

NOTICE OF OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET ACTION

Date 12/04/2012

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 12/04/2012

ACTION REQUESTED: Revision of a currently approved collection

TYPE OF REVIEW REQUESTED: Regular

ICR REFERENCE NUMBER: 201212-0648-002

AGENCY ICR TRACKING NUMBER:

TITLE: Transshipment Requirements Under the WCPFC

LIST OF INFORMATION COLLECTIONS: See next page

OMB ACTION: Approved without change

OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 0648-0649

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: 11/30/2015

DISCONTINUE DATE:

BURDEN:	RESPONSES	HOURS	COSTS
Previous	0	0	0
New	1,028	649	1,028
Difference			
Change due to New Statute	0	0	0
Change due to Agency Discretion	1,028	649	1,028
Change due to Agency Adjustment	0	0	0
Change due to PRA Violation	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
Pacific Transshipment Declaration Form	NA	Pacific Transshipment Declaration Form	
Notice for high seas transshipment or emergency transshipment			50 CFR 300.216
Pre-Trip Notification for Observer Placement			50 CFR 300.215
Notice of Entry or Exit for Eastern SMA			50 CFR 300.226
Purse Seine Discard Form	NA	U.S. Purse Seine Discard Form	

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT SUBMISSION

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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
TRANSSHIPMENT REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE WCPFC
OMB CONTROL NO. 0648-xxxx**

A. JUSTIFICATION

This is a resubmission of a request for a new information collection, in conjunction with the final rule 0648-BA85. No changes were made based on public comments on the proposed rule (see Question 8).

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

Under the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Convention Implementation Act ([WCPFCIA](#); 16 U.S.C. § 6901 *et seq.*), the Secretary of Commerce has the authority to develop and implement regulations to carry out the obligations of the United States as a Contracting Party to the Convention on the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean (Convention) and a Member of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC). The Convention, which established the WCPFC, provides for the conservation and management of target stocks, non-target species, and species belonging to the same ecosystem or dependent upon or associated with the target stocks.

As a Contracting Party to the Convention and a member of the WCPFC, the United States is obligated to implement the Conservation and Management Measures (CMMs) adopted by the WCPFC. The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has been delegated the responsibility for implementing CMMs and other decisions of the WCPFC via rulemaking.

In December 2009, the WCPFC adopted CMM 2009-06¹, “Conservation and Management Measure on the Regulation of Transshipment”. Specific obligations under CMM 2009-06 include the following: (1) require operators of vessels that offload or receive transshipments, at sea or in port, to provide specific information detailing the location of transshipment and particular products being transshipped; (2) require that notice be submitted to the WCPFC at least 36 hours prior to each transshipment on the high seas in the area of application of the Convention (Convention Area) or at least 36 hours prior to each transshipment on the high seas of fish caught in the Convention Area and transshipped on the high seas elsewhere, and within 12 hours of the completion of the transshipment in the case of an emergency transshipment that would otherwise be prohibited; and (3) require that observers be carried on vessels to monitor transshipments, with the specific observer requirements depending on the length of the receiving vessel and the type of fish being transferred.

The provisions of CMM 2009-06 apply to all transshipments that take place in the WCPFC Convention Area of any highly migratory fish species (HMS) covered by the Convention, as well as all transshipments of HMS taken in the Convention Area that take place outside that area. Among the objectives of the CMM is to establish procedures to obtain and verify data on the quantity and species transshipped in the Convention Area to ensure accurate reporting of catches, so that stock assessments of HMS include better data. The CMM is premised on the recognition

¹ All CMMs may be found at this link: <http://www.wcpfc.int/conservation-and-management-measures>

that unregulated and unreported transshipment of catches of HMS at sea contributes to inaccurate reporting of the catches of such stocks, and supports illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing activities.

In December 2010, the WCPFC adopted CMM 2010-02, “Conservation and Management Measure for the Eastern High-Seas Pocket Special Management Area.” This measure applies to the area of the high seas bounded by the Exclusive Economic Zones of the Cook Islands to the west, French Polynesia to the east and Kiribati to the north, and requires HMS vessels to submit reports with specific information, including catch data, at least six hours prior to entry and no later than six hours prior to exiting this area of the high seas. The measure seeks to reduce IUU fishing.

CMM 2009-02 “Conservation and Management Measure on the Application of High Seas FAD² Closures and Catch Retention,” adopted by the WCPFC in December 2009, contains reporting requirements for discards of fish from purse seine vessels.

NMFS is implementing the requirements of CMM 2009-06, CMM 2010-02, and the catch discard reporting requirements of CMM 2009-02 via rulemaking. The proposed rule (RIN 0648-BA85) would also restrict the transfer of fish at sea from a purse seine net deployed by or under the control of a fishing vessel of the United States to another fishing vessel, or from a purse seine net deployed by or under the control of a fishing vessel to a fishing vessel of the United States, and implement a specific provision of CMM 2009-01 “WCPFC Record of Fishing Vessels and Authorization to Fish” that is similar to a provision of CMM 2009-06, restricting the types of vessels with which transshipping and bunkering can be conducted.

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.

Transshipment CMM (CMM 2009-06)

The owner or operator of any U.S. commercial fishing vessel that offloads or receives a transshipment in the Convention Area of HMS or a transshipment of HMS caught in the Convention Area will be required to complete and submit to NMFS a form (“Pacific Transshipment Declaration Form”) for each transshipment that takes place. Information specified on the form will need to be recorded within 24 hours after the time of completion of the transshipment. Due dates for submittal of the completed original form will depend on the nature of the transshipment and whether the vessel owner or operator is subject to existing regulations for transshipment data collection. For vessels licensed under the South Pacific Tuna Treaty (pursuant to [50 CFR § 300.32](#)), the original form will be required to be submitted to the NMFS Pacific Islands Regional Administrator by the due date specified for submitting the existing original transshipment logsheet form to the Treaty Administrator (currently the Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency) at [50 CFR § 300.34\(c\)\(2\)](#). Vessels registered under [50 CFR § 660.707](#) will be required to submit the original form to the NMFS Pacific Islands Regional Administrator by the due date specified for the logbook form at [50 CFR § 600.708](#). Vessels subject to the

