

Vessel identification and verification of activity via air and surface patrol would be difficult for enforcement agencies.

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

None.

**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 September 27, 2011 (76 FR 59660), solicited public comments on this extension. 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 provided

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

As stated on the permit application form: under Section 402(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, as amended in 2006, and [NOAA Administrative Order 216-100](#), information submitted in accordance with regulatory requirements under the Act is confidential. This includes personal and proprietary information contained in the permits, logbooks and sales reports.

**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 are asked of a sensitive nature.

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

*Permits and Appeals*

NMFS expects a total of 125 permit holders for Federal CNMI bottomfish permits each year. Permit holders are expected to spend 30 minutes annually, whether applying for the first time or renewing their existing permit. Thus, the total collection-of-information burden to fishermen for permit applications is estimated at 62.5 (63) hours per year.

Preparation of a permit appeal is estimated to take 2 hours. Appeals are rare, but for the purpose of this submission, one appeal per year is estimated.

*Vessel Identification*

For the medium and large vessel identification requirements, the burden is estimated at 45 minutes to paint each vessel (15 minutes for each of three locations on the vessel where marking is required). Assuming 6 medium and large bottomfish vessels are active, the total collection-of-information burden estimate is 4.5 (5) hours.

Total hours: 6 vessels x 45 min. per vessel = 5 hours.

*Summary of Response and Hours*

The total number of responses stated above and hours needed is summarized below.

**Total number of responses: 125 applications + 1 appeal + 6 vessel markings = 132.**

**Total number of hours: 63 + 2 + 5 = 70.**

**13. Provide an estimate of the total annual cost burden to the respondents or recordkeepers resulting from the collection (excluding the value of the burden hours in Question 12 above).**

*Permits and Appeal*

There is no start up capital cost for complying with this requirement. The maximum estimated cost to respondents for postage, faxes, copies, etc., related to this collection is \$76 per year, or approximately \$0.60 per response. In addition, there is a permit fee of \$28, a total of \$3,500. Thus, total permit application costs are \$3,576.

*Vessel Identification*

For the medium and large vessel identification requirements, the burden is estimated at about \$10 for paint and supplies to paint each vessel. Assuming six medium and large bottomfish vessels are active, the total collection-of-information burden estimate is \$60.

**Total cost: \$3,636.**

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

*Permits*

The estimated annual cost to the Federal government to process permit applications and issue permits is \$1,563 per year (125 permits x 30 min/permit x \$25/hr).

*Appeal*

Government review of an appeal takes on average 2 hours x \$25 per hour.

*Vessel Identification*

No cost.

**Total cost: \$1,563 + \$50 = \$1,613.**

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

Program Changes:

The vessel monitoring system requirement, formerly a part of this collection, was merged into OMB Control No. 0648-0441 and removed from this collection. This removes 6 responses and 16 burden hours.

There is now a permit fee of \$28. This adds a cost of \$3,500.

Adjustment: Burden for appeals, which had been omitted inadvertently from the previous submission, has now been included. This adds one response, 2 hours and \$1 in reporting/recordkeeping costs.

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

No formal scientific publications based on these collections are planned at this time. NMFS and the Council will use the data (primarily in an aggregated, non-confidential format) for developing management reports and fishery management plan amendments and evaluations. However, subsequent use of the data collected over a series of years may include scientific papers and publications.

**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**

No statistical methods are employed.



**FEDERAL FISHERIES PERMIT APPLICATION FORM**  
 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
 NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION  
 NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE

OMB Control No: 0648-0584  
 Expiration Date: 03/31/2012

**PACIFIC ISLANDS REGION**

**20xx**

**Mail or deliver this application to:**

NMFS Pacific Islands Regional Office  
 ATTN: Permits  
 1601 Kapiolani Blvd., Suite 1110  
 Honolulu, Hawaii 96814-4733  
 Tel: (808) 944-2200; FAX: (808) 973-2940

**NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS COMMERCIAL BOTTOMFISH PERMIT**

Bottomfish and Seamount Groundfish Fisheries of the Western Pacific Region

Please Print Legibly. Items marked with \* are required. Please fill in other items as completely as possible. Note required documents at bottom of page.

\*VESSEL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ \*VESSEL OFFICIAL NO: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (USCG or CNMI number)

\*VESSEL REGISTERED LENGTH: \_\_\_\_\_ (feet) RADIO CALL SIGN: \_\_\_\_\_

\*VESSEL OWNER: \_\_\_\_\_  
 First, Middle, & Last Name or Business Name Taxpayer Identification Number  
 (\*If a business owns the vessel)

\*DATE OF BIRTH (individual) OR INCORPORATION (business): \_\_\_\_\_

**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 TIN 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 vessel owner) (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 Person Submitting Application

\*APPLICANT TITLE:  Vessel owner,  Corp. officer or partner,  Designated agent\*\*, or  Other \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Check only one)

\*Is this application is for a new permit? \_\_\_ or a renewal? \_\_\_

**REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:** You must submit the following with the application form:

- 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 the current vessel owner,
- 2) Payment by check for the non-refundable application processing fee of \$xx, payable to Department of Commerce, NOAA, and
- 3) \*\*A signed letter from the permit holder authorizing the applicant as the agent, if the applicant is acting as an agent for the vessel owner.

