

NOTICE OF OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET ACTION

Date 10/11/2018

Department of Commerce
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

FOR CERTIFYING OFFICIAL: Rod Turk
FOR CLEARANCE OFFICER: Jennifer Jessup

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, OMB has taken action on your request received 06/27/2018

ACTION REQUESTED: Revision of a currently approved collection

TYPE OF REVIEW REQUESTED: Regular

ICR REFERENCE NUMBER: 201806-0648-009

AGENCY ICR TRACKING NUMBER:

TITLE: Atlantic Highly Migratory Species Permit Family of Forms

LIST OF INFORMATION COLLECTIONS: See next page

OMB ACTION: Approved with change

OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 0648-0327

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: 10/31/2021

DISCONTINUE DATE:

BURDEN:	RESPONSES	HOURS	COSTS
Previous	38,095	10,798	754,184
New	37,105	9,971	732,598
Difference			
Change due to New Statute	0	0	0
Change due to Agency Discretion	-241	-20	-6,146
Change due to Agency Adjustment	-749	-807	-15,440
Change due to PRA Violation	0	0	0

TERMS OF CLEARANCE:

OMB Authorizing Official: Neomi Rao
Administrator,
Office Of Information And Regulatory Affairs

List of ICs

IC Title	Form No.	Form Name	CFR Citation
Initial vessel permit application - Atlantic tunas, HMS charter/headboat	NA, NA	Shark endorsement quiz, Atlantic Tunas and Atlantic HMS initial permit application	
Renewal -- Vessel applications for Atlantic tunas, HMS charter/headboat	NA, NA	Atlantic Tunas and Atlantic HMS permit application - includes renewal, Shark endorsement quiz	
Renewal - Atlantic tunas limited access permits	NA	Atlantic Tunas and Atlantic HMS Permit Application - includes renewal	
Initial application - Greater Atlantic Tunas Dealer	NA	Greater Atlantic Region Seafood Dealer Permit Application	
Renewal - Greater Atlantic tunas dealer permits	NA	Greater Atlantic Dealer Permit Application	
Initial and Renewal - HMS Angling	NA, NA	Shark Endorsement Quiz, Atlantic Tunas and HMS permit application - for renewal also	
Atlantic Swordfish General Commercial Permit	NA, NA	Atlantic Tunas, General Commercial Swordfish and HMS permit application, Shark Endorsement Quiz	
IMO number application	NA	IMO Number registration form	

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
HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES PERMIT FAMILY OF FORMS
OMB CONTROL NO. 0648-0327**

A. JUSTIFICATION

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

The collection consists of vessel and dealer permits, which are part of the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) program to manage Atlantic highly migratory species (HMS) including tuna, billfish, sharks, and swordfish. The HMS fishery management program is implemented under the [Atlantic Tunas Convention Act](#) (ATCA) (16 U.S.C. 971) and the [Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act](#) (MSA) (16 U.S.C. 1801), through the 2006 Consolidated HMS Fishery Management Plan and implementing regulations at [50 CFR part 635](#).

NMFS issues permits to fishing vessels and dealers in order to collect information necessary to comply with domestic and international obligations, secure compliance with regulations, and disseminate necessary information. Regulations at 50 CFR 635.4 require that vessels participating in commercial and recreational fisheries for Atlantic HMS and dealers purchasing Atlantic HMS from a vessel obtain a Federal permit issued by NMFS. This action addresses the renewal of permit applications currently approved under OMB Control No. 0648-0327. Vessel permits include Atlantic Tunas permits (General, Harpoon, and Purse Seine), not including Longline permits, which are approved under OMB Control No. 0648-0205; HMS Charter/Headboat; HMS Angling; and Swordfish General Commercial permits. Dealer permits include the Atlantic Tunas Dealer permit. The permits covered by this action are listed in the table below.

The action also includes the one-time requirement for commercial vessels greater than 20 meters (65' 7") in length to obtain an International Maritime Organization/Lloyd's Registry (IMO/LR) number, consistent with domestic regulations implemented to meet the requirements of an International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) binding Recommendation adopted in 2013 (Rec. 13-13). Current HMS regulations at 50 CFR part 635.4(h) require the submission of supporting documents as a condition for obtaining an Atlantic HMS permit and for being included on the ICCAT list of authorized large scale fishing vessels. Through this provision, NMFS requires a permit applicant or holder to provide an IMO/LR number, as described in a final rule published in the [Federal Register](#) December 5, 2014 (79 FR 72557). This one-time requirement would apply only to owners of commercial vessels greater than or equal to 20 meters (65' 7") in length seeking to obtain an Atlantic tunas permit, HMS Charter/Headboat permit, and/or a Swordfish General Commercial permit for the first time, as all vessels currently participating in the fishery have already obtained their IMO/LR numbers.