² Fish Aggregating Device

requirements of [50 CFR 665.801\(e\)](#) will be required to submit the original form to the NMFS Pacific Islands Regional Administrator by the due date specified for submitting the transshipment logbooks at 50 CFR § [50 CFR 665.14\(c\)](#). For transshipments on the high seas and emergency transshipments, vessels must submit a copy of the form by fax or email to the NMFS Pacific Islands Regional Administrator no later than 10 calendar days after the completion of the transshipment; the original form must be submitted no later than 15 days after the vessel first enters into port or 15 days after completion of the transshipment for emergency transshipments in port. For all other transshipments at sea, vessels must submit the original form to the NMFS Pacific Islands Regional Administrator no later than 72 hours after the vessel first enters port. For all other transshipments in port, the original transshipment report must be submitted no later than 72 hours after completion of the transshipment. Required information will include offloading and receiving vessel information, gear type, description of the products being transshipped (including species, processed state and amount in metric tons of each species), date and location of catch and transshipment, WCPFC observer information, if applicable, and quantity and geographic origin of both the product being transshipped and product already on board the receiving vessel.

Owners or operators of any U.S. commercial fishing vessel will be required to submit notice to the WCPFC containing specific information at least 36 hours prior to each transshipment on the high seas in the Convention Area or of fish caught in the Convention Area and transshipped on the high seas elsewhere. In the case of an emergency transshipment that would otherwise be prohibited, owners or operators of any U.S. commercial fishing vessel will be required to submit notice to the WCPFC containing specific information within 12 hours of the completion of the transshipment. The notice will have to be provided by fax or email and would include the following information: (1) the name of the offloading vessel and the vessel identification markings located on the hull or superstructure of the offloading vessel; (2) the name of the receiving vessel and the vessel identification markings located on the hull or superstructure of the receiving vessel; (3) description of the product being transshipped, including species, processed state, and amount in metric tons of each species; (4) date and projected location of transshipment; and (5) required for the offloading vessel only, geographic location of the HMS catches to be transshipped. A copy of the notice will also have to be provided to NMFS. For emergency transshipments, the notice will also need to state the reasons for the emergency.

Owners or operators of any U.S. commercial fishing vessel anticipating a transshipment where an observer is required will need to provide notification to NMFS at least 72 hours (not including weekends and holidays) before leaving port of the need for an observer. The notification will need to include the name of the vessel, name of the operator, intended departure and return date, and a telephone number at which the owner or operator may be contacted.

Data collected will be used by NMFS and the WCPFC to verify the quantity of HMS transshipped in the Convention Area to ensure accurate reporting of catches, to enhance stock assessments of HMS stocks and to obtain information needed by NMFS, NOAA Office of Law Enforcement (NOAA OLE), and the WCPFC to monitor the activities of the vessels fishing in the Convention Area and the performance of the fisheries. The information will be collected by NMFS on behalf of the U.S. Government and will be provided to the WCPFC in accordance with the CMM.

Eastern High-Seas Pocket Special Management Area CMM (CMM 2010-02)

The owner or operator of any U.S. HMS vessel must submit a notice to the WCPFC containing specific information at least six hours prior to entry and no later than six hours prior to exiting the Eastern High Seas Special Management Area (Eastern SMA). The notices will have to be provided by fax or email and must include the following information:

(1) vessel identification; (2) entry or exit; (3) date and time of anticipated point of entry or exit; (4) latitude and longitude of anticipated point of entry or exit; (5) amount of product on board in kilograms, separated into particular categories (yellowfin tuna, bigeye tuna, albacore, skipjack tuna, swordfish, shark, other); and (6) whether the vessel engages in any transshipments while in the Eastern SMA. A copy of the notice will have to be provided to NMFS.

The information collected will be used by the WCPFC and the WCPFC member States situated adjacent to the Eastern SMA to monitor fishing activities in the Eastern SMA in an effort to reduce IUU fishing in that area. Although the information collected will not be disseminated to the public in its raw form, it will be used to prepare derivative information products which could be disseminated to the public. The information will assist the WCPFC Secretariat in compiling and verifying the “live list” of fishing vessels present in the Eastern SMA, which will be made available on the WCPFC website. The primary source of information for the “live list” will be the WCPFC’s vessel monitoring system (VMS) data; the information collected in the notices will be used to support the VMS data.

Purse Seine Discard Reports (CMM 2009-02)

The owner or operator of any U.S. purse seine vessel will be required to complete and submit to the WCPFCa form (“U.S. Purse Seine Discard Form”) containing specific information regarding the discard at sea of any catch of bigeye tuna, yellowfin tuna, or skipjack tuna, within 48 hours after any discard. Completed forms will have to be submitted by fax or email and include the following information: (1) vessel name; (2) international radio call sign; (3) license number (WCPFC Area Endorsement Number); (4) name of vessel operator; (5) nationality of vessel operator; (6) name of observer on board; (7) date and time of discard; (8) location of discard; (9) date and time of set; (10) location of set; (11) type of set; (12) reason for discard; (13) amount of fish discarded by species; and (14) amount of retained fish from the set by species. A copy of the form will have to be provided to NMFS by fax or email within 48 hours after any discard and a hard copy of the form will have to be provided to the observer on board the vessel.

This collection of information will be used to ensure accurate reporting of catches, to create a disincentive to the capture of small fish and to encourage the development of technologies and fishing strategies designed to avoid the capture of small bigeye tuna and yellowfin tuna.

NOAA complies with [OMB Information Quality Guidelines](#) for ensuring and maximizing the quality, objectivity, utility, and integrity of information (including statistical information) disseminated by federal agencies. If the data are used as supporting information disseminated to the public they will be in aggregate or synthesized form, such as in scientific and enforcement technical reports (*e.g.* regarding total catch/total discard).

3. Describe whether, and to what extent, the collection of information involves the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological techniques or other forms of information technology.

