

NOTICE OF OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET ACTION

Date 08/10/2012

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 05/07/2012

ACTION REQUESTED: Extension without change of a currently approved collection
TYPE OF REVIEW REQUESTED: Regular
ICR REFERENCE NUMBER: 201204-0648-007
AGENCY ICR TRACKING NUMBER:
TITLE: Permitting, Vessel Identification, and Reporting Requirements for Deepwater Shrimp Fisheries in the Western Pacific Region
LIST OF INFORMATION COLLECTIONS: See next page

OMB ACTION: Approved without change
OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 0648-0586
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: 08/31/2015 DISCONTINUE DATE:

BURDEN:	RESPONSES	HOURS	COSTS
Previous	1,020	180	660
New	520	96	432
Difference			
Change due to New Statute	0	0	0
Change due to Agency Discretion	0	0	0
Change due to Agency Adjustment	-500	-84	-228
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
Deepwater Shrimp Permit Application	NA	Western Pacific Crustaceans Permit Application	50 CFR 665
Shrimp logbooks	NA	Western Pacific Crustacean Daily Catch Report Log	50 CFR 665
Vessel identification			50 CFR 665.16

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
PERMITTING, VESSEL IDENTIFICATION, AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS
FOR DEEPWATER SHRIMP FISHERIES IN THE WESTERN PACIFIC REGION
OMB CONTROL NO. 0648-0586**

This request is for extension of the current information collection.

A. JUSTIFICATION

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

[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 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) Fisheries Office for Law Enforcement (OLE) and the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG), in cooperation with State agencies to the extent possible. The fishery ecosystem plans are intended to regulate fishing to ensure sustained productivity and achievement of optimum yield from the resources for the benefit of the U.S.

Vessel owners who use their vessels to fish for deepwater shrimp (*Heterocarpus* spp.) are required under Federal regulations ([50 CFR Part 665](#)) to obtain a Federal permit, identify their vessels with specified markings, and submit Federal logbooks to the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS).

The information collected is used to document fishing activities and landings, to determine the condition of the stocks, to assess the effectiveness of management measures, to evaluate the benefits and costs of changes in management measures, and to monitor and respond to accidental takes of endangered and threatened species, including seabirds, sea turtles, and marine mammals.

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 OLE, USCG, and the Council.

Logbooks

The completed logbook forms are required to be submitted to NMFS by vessel owners or operators within 72 hours after the end of each fishing trip. The reporting requirements provide the information needed by NMFS and the Council to regulate and monitor the fisheries managed under the FMP and to evaluate the effectiveness of management by assessing the status of stocks and the status of the fisheries. The information provides a basis for determining whether changes in management are needed to sustain the productivity of the stocks. The information is also used to provide the basis for evaluating the magnitude and distribution of impacts resulting from changes to the regulations. Information from the logbooks is used by fishery and enforcement officials of NMFS and USCG to monitor compliance with fishing regulations and reporting requirements.

Vessel Identification

In the domestic western Pacific region fisheries regulated under 50 CFR Part 665, the vessel's official number is required to be displayed on the port and starboard sides of the deckhouse or hull, and on an appropriate weather deck. It identifies each vessel and should be visible at distances at sea and in the air. The requirements generally affect vessels registered to permits for pelagic fisheries, crustacean fisheries, bottomfish and seamount groundfish fisheries, and precious coral fisheries in the western Pacific region. Regulations in 50 CFR Part 665.16 specify the requirements for the vessel identification.

The identification number provides law enforcement personnel with a means to monitor fishing, at-sea processing, and other related activities, to ascertain whether the vessel's observed activities are in accordance with those authorized for that vessel. The information is strictly for enforcement purpose or use by NMFS internally in situations involving damage, loss, and civil proceedings.

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 and Logbooks

At this time, the information will be collected on paper forms and does not require any knowledge of automated, electronic, mechanical or other forms of information technology. However, fillable permit application forms may be downloaded from http://www.fpir.noaa.gov/SFD/SFD_permits_index.html for completion, printing and mailing.

Vessel Identification

Vessel identification is done manually.

4. Describe efforts to identify duplication.

Permits

There is no similar Crustaceans FMP deepwater shrimp permit requirement for vessels fishing in EEZ waters of the western Pacific region.

Logbooks

There is no similar comprehensive catch and effort reporting program for deepwater shrimp vessels fishing in EEZ waters of the western Pacific region.