This collection also is revised by removing the HMS International Trade Permit (ITP) from OMB 0648-0327. The HMS ITP was replaced by the more comprehensive International Fishing Trade Permit (IFTP), which is covered under OMB Control No. 0648-0732.

Since the last renewal of this information collection, OMB Control No. 0648-0327 was also revised by two PRA change requests that approved two management measures that added endorsements to recreational HMS vessel permits. The first permit endorsement added to this information collection is the Shark Endorsement. Under regulations implementing Amendment 5b to the 2006 Consolidated HMS FMP (Amendment 5b), owners of recreational vessels that wish to target and retain sharks now are required to obtain a Shark Endorsement on their HMS vessel permit effective January 1, 2018. To obtain the Shark Endorsement, permit holders are required to view a training video on prohibited shark identification and safe handling and release practices prior to taking a short educational quiz on HMS recreational shark fishing regulations and prohibited shark identification. The purpose of the Shark Endorsement is to improve the ability of HMS permit holders to identify prohibited shark species, namely dusky sharks and other prohibited ridgeback sharks, and improve their knowledge of catch-and-release practices that minimize post-release mortality.

The second permit endorsement added to this information collection via a PRA change request was the HMS Charter/Headboat Commercial Sale Endorsement. Previously, the HMS Charter/Headboat permit authorized all permit holders to retain Atlantic tunas and swordfish for commercial sale under each species respective quota; however, only a small portion of HMS Charter/Headboat permit holders made such sales. USCG commercial fishing vessel safety requirements, which can be expensive to implement, may apply to vessels authorized to sell catch commercially, even if they do not actually make such sales. To address this issue HMS created a “commercial sale” endorsement for the HMS Charter/Headboat permit, specifying that only those with the endorsement are permitted to sell Atlantic tunas, swordfish, and sharks (shark sales also require a federal commercial shark permit). Those individuals that hold an HMS Charter/Headboat permit with a “commercial sale” endorsement may be categorized as commercial vessels for the purposes of USCG commercial fishing vessel safety requirements. We anticipate that those vessels holding an HMS Charter/Headboat permit without a “commercial sale” endorsement would not be categorized as commercial fishing vessels and would not be subject to the USCG commercial fishing vessel safety requirements.

Dealer Permits
Atlantic Tunas Dealer Permit
Vessel Permits
Atlantic Tunas (except for tuna longline)
HMS Charter/Headboat Permit
HMS Angling Category Permit (recreational)
Swordfish General Commercial Permit
International Maritime Organization/ Lloyd’s Registry (IMO/LR) number

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

The purpose of this collection of information is to comply with the statutory requirements of ATCA (16 U.S.C. § 971 et seq.) and the MSA (16 U.S.C. § 1801 et seq.), and federal implementing regulations at 50 CFR part 635.

Section 971d(c)(3) of ATCA provides the statutory authority to promulgate regulations as necessary and appropriate to implement the recommendations of ICCAT. As a contracting party to ICCAT, the United States is required to implement ICCAT recommendations, which, consistent with the ICCAT Convention, may require the collection of information for research and management purposes (e.g., fishing effort and catch information) and vital data for stock assessments. The United States must implement specific quotas established by ICCAT and ICCAT rebuilding programs and fishery conservation and management measures. ICCAT recommendations have also established statistical and catch document programs to track the trade of bluefin tuna (Atlantic, Pacific, and Southern bluefin tuna), swordfish, and frozen bigeye tuna. Statistical document programs recommended by the Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna and the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission are also implemented under the authority of ATCA to effectively implement ICCAT consignment document programs.

Domestically, Atlantic tunas, swordfish, billfish and shark fisheries are also managed to comply with domestic legal requirements including those under the MSA. Conservation and management measures are implemented through the 2006 Consolidated HMS Fishery Management Plan and its amendments. Section 303(b) of the MSA provides statutory authority to require permits for fisheries governed by fishery management plans issued by the Secretary of Commerce.