The majority of Pacific Transshipment Declaration Forms will be collected in physical form; they will not be automated, electronic, or mechanical, although forms for high seas transshipments or emergency transshipments would also be submitted by fax or email to meet the required deadline. Prior notice for high seas transshipment, prior notice of emergency transshipments, notice of entry or exit for the Eastern SMA, and the U.S. Purse Seine Discard Forms will be provided directly to the WCPFC Secretariat by fax or email. NMFS understands that some vessels may not be equipped with fax or email capabilities, in which case owners and operators of these vessels could, for example, have crew members radio the required information to a shore agent or to another vessel, which could then submit the notice to the required recipients by fax or email. Vessel owners/operators required to provide pre-trip notifications to NMFS for observer placement will be able to do so by email or telephone, and are expected to do so by telephone in virtually all cases. All forms and related instructions will be made available to the public on the NMFS Pacific Island Regional Office website (www.fpir.noaa.gov).

4. Describe efforts to identify duplication.

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 collecting information, would meet these reporting requirements.

Under existing regulations, owners and operators of vessels licensed under the regulations ([50 CFR 300.32](#)) implementing the South Pacific Tuna Treaty (Treaty) must submit a transshipment logsheet form for each transshipment made. The current provisions of the Treaty require the submission of the existing specific transshipment logsheet form, but these provisions will expire in June 2013. With this new collection, affected vessel owners and operators will be required to complete and submit both the form required by the Treaty and the new Pacific Transshipment Declaration Form so long as the existing requirements to implement the Treaty remain in effect. NMFS anticipates that the Pacific Transshipment Declaration Form will eventually replace the existing transshipment logsheet form required by the regulations implementing the Treaty.

Under existing regulations, owners and operators of vessels registered to receive transshipments of longline-caught fish in the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) are required to submit a transshipment logbook containing report forms provided by NMFS for each day of transshipment activity ([50 CFR 665.14\(c\)](#) and [50 CFR 665.801\(e\)](#)). With this new collection, NMFS will replace the transshipment logbook form currently in use with the new Pacific Transshipment Declaration Form. Thus, owners and operators of vessels receiving transshipments of longline-caught fish in the U.S. EEZ will be required to submit only one form for a given transshipment.

Owners and operators of vessels that would be subject to regulations implementing the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) “Resolution on Establishing a Program for Transshipments by Large-Scale Fishing Vessels” ([Resolution C-08-02](#)) that offload or receive

transshipments in the IATTC Area will also be required to complete and submit to NMFS a Pacific Transshipment Declaration Form – the development of these regulations is the subject of a different rulemaking. In such cases where a vessel is subject to the transshipment requirements of the WCPFC and the IATTC (e.g., transshipment of fish caught in the WCPFC Area while in the IATTC Area), owners and operators will be required to submit only one Pacific Transshipment Declaration Form to the address specified by NMFS.

Under existing regulations, vessels fishing for HMS in the management area of the Fishery Management Plan for U.S. West Coast Fisheries for Highly Migratory Species must maintain on board the vessel an accurate and complete record of catch, effort and other data on report forms provided by the NMFS Southwest Regional Administrator. The current version of the form that is used by albacore troll vessels (the only fleet managed under that Fishery Management Plan that is currently active in the Convention Area) includes information about at-sea transshipments. However, the information in the existing logbook form requires only general information regarding transshipments – the date, offloading vessel, and amount. With this new collection, vessel owners and operators subject to the requirements at 50 CFR Part 660 and the requirements of the WCPFC management measures will be required to submit the existing transshipment form, as well as the new Pacific Transshipment Declaration Form.

Under existing regulations, each time a vessel licensed under the Treaty enters or exits the waters under the jurisdiction of a Pacific Island Party (i.e., a Pacific Island nation that is a party to the Treaty), a report must be submitted to that Pacific Island Party that includes information that is similar to the information that will be required in the notice of entry or exit for the Eastern SMA. However, because the report to the Pacific Island Party is submitted to a different entity and requires the inclusion of different information, NMFS has determined that with this new collection, both the report and the notice of entry or exit for the Eastern SMA will have to be submitted by vessels that are licensed under the Treaty and that enter or exit the covered areas.

The purse seine discard reporting requirement, which will apply only to purse seine vessels, will overlap with an existing reporting requirement at [50 CFR § 300.34\(c\)\(1\)](#) for vessels licensed under the Treaty. The existing requirement to maintain and submit “catch report forms,” also known as “Regional Purse Seine Logsheets” or “RPLs”, calls for information on fishing effort and catches, including information on the amount of fish, by species, that is discarded each day, including the reason for each such discard. The timing and recipients of the existing and new reports differ in some respects. The new report will have to be submitted to the WCPFC and to NMFS within 48 hours after each discard event, with a hard copy provided to the observer on board the vessel. The existing report must be submitted to and received by NMFS within two days after the vessel next reaches port. In addition, it must be submitted to the Treaty Administrator (currently the Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency) within 14 days after the vessel next reaches port. Furthermore, the existing report must be sent on a particular form that is specified under the Treaty and cannot be changed in U.S. regulations unless and until the Treaty is amended accordingly. Because of these differences, the new requirement not only overlaps with the existing requirement but duplicates it to a large extent, unless and until the Treaty is amended in such a way that the duplication can be removed.

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

Most of the fishing operations subject to this collection of information are considered small businesses. Efforts have been made to avoid duplication in reporting requirements and all data collected have been deemed necessary by the Contracting Parties to the Convention, including the United States.

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

If the information is not collected, the U.S. government would not meet its obligations as a Contracting Party to the Convention and a member of the WCPFC, and would consequently fail to satisfy the provisions of the WCPFCIA. These requirements are based on the recognition that unregulated and unreported transshipments of catches of HMS at sea contribute to inaccurate reporting of catches of such stocks and supports IUU fishing activities, that monitoring vessel activity in the Eastern SMA can also reduce IUU fishing, and that data regarding the implementation of the purse seine catch retention requirements are needed. The lack of transshipment data from the U.S. HMS fleets operating in the Convention Area and the lack of discard data for the U.S. purse seine fleet would provide a disincentive to the other fishing nations in the region to provide accurate transshipment data and purse seine discard data for their fleets. Without this collection, information regarding U.S. vessels in the Eastern SMA would be limited to NMFS' and the WCPFC's VMS data. Thus, the effective management of the fishery resources under the WCPFC would be compromised.