NMFS carefully considered whether there were 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.

Vessel Identification

The information is not duplicative; it is a unique requirement for vessels registered to a Federal crustaceans fishing permit in the western Pacific region.

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

Federal crustaceans FMP deepwater shrimp permit applications are available online at or by contacting the Sustainable Fisheries permits program at NMFS Pacific Islands Regional Office, to reduce the burden of time spent applying or ordering by mail. Applications may be downloaded, printed, and then mailed to NMFS. Permits will be issued by NMFS and delivered via U.S. mail.

Logbook and instructions are provided by NMFS via U.S. mail with issued Pacific Crustacean FMP deepwater shrimp permits to reduce time spent obtaining forms via an office visit. The Fisheries Monitoring Branch at the Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center in Honolulu may be contacted in writing by email, fax, or mail to answer questions about filling out the logsheets or sales reports. Contact information will be provided with the logbook.

Vessel identification instructions provided by NMFS are straightforward and the task of applying the identification marks is simple to minimize the burden of meeting the requirements.

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 will be unable to properly evaluate activity, participation, and reporting compliance in the western Pacific commercial deepwater shrimp fishery. It will 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 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.

Logbooks

Logbook reporting is needed in the western Pacific deepwater shrimp fishery to achieve an accurate count of the effort level, amount of harvest, and volume in this fishery.

Vessel Identification

Vessel identification and verification of activity via air and surface patrol would be difficult for enforcement agencies without the markings.

Without the information collected by means of the permit applications, logbook reports and, vessel identification, NMFS and the Council would be unable to determine whether management is achieving the objectives of the FMP and the Magnuson-Stevens Act.

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 (76 FR 78615), published on December 19, 2011, solicited public comments on this submission. No substantive comments on the proposed collection of information 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 forms, under Section 402(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, 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 and logbooks. Although the vessel identification number is not confidential it will not be disseminated to the public.

A Privacy Act System of Records Notice, COMMERCE/NOAA #19, Permits and Registrations for United States Federally Regulated Fisheries, was published in the Federal Register on April 17, 2008 and became effective on June 11, 2008. An update is now in process.

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

NMFS expects to receive up to 10 permit applications or renewals for commercial deepwater permits each year. Applicants are expected to spend 30 minutes completing the application, and renewing a permit would require an additional 30 minutes annually. Thus, the total burden to fishermen for permit applications is estimated at 5 hours per year.

Logbooks

NMFS estimates that the time requirement for completing Federal catch reports to be approximately 10 minutes per vessel per fishing day. Assuming that 10 vessels make 50 trips per year, the program would generate up to 500 daily fishing logsheets per year. Thus, the total collection-of-information burden estimate for fishing data reporting is estimated at 83 hours per year.

Total number of logsheets: 10 vessels x 50 trips = 500 logsheets per year

Total hours: 500 logsheets x 10 min per logsheet = 83 hours per year

Vessel Identification

For the vessel identification requirements, the burden is estimated at 45 minutes to paint each vessel. Assuming 10 vessels are active, the total collection-of-information burden estimate is 7.5 (8) hours (45/60 x 10).

Summary of Responses and Burden

Total Responses: 10 applications + 500 logsheets + 10 markings = 520

Total Burden Hours: 5 + 83 + 8 = 96.

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).

There is no startup capital cost for complying with this requirement. Paper forms provided by NMFS will be used by the respondents for providing information. Electronic forms are an option

that will be provided later, but would be voluntary on the respondent's part and presumably would be used only if the respondent already possessed the requisite equipment. The maximum estimated cost to respondents for postage, faxes, copies, etc., related to this collection is \$332 per year, or about \$0.65 per response, for permit and logbook costs.

For the vessel identification requirements, the cost is estimated at about \$10 for paint and supplies to paint each vessel, or a total of \$100 annually.

Total annual costs: \$332 + \$100 = \$432.

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

Permits and Logbooks

The estimated annual cost to the Federal government to administer this collection of information is up to \$2,660.

This includes: 1) the cost to process permit applications and issue permits at \$100 per year (10 permits x 30 min/permit x \$20/hr), 2) printing daily catch and effort logsheet forms at \$60 per year (500 logsheets and sales reports x \$0.12 per sheet), and 3) processing of log forms at \$2,500 per year, which is calculated by the cost of staff time for receiving and entering logsheet form data (500 logsheets x 15 min/logsheet x \$20/hr).