Regulations at 50 CFR parts 635 require the permits listed above. The importance of the information collected prior to permit issuance and the use of the permit system is explained in response to Question 2.

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.

All permits in this collection must be renewed annually. Permits can be used to accomplish many functions. One of the main purposes for issuing permits is to identify the participants in a particular trade or industry and to provide a basis for regulating and monitoring activity carried out under authorization of the permit. NMFS manages fisheries on a regional basis; likewise, permits are issued by regional offices and the permit databases are regionally distributed. The HMS Management Division works with two regions (Greater Atlantic and Southeast), a contractor (ERT Corporation), and NMFS's Office of Science and Technology to issue HMS permits. Under current HMS regulations, it is possible that a vessel or dealer, other than those in the HMS recreational fishery, will hold more than one HMS permit.

Vessel Permits

The general information collected for vessel permits includes all or some of the following:

- Vessel owner, corporate status, birthdate or corporation filed date, social security number or Federal ID number, names of additional owners, and contact information (e.g. address, phone, etc.);
- Vessel name, registration, and port;
- Vessel characteristics (including length) and construction type;
- Gear type/category;
- IMO/LR number (for commercial vessels ≥ 20 meters (65' 7")); and
- Signature and payment/delivery information.

Vessel permits are issued annually, which facilitates the collection of current information on fishery participation. Collection of such information also facilitates effective monitoring and enforcement. For example, NMFS requires that vessel permits be displayed to dealers and that permit numbers be recorded on dealer reports in order to validate landings of HMS and to ensure effective tracking of catch quotas. Vessel permit lists also serve as sampling frames for logbooks and recreational fishery surveys such as the Large Pelagic Survey (LPS) which provided essential data for management and stock assessments.

A current permit holder list aids NMFS in the communication and enforcement of fishery regulations through distribution of management program brochures, fish identification guides, and regulatory compliance guides. In addition, a permit "universe" facilitates collecting catch and effort information about commercial and recreational fisheries, as required by law. NMFS constructs sampling frames for dockside and telephone surveys from permit holder lists and uses the list to select vessels for logbooks and/or at-sea observers (addressed under separate collections). Such surveys, logbooks, and observer reports provide essential information for management of HMS fisheries in the United States, particularly in terms of quota allocation decisions that follow ICCAT recommendations and MSA requirements and National Standards. NMFS operates a mandatory angler catch reporting program for bluefin tuna, swordfish, and billfish (addressed under a separate collection) that is linked to the permit number to avoid false reporting and facilitates enforcement. Another purpose of the vessel permit requirement is that it serves as a useful tool in support of enforcement of fishery regulations. That is, the permit can be revoked as a penalty for a violation of fishery conservation measures.

Dealer Permits

The general information collected for dealer applications includes all or some of the following information:

- Business & owner name and contact information (e.g., phone, address, business website, etc.), birth date for the sole proprietor or applicant;
- Business report or articles of incorporation (other than sole proprietorship);
- Facilities where product is received or other business addresses/contact information;

- Applicant name and contact information;
- Federal Tax I.D. number;
- Type of dealer permit requested;
- Other NMFS dealer permit identification; and
- Applicant signature and date.

Note: the Federal Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) requirement was included in the last revision specifically for support of the cost recovery requirement in the Southeast Region Gulf of Mexico Red Snapper IFQ Program, OMB Control No. 0648-0551. Dealers with HMS dealer permits are likely to participate in the cost recovery program for red snapper. Collection of the TIN is necessary to ensure that we are collecting from the person who owes the debt. If the fee submission and payment are not received, the agency must begin collection processes and those collection processes cannot be initiated or accomplished without the TIN. *Because the TIN in this instance is collected for NMFS cost recovery, there is demonstrable practical utility. In addition, cost recovery is mandated by the MSA (16 U.S.C. 1852 et seq.) as amended in 2006, and the collection of TINs in such an instance is supported by [31 U.S.C. Section 7701](#).* Requiring TINS on permit applications is the only method we have for identifying TINs for those involved, or who may become involved, in the IFQ program.

For dealer permits, submission of the appropriate hard copy application is required, as indicated below in the answer to Question 3. In general, the purpose and use of dealer permits is to (1) identify fish dealers and the characteristics of their operations; (2) increase compliance (e.g., impose permit sanctions pending collection of required reports or unpaid penalties); (3) provide a mailing list for the dissemination of important information to the industry; and (4) provide a universe for data collection samples.