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

The collection is consistent with OMB guidelines except that the transshipment report, notice of high seas transshipment or emergency transshipment, pre-trip notification for observer placement, notice of entry or exit for the Eastern SMA, and purse seine discard report will be completed for each relevant activity and as such, more frequently than quarterly. This frequency of information collection is mandated by the decisions of the WCPFC and has been determined to be necessary to ensure compliance with its conservation and management measures.

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 proposed rule, RIN 0648-BA85 was published on February 15, 2012 (77 FR 8759), which solicited public comments on this collection of information. NMFS received one public comment letter in response to the proposed rule. One of the matters raised in the comment letter pertained

to this collection of the information. The letter indicated that NMFS had underestimated the frequency of U.S. troll and pole-and-line vessels transiting the Eastern SMA and the associated costs of providing the entry and exit notifications. However, the letter did not include any indication of the number of Eastern SMA entry and exit notifications that would need to be submitted by such vessels on an annual basis. Given the limited activity of the U.S. albacore troll fleet in the Convention Area in recent years, NMFS believes that the original estimate of zero to two entries per year (and zero to two exits per year) is reasonable and an appropriate basis on which to estimate the costs to the U.S. albacore troll fleet to satisfy the Eastern SMA entry and exit notification requirements. However, NMFS acknowledges that should the activity of the U.S. albacore troll fleet in the Convention Area return to the greater levels experienced in the past and should that increased activity include use of the historic lines of transit mentioned in the comment, the number and associated costs of the entry and exit notifications could be considerably higher..

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

No payment or gifts to respondents are provided.

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

As stated on the forms, information submitted to NMFS will be managed as confidential data, as appropriate, consistent with the requirements of [NOAA Administrative Order 216-100, Section 506\(d\)](#) of the WCPFCIA, and regulations under 50 CFR Part 300. Transshipment information, discard information and entry and exit information will be safeguarded from improper access, modification, or destruction, to a degree commensurate with the risk and magnitude of harm that could result from the loss, misuse, or unauthorized access to or modification of such information. However, NOAA and NMFS have no direct control over the confidentiality policies and practices of the WCPFC, so once the information is transmitted to the WCPFC, NMFS and NOAA cannot provide any assurance of confidentiality. Although the WCPFC does have policies and procedures in place to control the dissemination of sensitive data, such policies and procedures are not necessarily the same as those of NMFS.

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.

This collection of information contains the following five elements: (1) transshipment reports; (2) notice for high seas transshipment or emergency transshipment; (3) pre-trip notification for observer placement; (4) notice of entry or exit for Eastern SMA; and (5) purse seine discard report. Vessels of the United States from the following major fishing sectors will be affected by the required information collection: purse seine, longline, and troll. The total estimated number

of vessels that will be subject to this collection of information is 232 (36 purse seine, 170 longline, and 26 troll), based on the number of longline vessels permitted to fish under the Fishery Ecosystem Plan for Pacific Pelagic Fisheries of the Western Pacific Region or the Fishery Management Plan for U.S. West Coast Fisheries for Highly Migratory Species as of January 2011, the number of purse seine vessels licensed under the Treaty as of January 2011, and the average annual number of albacore troll vessels that fished in the Convention Area during 2002-2009.

The number of total estimated responses for all U.S. fleets for this collection of information is 1028, with a total estimated annual burden of 649 hours.

(a) Transshipment Report:

NFMS estimates the time needed to complete and submit the Pacific Transshipment Declaration Form to be approximately 60 minutes per response. It is estimated that there will be 322 responses per year. Estimated annual responses are broken down as follows: (1) 259 purse seine transshipments, which is based on the average annual number of purse seine transshipments that took place within the Convention Area between 2008 and 2009; (2) 24 longline transshipments, which is based on the average annual number of longline transshipments that took place within the Convention Area between 1993 and 2009; (3) 39 troll transshipments, which is based on the average annual number of transshipments that took place within the Convention Area between 1990 and 2009.

Total estimated responses per year: 322 transshipments/yr x 1 response/transshipment = 322
Total estimated burden per year: 322 responses/yr x 60 min/response = 322 hours

(b) Notice for High Seas Transshipment or Emergency Transshipment:

NFMS estimates the time needed for vessel owners/operators to submit notice for high seas transshipment or emergency transshipment to be approximately 15 minutes per response. U.S. purse seine vessels are currently prohibited from conducting transshipments on the high seas (50 CFR 300.216(b)), so notices for that fleet will only need to be given in the case of an emergency transshipment. For the purpose of this Supporting Statement, it is projected that the purse seine fleet may require up to 5 emergency transshipments per year, for a total of 5 responses per year. Assuming that longline transshipments generally take place on the high seas (data are unavailable to indicate the location of past transshipments, but anecdotal information suggests that the majority of transshipments take place at sea) it is estimated that the longline fleet will submit a total of 24 responses per year. It is estimated that troll vessels will conduct an average of 39 transshipment operations per year, all of which take place on the high seas, for an estimated 39 responses per year.

Total estimated responses per year: 68 transshipments/yr x 1 response/transshipment = 68
Total estimated burden per year: 68 responses/yr x 15 min/response = 17 hours

(c) Pre-trip Notification for Observer Placement:

NMFS estimates the time needed for vessel owners/operators to submit notice for observer placement to be 1 minute per response. Under the existing requirements at 50 CFR 300.216, U.S.

purse seine vessels are prohibited from transshipping at sea in the Convention Area, so no transshipment observers will be needed and no responses are expected. Based on historical transshipment patterns, about 12 responses per year are expected from vessels in the longline fleet. Existing regulations under 50 CFR 665.803(a) require U.S. longline vessels to provide notice to the NMFS Pacific Islands Regional Administrator at least 72 hours (excluding weekends and Federal holidays) before the vessel leaves port on a fishing trip that takes place within the U.S. EEZ. It is expected that vessel owners/operators will use those currently required notices as an opportunity to provide this new notification. Consequently, it is estimated that this pre-trip notification will require only an additional 1 minute per response, on average, for vessels in the longline fleet. For the troll fleet, it is expected that all transshipments at sea would be made to foreign-flagged receiving vessels that would be required to carry observers – that is, that the offloading troll vessels would not have to carry observers under this new requirement, and that this collection would place no additional burden on the troll fleet.