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

The original estimate of 100 trips (logsheets) per permit holder was too high. It was revised to 50 logsheets per permit holder, yielding adjustments in responses, burden and cost: 500 fewer responses, 84 fewer hours and \$325. However, due to postage increases, the net decrease in costs overall was only \$228.

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.

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No statistical methods are employed.



No. _____

OMB Control No. 0648-0586
Expiration Date: 05/31/2012NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE
PACIFIC ISLANDS REGION

WESTERN PACIFIC CRUSTACEAN DAILY CATCH REPORT LOG

Name of Vessel: _____ Crustacean Permit No. _____

Number of Crew: _____ Start Latitude: _____ Start Longitude: _____

Wave Height: 0-2 ft. 2-4 ft. 4-6 ft. 6-8 ft. 8-10 ft. 10-15 ft. >15 ft.

Depth of set (fathoms): _____ Sea Surface Temp. (°F): _____ Wind Speed (knots): _____

Date Gear Set: _____ Time Begin Set (24 hr clock): _____ # Traps Set: _____

Date Gear Haul: _____ Time End Haul (24 hr clock): _____ # Traps Haul: _____

Traps Lost: _____

CATCH INFORMATION

Species	NUMBER KEPT		NUMBER DISCARDED	
	Non-berried	Berried	Non-Berried	Berried
Spiny Lobster (specify species)				
Slipper Lobster (specify species)				
Deepwater Shrimp (<i>Heterocarpus spp.</i>) (specify species)				
Kona Crab (<i>Ranina ranina</i>)				
Octopus				
Other (specify species)				
Other (specify species)				

PROTECTED SPECIES OBSERVATIONS

(enter seal and turtle numbers; identify "Other" in appropriate box)	Monk Seal	Turtle	Other
Observed in area			
Observed in vicinity of gear			
Interfering with fishing operations			
Preying on released lobsters			
Entangled and released alive			
Entangled and released dead			

Logged by Vessel Captain: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____ Signature: _____

Submit report to: NMFS Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center, ATTN: FMAP, 2570 Dole Street, Honolulu, HI 96822.

Western Pacific Crustacean Daily Catch Report

Paperwork Reduction Act Information:

Public reporting burden for this collection is estimated at 10 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, 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 this burden, to Regional Administrator, NMFS Pacific Islands Region, 1601 Kapiolani Blvd., Suite 1110, Honolulu, HI 96814-4700.

This information is being collected to ensure accurate and timely records about the fishing activity of persons licensed to participate in fisheries under Federal regulations in the western Pacific region. This will enable the National Marine Fisheries Service and the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council to (a) determine how those persons would be affected by changes in management; (b) ensure that they are informed about prospective changes in fishery regulations and the analysis of estimated impacts; and (c) determine whether the objectives of the fishery program are being achieved by monitoring the fishery and evaluating the impacts on stocks, the fishery participants, and related businesses. 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 activities and 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 PERMIT APPLICATION FORM

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

OMB Control No: 0648-0586

Expires: 05/31/2012

PACIFIC ISLANDS REGION

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NMFS

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Mail or deliver this application to:

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

WESTERN PACIFIC CRUSTACEANS PERMIT

Crustacean 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.

*PERMIT TYPE: Lobster OR Deepwater Shrimp (\$xx non-refundable processing fee for shrimp permit only)
(check only one)

*PERMIT AREA: 1. Northwestern Hawaiian Islands OR 2. Main Hawaiian Islands (cannot have both)
(Limited Entry permit required for Lobster in Permit Area 1)
 3. American Samoa, Guam and Northern Mariana Islands; 4. Pacific Remote Island Areas

*VESSEL NAME: _____ *VESSEL OFFICIAL NO: _____
(USCG or vessel registration number)

*VESSEL LENGTH OVERALL: _____ (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, Corporate officer or partner, Designated agent, or Other _____
(Check only one)

*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 \$27 for the deepwater shrimp permit application, 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)).

Expires:

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT INFORMATION

Public reporting burden for this collection is estimated as follows: 30 minutes for the WP crustaceans 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.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration**

[C-533-853, C-523-802, C-520-806, C-552-810]

Circular Welded Carbon-Quality Steel Pipe From India, the Sultanate of Oman, the United Arab Emirates, and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam: Postponement of Preliminary Determinations in the Countervailing Duty Investigations

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

DATES: *Effective Date:* December 19, 2011.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Joshua Morris, AD/CVD Operations, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-1779.