Although the information collected under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Act generally is not expected to be disseminated directly to the public, it may be used in the development or review of fishery management plans or subject to release through a [Freedom of Information Act](#) request, and is therefore subject to NOAA's Information Quality Guidelines. The MSA and other confidential requirements would apply to any such proposed release. NMFS will retain control over the information and safeguard it from improper access, modification, and destruction, consistent with NOAA standards for confidentiality, privacy, and electronic information. See the 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 subject 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.

The public can request an application for an Atlantic tunas, HMS Charter/headboat, Swordfish General Commercial, and HMS Angling vessel permits via both telephone (888-872-8862) and secure internet automated systems (<https://hmspermits.noaa.gov/>). Applicants may fill out and submit an application electronically via an internet automated system. These automated systems are available on a 7 day per week/24 hour a day basis, and are available at no additional charge to the permit holder beyond the cost of the permit. After an electronic application has been submitted, a vessel owner can track the application process and permit status via the internet at <https://hmspermits.noaa.gov/>. Once application processing is complete, a permit can be printed off the website or faxed or mailed back to the vessel owner.

Alternatively, fillable, printable applications for these vessel permits can be obtained directly from the internet site or through the mail via an automated internet or phone request and submitted by mail. However, recreational permit holders that wish to retain sharks are required to obtain a Shark Endorsement on their permit. This requires them to view a brief training video on prohibited shark identification and safe handling and release practices prior to taking a short education quiz on HMS recreational shark fishing regulations and prohibited shark identification, both of which are only available online. *The shark endorsement video is embedded within the online permit application/renewal process at ><https://hmspermits.noaa.gov/><*

Automated information is available on a toll free telephone line (888-872-8862). Atlantic tunas dealer permits are fillable pdfs, available at <http://www.greateratlantic.fisheries.noaa.gov/aps/permits/dealer/>. For Atlantic tunas dealer permits, renewal is facilitated by providing a pre-filled renewal application. Vessel permit renewals for Atlantic tunas, HMS Charter/headboat, Swordfish General Commercial, and HMS Angling permits also provide pre-filled fields for both Internet and phone renewal.

The requirement for certain commercial HMS vessels to obtain an IMO/LR number is accomplished by accessing a secure internet automated system supported by IHS/Fairplay (<http://imonumbers.lrfairplay.com/>). Applicants may fill out and submit an application electronically. This automated system is available on a 7 days per week/24 hours per day, and the IMO/LR number is available at no additional charge to the vessel owner.

4. Describe efforts to identify duplication.

The HMS Advisory Panel meets twice per year to discuss issues pertinent to management of HMS fisheries, including permits. This panel includes representatives from fishing and processing industries, environmentalists, the academic community, and the Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico, and Caribbean states and/or territories. Through this forum and the federal rule-making process, information including any potential duplication of permitting requirements is identified.

Vessel Permits

No other federally-issued fishing permits are required for the activities covered by the permits in this collection. State permits may be necessary for fishing in some states' waters for certain species. HMS-permitted vessels may participate in other federally regulated commercial fisheries (e.g., northeast multi-species) for which permits are issued. NMFS is investigating means to consolidate the permitting process so that permits for multiple fisheries may be issued/renewed through a single application process (e.g., one stop shopping).

Dealer and Trade Permits

Tuna Dealer permits are required for purchasing tunas from fishing vessels (see table below). In addition, HMS dealers who import, export, or re-export species covered by the IFTP are required to hold that permit as well (see table below). Therefore, although U.S. dealers may be required to hold more than one permit for purchasing and trading HMS, each permit covers a different function, and none of the permits are duplicative in the activities they cover.

Atlantic Tunas Dealer Permit Requirements.

SPECIES	PERMIT FOR PURCHASE FROM VESSEL
Atlantic bluefin tuna	Atlantic Tunas Dealer Permit
Atlantic bigeye tuna	Atlantic Tunas Dealer Permit
Atlantic albacore tuna	Atlantic Tunas Dealer Permit
Atlantic yellowfin tuna	Atlantic Tunas Dealer Permit
Atlantic skipjack tuna	Atlantic Tunas Dealer Permit

HMS International Trade Permit Requirements (import, export, re-export).