Total estimated responses per year: 12 transshipments/yr x 1 response/transshipment = 12

Total estimated burden per year: 12 responses/yr x 1 min/response = 12 minutes.

(d) Notice of Entry or Exit for Eastern SMA:

NMFS estimates the time needed for vessel owners/operators to submit notice for entry into or exit from the Eastern SMA to be approximately 15 minutes per response. Based on vessel location data from recent years, about 6 responses per year are expected from longline vessel owners/operators, 4 responses from purse seine owners/operators, and 4 responses from troll owners/operators.

Total estimated responses per year: 14 entries+exits/yr x 1 response/entry-or-exit = 14

Total estimated burden per year: 14 responses/yr x 15 min/response = 3.5 (4) hours

(e) Purse Seine Discard Report:

NMFS estimates the time needed to complete and submit the U.S. Purse Seine Discard Form to be approximately 30 minutes per response. Based on discard data for 2008, the last year for which complete data are available, an estimated 612 responses per year are expected from purse seine owners/operators.

Total estimated responses per year: 612 discards/yr x 1 response/discard = 612

Total estimated burden per year: 612 responses/yr x 30 min/response = 306 hours.

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).

(a) Transshipment Report:

Owners and operators of vessels responsible for submitting the Pacific Transshipment Declaration Form will have the option to fax or email the form without signatures for transshipments on the high seas or emergency transshipments, but the original, signed paper form must be submitted to the NMFS Pacific Islands Regional Administrator in all cases. The

estimated cost to respondents for electronic communications, postage, and photocopying is \$1.00 per response. At 322 expected responses per year, the total estimated cost is **\$322 per year**.

(b) Notice for High Seas Transshipment or Emergency Transshipment:

Notice for high seas or emergency transshipment must be provided by fax or email. The estimated cost to respondents for electronic communications is \$1.00 per response. At 68 expected responses per year, the total estimated cost is **\$68.00 per year**.

(c) Pre-trip Notification for Observer Placement:

The estimated cost for the pre-trip notification for observer placement is \$1.00 per notification, which will generally be made by telephone. At 12 expected responses per year, the total estimated cost is **\$12.00 per year**.

(d) Notice of Entry or Exit for Eastern SMA:

Notice of entry or exit for the Eastern SMA must be provided by fax or email. Estimated cost to respondents for electronic communications is \$1.00 per response. At 14 expected responses per year, the total estimated cost **\$14.00 per year**.

(e) Purse Seine Discard Report:

Owners and operators of vessels responsible for submitting the U.S. Purse Seine Discard Form will fax or email the form directly to the WCPFC Executive Director and fax or email the form to NMFS. A hard copy of the form will have to be provided to the observer on board the vessel. The estimated cost to respondents for electronic communications, postage, and photocopying is \$1.00 per response. At 612 expected responses per year, the total estimated cost is **\$612 per year**.

Total Cost: \$1028 per year.

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

The estimated annual cost to the Federal Government to administer this collection of information is estimated to be \$5,252. This includes the cost of printing the Pacific Transshipment Declaration Forms, U.S. Purse Seine Discard Forms, estimated at \$112 per year (934 responses x \$0.12 per form) and processing (receiving and entering data into database) all Pacific Transshipment Declaration Forms, notices of high seas transshipments and emergency transshipments, pre-trip notifications for observer placement, notices of entry into or exit from the Eastern SMA, and U.S. Purse Seine Discard Forms, estimated at \$5,140 per year (1028 responses x 15 min/response x \$20/hr in labor costs).

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

Not Applicable.

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 WCPFC will use the data primarily in aggregated, non-confidential format. 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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FORM UNIQUE IDENTIFIER:

LOCATION DESCRIPTOR: [High Seas, EEZ, etc.]

PACIFIC TRANSSHIPMENT DECLARATION FORM

LOCATION OF TRANSSHIPMENT: _____
(If at port, enter the PORT NAME; if at sea, give latitude and longitude of position in decimal form, to 0.1 degrees)

DATE(S) OF TRANSSHIPMENT: _____
(MM/DD/YYYY) – (MM/DD/YYYY)

Section 1: OFFLOADING VESSEL	Section 2: RECEIVING VESSEL	Section 3: OBSERVER (for transshipments at sea only)
<p>VESSEL NAME:</p> <p>OFFICIAL NUMBER:</p> <p>NAME OF VESSEL OPERATOR:</p>	<p>VESSEL NAME:</p> <p>OFFICIAL NUMBER:</p> <p>NAME OF VESSEL OPERATOR:</p> <p>QUANTITY OF FISH PRODUCT ALREADY ON BOARD THE RECEIVING VESSEL PRIOR TO THIS TRANSSHIPMENT, BROKEN DOWN BY AREA OF CAPTURE:</p> <p>Amount: _____ Unit of Measurement: _____ RFMO Area: _____</p> <p>Amount: _____ Unit of Measurement: _____ RFMO Area: _____</p> <p>Amount: _____ Unit of Measurement: _____ RFMO Area: _____</p>	<p>The information in this box is provided to verify the presence of the named observer and does not represent the observer's concurrence with the information provided on this form. The observer may choose not to sign this form.</p> <p>OBSERVER NAME:</p> <p>SIGNATURE (IF ON BOARD):</p> <p>DATE (MM/DD/YYYY):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> WCPFC Authorized <input type="checkbox"/> IATTC Authorized</p>

Section 4: CODES

WEIGHT: WW: whole weight, GG: gilled & gutted, GX: gutted, headed & tailed, HG: headed & gutted, GT: gilled, gutted & tailed, GO: gutted only, not gilled, FL: filleted, LO: loins
GEAR: PS: Purse seines, DL: Drifting longlines, PL: Poles and lines, HOVL: Hand operated vertical lines (non-squid), DN: Driftnets, TL: Trolling lines, HP: Harpoons, MVL: Mechanized vertical lines (non-squid), OT: Other type(s) of gear

