

NOTICE OF OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET ACTION

Date 02/10/2014

Department of Commerce
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

FOR CERTIFYING OFFICIAL: Simon Szykman

FOR CLEARANCE OFFICER: Jennifer Jessup

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, OMB has taken action on your request received 02/07/2014

ACTION REQUESTED: No material or nonsubstantive change to a currently approved collection

TYPE OF REVIEW REQUESTED: Regular

ICR REFERENCE NUMBER: 201402-0648-004

AGENCY ICR TRACKING NUMBER:

TITLE: Pacific Halibut Fisheries: Charter Permits

LIST OF INFORMATION COLLECTIONS: See next page

OMB ACTION: Approved without change

OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 0648-0592

The agency is required to display the OMB Control Number and inform respondents of its legal significance in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.5(b).

EXPIRATION DATE: 01/31/2015

DISCONTINUE DATE:

BURDEN:	RESPONSES	HOURS	COSTS
Previous	1,312	2,160	4,936
New	1,312	2,160	4,936
Difference			
Change due to New Statute	0	0	0
Change due to Agency Discretion	0	0	0
Change due to Agency Adjustment	0	0	0
Change due to PRA Violation	0	0	0

TERMS OF CLEARANCE: Terms of the previous clearance remain in effect.

OMB Authorizing Official: Dominic J. Mancini
Acting Deputy Administrator,
Office Of Information And Regulatory Affairs

List of ICs

IC Title	Form No.	Form Name	CFR Citation
Application for charter halibut permit	NA	Application for charter halibut permit	
Application for transfer of charter halibut permit	NA	Application to transfer charter halibut permit	
Application for military recreational permit	NA	Application for military permit	
Appeals			50 CFR 679.43
Application for Transfer Between IFQ and GAF	NA	Application for Transfer (Lease) between IFQ and Guided Angler Fish	

**JUSTIFICATION FOR CHANGE
ALASKA PACIFIC HALIBUT FISHERIES:
CHARTER PERMITS
OMB CONTROL NO. 0648-0592**

JUSTIFICATION: This change request is necessary to modify one transfer form by removing unneeded questions.

NMFS implemented a catch sharing plan (CSP) for the Pacific halibut guided sport charter and IFQ commercial fisheries in waters of IPHC Regulatory Areas 2C (Southeast Alaska) and 3A (Central Gulf of Alaska). Regulations that implement this collection-of-information are found at 50 CFR part 300.60-.66 and at 50 CFR 679.5.

To provide flexibility for individual commercial and guided sport fishery participants, the CSP authorized annual transfers of commercial halibut quota to qualified guided sport halibut business owners for harvest in the guided sport fishery.

The application for transfer of Guided Angler Fish (GAF) is revised by reformatting and revising instructions for greater clarity. In addition, a question is removed that asks whether the fees for the transferor and transferee were paid; this question is not necessary because the information is available through other data submission.

Application for Transfer between IFQ and GAF

The halibut CSP authorized a supplemental, individual use of commercial IFQ by qualified charter halibut permit holders and charter vessel anglers in Area 2C and Area 3A. CHP holders in these areas could receive commercial halibut IFQ by transfer as GAF. The transfer is effective for the current fishing season only, so transfers of IFQ to GAF would not be a permanent transfer of commercial halibut IFQ to the charter sector.

The application for transfer of GAF is available on the NMFS Alaska Region website at <http://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/ram/default.htm>. The application may be submitted by mail, fax, or by hand delivery. Electronic submittals other than facsimile will not be accepted.

The revisions to this application are not expected to change burden or costs.

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT CHANGE WORKSHEET

Agency/Subagency	OMB Control Number _____ - _____	
<i>Enter only items that change</i>		
	Current record	New record
Agency form number (s)		
Annual reporting and recordkeeping hour burden		
Number of respondents		
Total annual responses		
Percent of these responses collected electronically	%	%
Total annual hours		
Difference		
Explanation of difference		
Program change		
Adjustment		
Annual reporting and recordkeeping cost burden (in thousands of dollars)		
Total annualized Capital/Startup costs		
Total annual costs (O&M)		
Total annualized cost requested		
Difference		
Explanation of difference		
Program change		
Adjustment		
Other changes**		
Signature of Senior Official or designee:	Date:	For OIRA Use _____ _____