SPECIES	PERMIT FOR TRADE
Atlantic bluefin tuna	IFTP
Pacific bluefin tuna	IFTP
Southern bluefin tuna	IFTP
Atlantic bigeye tuna (frozen only)	IFTP
Swordfish	IFTP
Shark Fins	IFTP

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

Annual permitting does not have a significant impact on small businesses (all respondents are considered small businesses). The minimal burden per application is outlined in the answer to Question 12. Impacts have been minimized for all vessel permits by providing application and renewal services over the Internet and telephone, as discussed in the answer to Question 3.

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

If this information collection were not conducted, the United States would have difficulty fulfilling international reporting and compliance obligations at ICCAT, potentially resulting in violations of ICCAT recommendations, including catch and capacity reporting requirements. ICCAT penalties may include reduction in the assigned country catch quota or trade restrictive measures. In addition, trade restrictions may be imposed on countries that fail to restrict catch to the level of the assigned quotas.

Estimates of the status of the Atlantic HMS stocks would be less accurate without this information, since all contracting parties to ICCAT must submit catch and effort information on an annual basis. Without such catch and effort statistics, the conservation and management objectives of ICCAT with respect to species rebuilding programs could be jeopardized. Furthermore, it would be difficult for the United States to formulate domestic policy consistent with the MSA, which must be based on the best available scientific information, including sound data and related analyses. NMFS would be less able to prepare documents such as Regulatory Impact Reviews and Environmental Impact Statements, as required under the Magnuson-Stevens Act, the National Environmental Policy Act, and other applicable laws.

If this information collection were not conducted, NMFS would not gather the annual permitting information that provides an accurate vessel and dealer list and facilitates quota monitoring and data collections necessary to meet ICCAT and MSA requirements. Widening the timeframe for collection of information on HMS fisheries participants (e.g., every two years rather than annually) would provide a less accurate sampling frame that is the basis for fleet size calculations used for annual catch and effort estimates. Many vessels are sold, transferred, or move to new locations from year to year. It is also necessary to issue annual dealer permits in order to ensure accurate records of landings and to communicate regulatory changes efficiently and effectively.

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

Not Applicable.

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

A Federal Register Notice published on January 26, 2018 (83 FR 3682) solicited public comment regarding the revision and extension of this information collection.

All of the permits covered under this collection were established via the federal rulemaking process, which required analyses of the impacts of the information collection and provided an opportunity for public comment. In addition, the HMS Advisory Panel meets twice annually to provide input on HMS regulatory and operations programs. Public comments on the January 26, 2018 Federal Register notice were solicited from the public and Advisory Panel members at the March 2018 HMS Advisory Panel meeting. The HMS Advisory Panel did not provide any comments on the collection at the the AP. Meeting. We asked them about several information collections at once, but they did not have any feedback on this renewal.

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

There are no payments or gifts to respondents.

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, the information collected will be handled as confidential material to the extent required under section 402(b) of the MSA, as amended in 2006, and [NOAA Administrative Order 216.100](#), which sets forth procedures to protect confidentiality of fishery statistics. Permit holder names and addresses are considered non-confidential, and are regularly posted on various NMFS websites. Phone number, fax and email information, TIN and DOB are considered confidential, and are not released to the public. Generally, the agency does not release confidential information submitted in compliance with provisions of the Act, other than in aggregate form or under circumstances otherwise required or authorized by law.

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 June 11, 2008 (73 FR 33065). An updated SORN was submitted for DOC review in May 2013.

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 sensitive questions are asked.

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

Numbers of respondents, responses, burden hours and recordkeeping/reporting costs for each permit are given in the table below. For most permit types, the number of respondents/responses in the first column is based upon actual 2017 data.

Permit Type	Currently Approved Annual Respondents/ Responses	Annual Respondents/ Respondents (estimated)	Time per Response (min)	Annual Burden (hrs)	Cost (\$) (@\$15/hr)
VESSEL PERMITS					
INITIAL -- Atlantic Tunas (General, Harpoon & Trap categories), HMS Charter/headboat	5,000	3,000	34	1,700	\$25,500
RENEWAL -- Atlantic Tunas (General, Harpoon & Trap categories), HMS Charter/headboat	6,500	6,500	10	1,083	\$16,250
INITIAL -- HMS Angling	4,183	4,500	34	2,550	\$38,250
RENEWAL -- HMS Angling	16,569	20,000	10	3,333	\$50,000
RENEWAL -- Atlantic Tunas Purse seine limited access	5	5	10	1	\$15
INITIAL -- Swordfish General Commercial	2,000	2,000	34	1,133	\$17,000
RENEWAL -- Swordfish General Commercial	700	600	10	100	\$1,500
INITIAL & RENEWAL -- One-time requirement to obtain IMO/LR number	50	50	30	25	\$375
TOTALS (VESSEL)	35,007	36,655	N/A	9,925	\$148,890
DEALER PERMITS					
INITIAL - Atlantic Tunas Dealer	50	50	15	13	\$188
RENEWAL - Atlantic Tunas Dealer	377	400	5	33	\$500
TOTALS (DEALER)	427	450	N/A	46	\$688
GRAND TOTALS	35,436	37,105	N/A	9,971	\$149,578