Section 4: SPECIES	FR – FRESH FZ - FROZEN DR - DRIED	FORM OF PRODUCT (insert weight codes as shown above)	QUANTITY TRANSSHIPPED		FISHING GEAR USED TO TAKE THE FISH (insert gear code as shown above)	GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION OF FISH CATCHES		
			NUMBER OF FISH (if longline-caught)	ESTIMATED WEIGHT AND UNIT OF MEASUREMENT		I - Inside WCPFC Area O - Outside WCPFC Area, (if O, specify if in the IATTC Area)	Circle One: EEZ (Country of Capture) or HS (High Seas)	If you indicate EEZ, write in the country of capture
Bigeye tuna							EEZ or HS	
Yellowfin tuna							EEZ or HS	
Albacore							EEZ or HS	
Skipjack tuna							EEZ or HS	
Swordfish							EEZ or HS	
Blue marlin							EEZ or HS	
Striped marlin							EEZ or HS	
Sailfish							EEZ or HS	
Spearfish							EEZ or HS	
Sharks							EEZ or HS	

Complete information on both front and back of the form.

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			NUMBER OF FISH (if longline-caught)	ESTIMATED WEIGHT AND UNIT OF MEASUREMENT		I - Inside WCPFC Area O - Outside WCPFC Area (if O, specify if in the IATTC Area)	Circle One: EEZ (Country of Capture) or HS (High Seas)	If you indicate EEZ, write in the country of capture
Pacific bluefin tuna							EEZ or HS	
							EEZ or HS	
							EEZ or HS	
							EEZ or HS	

Section 5: U.S. VESSELS WITH RECEIVING VESSEL PERMITS TRANSSHIPPING LONGLINE-CAUGHT FISH	Section 6: U.S. SPTT-LICENSED PURSE SEINE VESSEL INFORMATION
BROKER OR SHIPPING AGENT AND CONTACT INFORMATION:	TRIP NO.:
PORT OF LANDING:	TRIP START DATE:
	DESTINATION OF FISH:
	TO BE PROCESSED AT:

Section 7: FOR TRANSSHIPMENTS IN THE IATTC CONVENTION AREA

DEPARTURE DATE (MM/DD/YYYY/HOUR):	LOCATION OF DEPARTURE (PORT NAME):	TRANSSHIPMENT START DATE (MM/DD/YYYY/HOUR):
RETURN DATE (MM/DD/YYYY/HOUR):	LOCATION OF RETURN (PORT NAME):	TRANSSHIPMENT END DATE (MM/DD/YYYY/HOUR):
AGENT'S NAME:	FLAG AND RADIO CALL SIGN OF OFFLOADING VESSEL:	FLAG AND RADIO CALL SIGN OF RECEIVING VESSEL:

I certify that the above information is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

OWNER or OPERATOR NAME:

Indicate if owner or operator of: Offloading vessel Receiving vessel

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Complete information on both front and back of form.

Instructions for Pacific Transshipment Declaration Form: The owner and operator of any U.S. vessel (“operator” means the master or other individual aboard and in charge of the vessel) used for the following: each transshipment of highly migratory species (HMS) in the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Convention Area (WCPFC Area), each transshipment of HMS captured in the WCPFC Area and transshipped elsewhere, and transshipments subject to the regulations implementing decisions of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) at 50 CFR Part 300 Subpart C, must ensure the completion and submission of this form. **The form must be completed and signed within 24 hours of the completion of the transshipment. Completed forms must be submitted separately by both the offloading vessel and the receiving vessel for each transshipment.**

Addresses and Due Dates:

For purse seine vessels holding a license issued under 50 CFR 300.32 for South Pacific Tuna Fisheries, the original form must be submitted to the NMFS American Samoa Field Office, P.O. Box 4150, Pago Pago, AS 96799 or NMFS American Samoa Field Office, Pago Plaza, Suite 201, Pago Pago, AS 96799 for courier service delivery, within 14 days of completion of the transshipment.

For vessels permitted under the requirements of 50 CFR 660.707 (generally, albacore troll vessels), the original form must be submitted to the NMFS Fisheries Resources Division in La Jolla, California within 30 days of the transshipment. Please contact the Fisheries Resources Division at (858) 546-7192 or (858) 546-7000 for the address for submitting the form.

For vessels subject to the receiving vessel requirements of 50 CFR 665.14(c) and 50 CFR 801(e) for receiving fish caught with longline gear, the original form must be submitted to the NMFS Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center, 2570 Dole Street, Honolulu, HI 96822 within 72 hours of landing.

For offloading vessels subject only to the requirements at 50 CFR Part 300 Subpart C (i.e., for transshipments including fish caught and transshipped only in the IATTC Area), please contact the NMFS Fisheries Resources Division in La Jolla, California at (858) 546-7192 or (858) 546-7000 to find out the due dates and address for submitting the form.

For all other vessels the original form must be submitted to the NMFS Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center, 2570 Dole Street, Honolulu, HI 96822 within 72 hours after entering port for transshipments at sea and within 72 hours of completion of the transshipment for transshipments in port.

Special Instructions for High Seas and Emergency Transshipments:

For transshipments on the high seas or emergency transshipments that would otherwise be prohibited, a copy of the form with or without signatures must be submitted by fax or email to the NMFS Pacific Islands Regional office (fax: (808) 973-2941; email: pir.wcpfc@noaa.gov) no later than 10 calendar days after completion of the transshipment. The original form with signatures must be submitted no later than 15 calendar days after first entering port or 15 calendar days after completion of the transshipment for emergency transshipments in port to the address where the forms would normally be submitted for a particular vessel (e.g., for a purse seine vessel, the original form would be submitted to the NMFS American Samoa Field Office).

Special Instructions for Sections 5, 6, and 7:

Section 5 is only to be completed by operators of vessels subject to the receiving vessel permit requirements under 50 CFR 665.801(e).

Section 6 is only to be completed by operators of purse seine vessels holding a license issued under 50 CFR 300.32 for South Pacific Tuna Fisheries.