** This form cannot be used to extend an expiration date.

CHARTER HALIBUT LIMITED ACCESS PROGRAM	APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER (LEASE) Between Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) And Guided Angler Fish (GAF)	U.S. Dept. of Commerce/NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Restricted Access Management (RAM) P.O. Box 21668 Juneau, AK 99802-1668 (800) 304-4846 toll free / 586-7202 in Juneau (907) 586-7354 fax	
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This application form is for use in transferring 2C or 3A commercial individual fishing quota (IFQ) for use as guided angler fish (GAF) by persons holding charter halibut permits for areas 2C or 3A. This form should also be used to return unused GAF to the IFQ permit holder from which it was obtained.

- NMFS will not approve any Application for Transfer Between IFQ and GAF before annual IFQ is issued.
- NMFS will not approve any Application for Transfer Between IFQ and GAF one month prior to the close of the commercial IFQ fishing season.
- NMFS will accept Applications to return GAF to IFQ from August 1 to August 31st only. NMFS will automatically return all unused GAF to the IFQ permit holder on or about 15 calendar days prior to the closing of the commercial halibut fishing season.
- The IFQ permit holder is responsible for all cost recovery fees resulting from the GAF harvested as a result of this transfer. Unused GAF will be returned to the IFQ permit holder from which they were obtained; no fees will be assessed for any unused GAF unless it is later harvested by the IFQ permit holder.
- GAF may not be transferred to any other person or for use as GAF by any other person other than the one identified on the GAF permit issued as a result of this transfer.

ATTACHMENTS

Use this block to determine what information must be included with your transfer. Please check each applicable box below to ensure that your application is complete and can be processed in a timely manner.

- Completed Application
- Copy of IFQ permit (s) enclosed
- Copy of Charter Halibut Permit (Transferee receiving GAF must have a valid Charter Halibut Permit)
- Power of Attorney (if applicable)

BLOCK A - IDENTIFICATION OF TRANSFEROR (LESSOR)

1. Name of Transferor:		2. NMFS Person ID:	
3. Permanent Business Mailing Address:		4. Temporary Business Mailing Address:	
5. Business Telephone Number:	6. Business Fax Number:	7. E-mail Address:	

CERTIFICATION OF PROPOSED TRANSFEREE

Under penalty of perjury, I certify by my signature below that I have examined the information and the claims provided on this application and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information presented hereon is true, correct, and complete.

1. Signature of Transferee:	2. Date:
3. Printed Name of Transferee: (If authorized representative, attach authorization):	

PUBLIC REPORTING BURDEN STATEMENT

Public reporting for this collection of information is estimated to average 1.5 hours per response, including the time for reviewing the instructions, searching the existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to Assistant Regional Administrator, Sustainable Fisheries Division, NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Before completing this form please note the following: 1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information, subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB Control Number; 2) This information is mandatory and is required to manage commercial fishing efforts under 50 CFR part 680, under section 402(a) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act (16 U.S.C. 1801, *et seq.*); 3) Responses to this information request are confidential under section 402(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act as amended in 2006. They are also confidential under NOAA Administrative Order 216-100, which sets forth procedures to protect confidentiality of fishery statistics.

<p style="text-align: center;">Instructions Application For Transfer (Lease) Between Individual Fishing Quota(IFQ) and Guided Angler Fish (GAF)</p>
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GENERAL INFORMATION

This application form is for use in transferring 2C or 3A commercial individual fishing quota (IFQ) for use as guided angler fish (GAF) by persons holding charter halibut permits for areas **2C or 3A**

Note:

- NMFS will not approve any Application for Transfer Between IFQ and GAF before annual IFQ is issued.
- NMFS will not approve any Application for Transfer Between IFQ and GAF one month prior to the close of the commercial IFQ fishing season.
- NMFS will accept Applications to return GAF to IFQ from August 1 to August 31st only. NMFS will automatically return all unused GAF to the IFQ permit holder on or about 15 calendar days prior to the closing of the commercial halibut fishing season.

This application may only be used to apply for a transfer of IFQ for the current Halibut fishing year. NMFS will notify the transferor and transferee once the application has been received and approved. A transfer is not effective until approved by NMFS.