*2017 was an unusually low number for initial permit requests. The requested number in Column 3 better represents the estimated number.

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

Permit Type	Annual Responses (Requested)	Estimated Permit Cost (\$)	+ Application Submission and/or Permit Delivery Cost	Total Recordkeeping and Reporting Cost (\$)
VESSEL PERMITS				
Atlantic Tunas, HMS Charter/headboat, HMS Angling, purse seine limited access, Swordfish General Commercial – internet application & self- printed/faxed (99% of 36,605)	36,239	\$20	\$0.00	\$724,779
Atlantic Tunas, HMS Charter/headboat, HMS Angling, purse seine limited access, Swordfish General Commercial– hardcopy application (0.95% of 36,605)	348	\$20	\$0.49	\$7,130
Atlantic Tunas, HMS Charter/headboat, HMS Angling, purse seine limited access, Swordfish General Commercial – USPS overnight delivery (.05% of 36,605)	18	\$20	\$5.75	\$464
One-time requirement to obtain IMO/LR number – internet application	50	\$0	\$0	\$0
SUBTOTAL	36,655	N/A	N/A	\$732,373
DEALER PERMITS				
Atlantic Tunas Dealer	450	\$0	\$0.50	\$225
TOTALS	37,105			\$732,598

* There is no cost for delivery of permits applications sent electronically or by fax.

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

The cost of all these permits will be reimbursed by an administrative cost recovery fee included in the permit fee, and there will be no cost to the Federal government.

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

Program changes:

Since the last action under this OMB Control No., NMFS has removed one type of dealer permit (HMS International Trade Permit) from this collection. The HMS ITP was replaced by the more comprehensive International Fishing Trade Permit (IFTP), which is covered under OMB Control No. 0648-0732. The total number of responses, hours, and recordkeeping/reporting costs **removed due to these program changes are 241 responses; 20 hours; and \$6,146 recordkeeping/reporting costs.**

TOTAL PROGRAM CHANGES: (-) 241 Responses; (-) 20 Hours; (-) \$6,146 Recordkeeping/reporting costs.

Adjustments:

For permits now in this collection, several adjustments are being requested. These adjustments are based primarily upon the actual number of initial permit applications and renewals received by NMFS in 2017, and/or anticipated to be received by NMFS in the future.

Permit Type	Current	Requested	Difference
VESSEL PERMITS			
Atlantic Tunas, HMS Charter/headboat, HMS Angling, purse seine limited access, Swordfish General Commercial permit application and renewal, IMO/LR number	Responses: 37,186	Responses: 36,655	(-) 772
	Hours: 10,734	Hours: 9,926	(+) 1,683
	Recordkeeping/reporting costs: \$ 747,824	Recordkeeping/reporting costs: \$ 732,376	(-) \$15,448
DEALER PERMITS			
Atlantic Tunas Dealer permit application and renewal	Responses: 427	Responses: 450	(+) 23
	Hours: 44	Hours: 46	(+) 2
	Recordkeeping/reporting costs: \$214	Recordkeeping/reporting costs: \$225	(+) \$11
TOTAL CHANGES DUE TO ADJUSTMENTS	Responses: 37,854	Responses: 37,105	Responses: (-) 749
	Hours: 10,768	Hours: 9,971	Hours: (-) 807
	Recordkeeping/reporting costs: \$748,038	Recordkeeping/reporting costs: \$732,601	Recordkeeping/reporting costs: (-) \$15,437

TOTAL ADJUSTMENT CHANGES: (-) 749 Responses; (-) 807 Hours; (-) \$15,437 Recordkeeping/reporting costs.