Section 7 is only to be completed for transshipments subject to the regulations implementing decisions of the IATTC at 50 CFR Part 300 Subpart C.

Specific instructions:

Location of Transshipment: Enter the port name where the transshipment took place, including the name of the country for ports outside the United States, or enter the latitude and longitude in decimal form, to the nearest 0.1 degrees, at the start of the transshipment, if the transshipment took place at sea.

Date(s) of Transshipment: Enter the beginning and ending dates for the transshipment as MM/DD/YYYY to MM/DD/YYYY.

Section 1: Offloading Vessel

Enter the current name of the offloading vessel.

Enter the offloading vessel's official number, which is the documentation number assigned by the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) or the certificate number issued by a state or the USCG for an undocumented vessel, or any equivalent number if the vessel is registered in a foreign nation.

Enter the full name of the offloading vessel operator. "Operator" means the master or other individual aboard and in charge of the vessel.

Section 2: Receiving Vessel

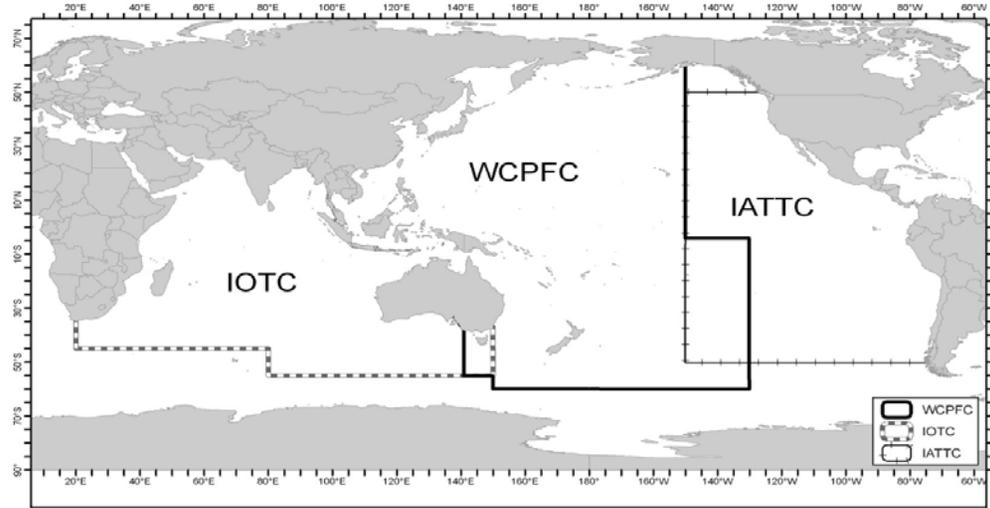
Enter the current name of the receiving vessel.

Enter the receiving vessel's official number, which is the documentation number assigned by the USCG or the certificate number issued by a state or the USCG for an undocumented vessel, or any equivalent number if the vessel is registered in a foreign nation.

Enter the full name of the receiving vessel operator. "Operator" means the master or other individual aboard and in charge of the vessel.

If you are subject to the regulations at 50 CFR 300.218(b) (i.e., your transshipment takes place in the WCPFC Area or involves fish caught in the WCPFC Area), enter the estimated quantity of fish product on board the receiving vessel prior to this transshipment, broken down by the area of capture of the product. Enter the unit of measurement for the amount (pounds (lb) or metric tons (mt)). Indicate the amount originating from each tuna Regional Fisheries Management Organization (RFMO) area. WCPFC denotes Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission, IATTC denotes Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission, IOTC denotes Indian Ocean Tuna Commission, ICCAT denotes International Commission for the Conservation for Atlantic Tunas, and CCSBT denotes the Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna. If any product originated from an area of overlap as indicated on Figure 1 below, indicate the quantity and write in both areas in the same row. If any product originated from an area outside the jurisdiction of a tuna RFMO, please write in "None" after RFMO Area.

Figure 1. Map of Tuna RFMOs



Section 3: Observer (for transshipments at sea only)

If there are one or more observers on board the offloading and/or receiving vessel, the name of at least one of the observer(s) must be included in this section for transshipments at sea. Please place an “O” or an “R” next to each observer name to indicate whether the observer was on board the offloading vessel or the receiving vessel. The operator of the vessel must request the observer to sign and date the form if the observer is on board the vessel. If the observer does not wish to sign the form please write “signature declined” after SIGNATURE (IF ON BOARD). If the observer is on board the other vessel, the request for signature is not required. Please check the appropriate box or boxes to indicate whether the observer is authorized by the WCPFC and/or the IATTC.

Section 4: Species

If a given species was caught in multiple national jurisdictions or in both national jurisdictions and on the high seas, a separate entry, using a separate row, must be made in each instance. If a given species was in more than one condition (e.g., both fresh and frozen) or in more than one product form (e.g., some whole and some gutted and gilled), a separate entry must be made in each instance. If a given species was caught by different gear types, a separate entry must be made for each gear type.

For each entry, identify the processed state of the fish (FR for fresh, FZ for frozen, or DR for dried), the processed state of the product using the weight codes identified on the form, and the estimated weight of the product transshipped and the unit of measurement (pounds (lb), metric tons (mt), or kilograms (kg)). Operators completing Section 7 of the form must use kg as the unit of measurement. For longline-caught fish, also enter the number of fish transshipped.

For each species transshipped, enter the fishing gear used to take the fish using the gear codes identified on the form. If the fishing gear is not included in the list, enter the code for “Other type(s) of gear” (OT) and specify the fishing gear.

For each entry, enter the code to identify the area in which the product was caught:

Indicate I for fish caught inside the WCPFC Area or O for fish caught outside the WCPFC Area. If O, specify if caught in the IATTC Area by writing “IATTC”.

Circle EEZ if the product was caught in waters under national jurisdiction (of any nation).

Circle HS if the product was caught on the high seas (in international waters).

If EEZ is circled, specify the name of the country in whose waters the fish were captured.

If a particular species is not included on the form, write in the name of the species in one of the empty rows at the bottom of the list. Additional forms may be used to accommodate additional species and multiple entries of the same species.