Background

On November 15, 2011, the Department of Commerce (the "Department") initiated countervailing duty investigations of circular welded carbon-quality steel pipe ("certain steel pipe") from India, the Sultanate of Oman ("Oman"), the United Arab Emirates ("the UAE"), and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam ("Vietnam"). See *Circular Welded Carbon-Quality Steel Pipe From India, the Sultanate of Oman, the United Arab Emirates, and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam: Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigations*, 76 FR 72173 (November 22, 2011). Currently, the preliminary determinations are due no later than January 19, 2012.

Postponement of Due Date for Preliminary Determinations

On December 6, 2011, the Department received a request from Wheatland Tube (one of the petitioners in these investigations) to postpone the preliminary determinations of the countervailing duty investigations of certain steel pipe from India, Oman, the UAE, and Vietnam. Under section 703(c)(1)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"), the Department may extend the period for reaching a preliminary determination in a countervailing duty investigation until no later than the 130th day after the date on which the administering authority initiates an investigation if the petitioner makes a timely request. In accordance with 19 CFR 351.205(e), Wheatland Tube's request for

postponement of the preliminary determinations was made 25 days or more before the scheduled date of the preliminary determinations. Thus, we are fully extending the due date for the preliminary determinations to no later than 130 days after the day on which the investigations were initiated (*i.e.*, March 24, 2012). However, March 24, 2012, falls on a Saturday and it is the Department's long-standing practice to issue a determination the next business day when the statutory deadline falls on a weekend, federal holiday, or any other day when the Department is closed. See *Notice of Clarification: Application of "Next Business Day" Rule for Administrative Determination Deadlines Pursuant to the Tariff Act of 1930, As Amended*, 70 FR 24533 (May 10, 2005). Accordingly, the deadline for completion of the preliminary determinations is now no later than March 26, 2012.

This notice is issued and published pursuant to section 703(c)(2) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(e).

Dated: December 12, 2011.

Paul Piquado,

Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Permitting, Vessel Identification, and Reporting Requirements for Deepwater Shrimp Fisheries in the Western Pacific Region

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 February 17, 2012.

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).

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.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Abstract**

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

Under the Code of Federal Regulations in Title 50, Part 665, all vessel owners who fish for deepwater shrimp (*Heterocarpus* spp.), or land these species in ports, in the western Pacific region must obtain a Federal permit from the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). They must also mark their vessels for identification. Vessel operators must submit NMFS logbook reports of their fishing activity to NMFS within 72 hours of the end of each fishing trip.

The information collected is used to identify participants in the fishery, document fishing activities and landings, determine the conditions of the stocks, assess the effectiveness of management measures, evaluate the benefits and costs of changes in management measures, and monitor and respond to accidental takes of protected species, including seabirds, turtles, and marine mammals.

Vessel owners must identify their vessels to assist in aerial and at-sea enforcement of fishing regulations.

The currently approved permit application, vessel identification, and logbook reporting requirements are being renewed without change.

II. Method of Collection

Respondents submit paper forms for permit applications and logbook reports to NMFS. Permits are valid for one calendar year and may be renewed annually. Logbook forms provided by NMFS are completed by the vessel operator and submitted to NMFS no later than 72 hours after the end of the trip. Methods of submittal at this time include mail, email and facsimile transmission of paper forms. In the future, email of electronic forms or online access to web-based forms will be available.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648-0586.

Form Number: None.

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

Affected Public: Individuals or households, businesses or other for-profit organizations, and not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 10.

Estimated Time per Response: Permit application, 30 minutes; logbook report, 10 minutes per vessel per fishing day; vessel identification, 45 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 180.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$930 in application fees, identification, mailing, faxing, and copying 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: December 13, 2011.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal Nos. 11-46]

36(b)(1) Arms Sales Notification

AGENCY: Defense Security Cooperation Agency, Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense is publishing the unclassified text of a section 36(b)(1) arms sales notification. This is published to fulfill the requirements of section 155 of Public Law 104-164 dated 21 July 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. B. English, DSCA/DBO/CFM, (703) 601-3740.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittals 11-46 with attached transmittal, policy justification, and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: December 13, 2011.

Morgan F. Park,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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