**It is prohibited to file false information on any application for a fishing permit (50 CFR § 665.15(b)).**

(side two)

OMB Control No: 0648-0584  
Expiration Date: 03/31/2012

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT INFORMATION

Public reporting burden for this collection is estimated as follows: 30 minutes for CNMI bottomfish permit application 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 NMFS Pacific Islands Regional Administrator, 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 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 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 Number.

## Instructions for Northern Mariana Islands Commercial Bottomfish Permit Application

Please print all information legibly. All items marked with a \* on the form must be completed.

- 1) Vessel Name: Write in the name of the vessel. If the vessel does not have a name, write N/A.
- 2) Vessel Official No.: Write in the USCG documented vessel number or the CNMI boat registration number CM xxxx ss, where xxxx is the number and ss is the suffix. For example, CM 1234 CF.
- 3) Vessel Registered Length: Write in the vessel's length overall in feet, as listed on the USCG document or CNMI boat registration.
- 4) Radio Call Sign: Write in the call sign assigned to your vessel's radio by the FCC, if you have one. It would probably start with a W. If you do not have a call sign, write N/A.
- 5) Vessel Owner: Write in the name of the vessel owner as listed on the USCG document or CNMI boat registration.
- 6) Taxpayer Identification Number: If a business owns the vessel, write in the Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) or Employer Identification Number (EIN) obtained from the U.S. Internal Revenue Service.
- 7) Date of Birth or Incorporation: If an individual owns the vessel, write in the person's full birth date. If a business owns the vessel, write in the full date of incorporation.
- 8) Business Contact: If a business owns the vessel, please write in the name of a person to contact for the business.
- 9) Title: Write in the title or role of the contact in relation to the business, that is, officer, partner, owner, etc.
- 10) Business Mailing Address: Write in the primary mailing address of the vessel owner. This address will be used as the official address of record for all mail to the permit holder. As a business address, it may be disclosed to the public.
- 11) Business Phone: Write in the primary business phone number of the vessel owner.
- 12) Cell Phone, Fax, Email: Please provide additional contact information for the vessel owner.
- 13) Applicant: Print your name and Sign on the line. The applicant must sign the form.
- 14) Applicant Role: Check only one for the role of the applicant in relation to the vessel owner.
- 15) Date: Fill in the date the application was signed.
- 16) New Permit or Renewal?: Check only one box.

Please do not forget to provide the required documents. These include:

- A copy of the vessel's current USCG Certificate of Documentation or CNMI boat registration.
- Payment by check for the non-refundable application processing fee of \$xx. Please make check payable to "Department of Commerce, NOAA." Cash will not be accepted.
- If the Applicant is not the vessel owner, a signed letter from the vessel owner authorizing the applicant to act as an agent for the vessel owner is required.

Mail the application with payment and all required documents to:

NMFS Pacific Islands Regional Office  
ATTN: Permits  
1601 Kapiolani Blvd., Suite 1110  
Honolulu, HI 96814-4733

business Thursday, October 13, 2011. Non-U.S. citizens must also submit their country of citizenship, title, employer/sponsor, and address. Ms. Shaw's e-mail address is [stephanie.shaw@nist.gov](mailto:stephanie.shaw@nist.gov) and her phone number is 301-975-2667.

Dated: September 20, 2011.

**Willie E. May,**

*Associate Director for Laboratory Programs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Permitting, Vessel Identification, and Vessel Monitoring System Requirements for the Commercial Bottomfish Fishery in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

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

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before November 28, 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

This request is for a revision and extension of a currently approved information collection (the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is now requiring a permit fee).

NMFS requires that owners of commercial fishing vessels in the bottomfish fishery in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) obtain a federal

bottomfish permit. If their vessels are over 40 ft. (12.2 m) long, they must also mark their vessels in compliance with federal identification requirements and carry and maintain a satellite-based vessel monitoring system (VMS). This collection of information is needed for permit issuance, to identify actual or potential participants in the fishery, and aid in enforcement of regulations and area closures.

##### II. Method of Collection

Respondents have a choice of either electronic or paper forms. Methods of submittal include e-mail of electronic forms, and mail and facsimile transmission of paper forms. VMS data are collected electronically and automatically.

##### III. Data

*OMB Control Number:* 0648-0584.

*Form Number:* None.

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

*Affected Public:* Not-for-profit institutions; state, local, or tribal government; business or other for-profit organizations.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 125 total; 6 medium-large vessels (over 40 ft).

*Estimated Time per Response:* Permit applications and renewals, 30 minutes; vessel identification, 45 minutes; initial VMS installation, 2 hours; VMS maintenance, 2 hours annually.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 84.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$4,385.

##### 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: September 21, 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; National Marine Sanctuary Permits

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

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

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before November 28, 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 Vicki Wedell, 301-713-7237 or [Vicki.Wedell@noaa.gov](mailto:Vicki.Wedell@noaa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

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

National Marine Sanctuary regulations at 15 CFR part 922 list specific activities that are prohibited in national marine sanctuaries. These regulations also state that otherwise prohibited activities are permissible if a permit is issued by the Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (ONMS). Persons desiring a permit must submit an application, and anyone obtaining a permit is generally required to submit one or more reports on the activity allowed under the permit.

The recordkeeping and reporting requirements at 15 CFR part 922 form the basis for this collection of information. This information is required by ONMS to protect and