Section 5: Vessels with Receiving Vessel Permits Transshipping Longline-Caught Fish

Only operators of vessels subject to the receiving vessel permit transshipment reporting requirements under 50 CFR 665.801(e) must complete this section:
Enter the broker or shipping agent for the receiving vessel and contact information (name, mailing address, and telephone number or email address).
Enter the intended port of landing.

Section 6: SPTT-Licensed Purse Seine Vessel Information

Only operators of vessels issued licenses under 50 CFR 300.32 must complete this section:
Enter the trip number.
Enter the trip start date in DD/MM/YYYY format.
Enter the intended port of destination of the transshipped fish.
Enter the location where the fish will be processed.

Section 7: For Transshipments in the IATTC Convention Area

This section should be completed for transshipments that are subject to the regulations at 50 CFR Part 300 Subpart C:
Enter the trip start date and time in MM/DD/YYYY/HOUR format.
Enter the location of the departure (port name).
Enter the intended trip end date and time in MM/DD/YYYY/HOUR format (provide the best possible estimate for the hour).
Enter the location of the return (port name).
Enter the dates the transshipment takes place (start date and end date) in MM/DD/YYYY/HOUR format.
Enter the name of the agent (i.e., the broker or shipping agent).
Enter the flag and radio call sign of the offloading vessel.
Enter the flag and radio call sign of the receiving vessel.

Section 8: Signature

The owner or operator of the vessel must print his or her name, sign it, and give the date of signature.
Check one box to indicate whether you are the owner or operator of the OFFLOADING vessel or the owner or operator of the RECEIVING vessel.

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 60 minutes per response, including the 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 suggestions for reducing this burden to Michael D. Tosatto, Regional Administrator, NMFS Pacific Islands Regional Office, 1601 Kapiolani Blvd., Suite 1110, Honolulu, HI 96814. Information submitted to NMFS will be managed as confidential data consistent with the requirements of NOAA Administrative Order 216-100, Section 506(d) of the WCPFC Implementation Act, and regulations under 50 CFR Part 300. This information might be disclosed to the WCPFC, either through your direct submission or through subsequent disclosure by NMFS. Information submitted or disclosed to the WCPFC will be subject to the procedures, policies, and practices adopted by the WCPFC, but NOAA and NMFS cannot provide any assurance of confidentiality. Notwithstanding any other provisions of the law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subjected 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.

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U.S. PURSE SEINE DISCARD FORM

Section 1: Vessel Information

Vessel Name:

International Radio Call Sign:

License Number (WCPFC Area Endorsement Number):

Section 2: Personnel Information

Name of Vessel Operator:

Nationality of Vessel Operator:

Name of Observer on Board:

Section 3: Discard Information

Date and Time of Discard in MM/DD/YYYY/HOUR Format:

Location of Discard (Latitude and Longitude Coordinates to the Nearest Minute of Arc):

Date and Time of Set in MM/DD/YYYY/HOUR Format:

Location of the Set (Latitude and Longitude Coordinates to the Nearest Minute of Arc):

Type of Set (Check One): Unassociated Feeding on Baitfish Drifting Log, Debris or Dead Animal

Drifting Raft, FAD or Payao Anchored Raft, FAD or Payao Other _____

Reason for Discard (Check All that Apply):

Fish Unfit for Human Consumption Insufficient Well Space Serious Equipment Malfunction

Amount of Discarded Fish, by Species (in metric tons):

Skipjack tuna _____ Yellowfin tuna _____ Bigeye tuna _____

Amount of Retained Fish from the Set, by Species (in metric tons):

Skipjack tuna _____ Yellowfin tuna _____ Bigeye tuna _____

Section 4: Optional Additional Information

Instructions for U.S. Purse Seine Discard Form: Owners and operators of fishing vessels of the United States equipped with purse seine gear that discard bigeye tuna, yellowfin tuna, or skipjack tuna caught in the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Convention Area must ensure completion of this form. One form must be completed for each set from which any fish are discarded. The form must be completed and submitted to the Executive Director of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) within 48 hours of each discard at the following address: E-Mail (Transshipment@wcpfc.int) or Fax (+691 320-1108).

A copy of the form must be submitted to the NMFS American Samoa Field Station within 48 hours of each such discard at the following address: E-Mail (Gordon.Yamasaki@noaa.gov and Elia.Henry@noaa.gov) or Fax (684-633-1400). A hard copy of the form must be provided to the observer on board the vessel.

Section 1: Vessel Information

Enter the current name of the vessel.

Enter the vessel's International Radio Call Sign, which is the unique radio station identifier assigned to the vessel by the Federal Communications Commission.

Enter the WCPFC Area Endorsement number of the vessel (issued by NMFS under 50 CFR 300.212).

Enter "none" if none.

Section 2: Personnel Information

Enter the name of the vessel operator (the master or other individual aboard and in charge of the vessel).

Enter the nationality of the vessel operator.

Enter the name of the observer on board. Enter "none" if none.

Section 3: Discard Information

Enter the date and time of the discard in MM/DD/YYYY/HOUR format. The time should be entered using a 24 hour clock (e.g., 2:16 pm would be 14:16) in Coordinated Universal Time (UTC).

Enter the location of the discard (latitude and longitude coordinates to the nearest minute of arc).

Enter the date and start time for the set from which the fish is discarded in MM/DD/YYYY/HOUR format.

The time should be entered using a 24 hour clock (e.g., 2:16 pm would be 14:16) in Coordinated Universal Time (UTC).

Enter the location of the set (latitude and longitude coordinates to the nearest minute of arc).

Check the appropriate box for the type of the set. If you check "Other," provide a brief description of the set type on the adjacent line.

Check the appropriate box or boxes for the reason(s) for the discard.

Enter the amounts, in metric tons, of all bigeye tuna, yellowfin tuna, and skipjack tuna discarded from the set, broken down by species.

Enter the amounts, in metric tons, of all bigeye tuna, yellowfin tuna, and skipjack tuna retained from the set, broken down by species.

Section 4: Optional Additional Information

If there is any other information you wish to include, please do so in this section.

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