This application cannot be processed or approved unless both parties to the proposed transfer have met all the requirements and conditions of the IFQ Program, including (as appropriate):

- The transferee requesting GAF must hold a valid Charter Halibut Permit (this includes community charter halibut permit or military charter halibut permit).
- Neither party to the transfer has any outstanding fines, civil penalties or other payments due and owing, or outstanding permit sanctions.
- A Transfer of IFQ to GAF will not be approved if it would cause the parties to exceed the use limits in 50 CFR 300.65(c)(5)(i)(G)(3) or 50 CFR 679.42(e) or (f).
- Payment of all outstanding fees to NMFS

Note: The IFQ permit holder is responsible for all cost recovery fees resulting from the GAF harvested as a result of this transfer. Unused GAF will returned to the IFQ permit holder from which they were obtained; no fees will be assessed for any unused GAF unless it is harvested by the IFQ permit holder prior to the close of the current fishing year. The GAF cost recovery fees will be charged at the same percentage rate as the commercial IFQ fees. GAF fees will be calculated using a standard price established for IPHC areas 2C and 3A using annual commercial IFQ values provided by annually by IFQ Registered Buyers. This standard value may not be challenged (i.e. actual values may not be substituted).

ADDITIONALLY

- ◆ Print information in the application legibly in ink or type information.
- ◆ Retain a copy of completed application for your records.
- ◆ Do not wait until right before an opening to apply for your permit, as you may not receive it on time. Please **allow up to ten working days** for a transfer application to be reviewed, processed, and approved; the parties will be notified upon approval or disapproval of the transfer.
- ◆ Submit the completed application:

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

By fax to RAM at: **907-586-7354**

Or by courier to: **NOAA Fisheries
Alaska Region (NMFS/RAM)
Federal Building
709 W. 9th Street, Suite 713
Juneau, Alaska 99801**

Items will be sent to you by first class mail, unless you provide alternate instructions and include a prepaid mailer with appropriate postage or a corporate account number for express delivery. Additional information is available from RAM, as follows:

Website: <http://www.alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/ram/default.htm>

Telephone (toll free): 800-304-4846 (press “2”)

Telephone (in Juneau): 907-586-7202 (press “2”)

e-Mail: RAM.Alaska@noaa.gov

COMPLETING THE FORM

BLOCK A – IDENTIFICATION OF TRANSFEROR (or current holder)

1. Enter the full name of the person who intends to transfer the annual IFQ to another person.
2. Enter transferor’s NMFS Person ID.
3. Enter the transferor’s permanent business mailing address.
4. Enter the transferor’s temporary business mailing address (this is the address, if different from #4, to which the applicant wishes materials to be sent).
- 5 - 7. Enter the transferor’s business telephone number, business fax number, and e-mail address.

BLOCK B – IDENTIFICATION OF TRANSFEREE (or receiver)

1. Enter the full name of the person who intends to receive by transfer the annual IFQ.
2. Enter transferor’s NMFS Person ID.
3. Enter the transferor’s permanent business mailing address.

4. Enter the transferor's temporary business mailing address (this is the address, if different from #3, to which the applicant wishes materials to be sent).
- 5 - 7. Enter the transferor's business telephone number, business fax number, and e-mail address.

BLOCK C -- IDENTIFICATION OF IFQ AND/OR GAF TO BE TRANSFERRED

- Enter the IFQ permit number of the 2C or 3A halibut quota share holder
- Enter the International Pacific Halibut (IPHC) management area for the IFQ permit
- Enter the Charter Halibut Permit number of the transferee requesting a guided angler fish (GAF)
- Enter the GAF Permit number, if applicable, for a transfer of GAF back to the IFQ Permit holder
- Enter the number of GAF requested in this transfer, expressed as number of fish not pounds of fish.

Note: The number of GAF requested will be deducted from or added to the annual IFQ permit in round weight equivalent pounds. See annual conversation table to determine the number of pounds that will be added or subtracted from the annual IFQ permit. The conversion rate cannot be challenged.

BLOCKS D AND E – CERTIFICATION OF TRANSFEROR AND TRANSFEREE

Print name, sign, and enter date of signature of both the transferor and transferee. Note, that if an authorized representative is completing the form, full authorization must be attached.