In summary, the overall number of respondents/responses and burden hours associated with this information collection has decreased due to decreases in the number of expected permit applicants. This has in turn resulted in decreased estimates of recordkeeping/reporting costs because the number of Atlantic Tunas, HMS Charter/headboat, HMS Angling, Purse Seine limited access, Swordfish General Commercial, and IMO/LR number initial permit applications and renewals are expected to decrease by 772 permits while Dealer Permits are expected to increase modestly by 23 permits for an overall adjustment of -749 permits. Because these permits cost \$20 each plus application and delivery costs, recordkeeping/reporting costs for this collection also decrease by \$15,437.

CURRENTLY APPROVED: 38,095 Responses; 10,978 Hours; \$754,184 Recordkeeping/reporting costs.

REQUESTED: 37,105 Responses; 9,971 Hours; and \$732,598 Recordkeeping/reporting costs.

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

NMFS regularly publishes annual summary tables of the total number and type of permit issued by state and region. Such tables may appear in reports to ICCAT, Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation reports, Environmental Assessments, Regulatory Impact Reviews, etc. The names and contact information of all permitted dealers are routinely made available on NMFS websites to inform commercial fishermen about where they can legally sell their catch. The names of all registered vessels 20 meters in length or greater with Atlantic HMS permits are also regularly provided to ICCAT per the requirements of ICCAT Recommendation 13-13 (Rec. 13-13).

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.

Section B. Collections of information employing statistical methods

This collection does not employ statistical methods.



**NATIONAL OCEANIC & ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION
ATLANTIC TUNAS & ATLANTIC HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES
PERMIT APPLICATION**



(READ INSTRUCTIONS PRIOR TO COMPLETING THE INITIAL APPLICATION)

SECTION 1 – OWNER INFORMATION

Owner Type (choose one): Individual Partnership Corporation

Owner or Corporation Name (if more than one individual, circle name of primary contact): _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email Address: _____

SECTION 2 – VESSEL INFORMATION

Vessel Name (if vessel is unnamed, write “unnamed”): _____

Coast Guard Documentation Number: _____ State Registration Number: _____

Home Port: _____ (City, State) Principal Port, if different: _____ (City, State)

Vessel Length: _____ (to nearest foot) Year Built: _____

Crew Size: _____ Construction: Wood Fiberglass Steel Other

Gross Tonnage: _____ Propulsion: Gasoline Diesel Other

Main Engine Horsepower: _____ Hold Capacity, if applicable: _____ (pounds)

Number of Passengers licensed to carry for Charter/Headboat: 6 or less OR Number, if more than 6: _____

SECTION 3 – PERMIT CATEGORY & ENDORSEMENT INFORMATION

Shark Endorsement (*may be added to Charter/Headboat, Angling, Tunas General, or Swordfish General permits*)

Category (check only one permit type)

- Atlantic HMS Charter/Headboat.....\$20
 CHB Commercial Sale Endorsement
- Atlantic HMS Angling (Recreational)....\$20
- Atlantic Tunas General.....\$20
- Atlantic Tunas Harpoon.....\$20
- Swordfish General Commercial.....\$20
- Atlantic Tunas General + Swordfish.....\$40
- Atlantic Tunas Harpoon + Swordfish ...\$40
- Atlantic Tunas Trap\$20

Primary Gear Type (check only one)

- Rod & Reel Handline Bandit gear Speargun Green stick
- Rod & Reel Handline Speargun
- Rod & Reel Handline Harpoon Bandit gear Green Stick (Harpoon only)
- Rod & Reel Handline Harpoon Bandit gear Green Stick
- Rod & Reel Handline Harpoon Bandit gear Green Stick (Harpoon only)
- Pound Net Fish Weir

SECTION 4 – OWNER’S SIGNATURE The undersigned is the owner or legally-authorized agent of the owner of the vessel named in Section 1 above. Issuance of a permit in one of the commercial categories (categories other than Angling) subjects a vessel to applicable requirements of the Fishing Vessel Safety Act of 1988 (46 CFR 25.28). Call the U.S. Coast Guard for details (see instructions for phone numbers).

Signature: _____

Date: _____ Print Name: _____

SECTION 5 – PAYMENT/DELIVERY INFORMATION: Note delivery surcharge below. Mail this application and payment to:
NOAA Permits, P.O. Box 979016, St. Louis, MO 63197-9000

Check if paying by money order/check (**Make payable to NMFS Permits**) * Please see notice at end of application.

DELIVERY OPTIONS (CHECK ONE):

- Send permit by Priority Mail at additional charge of \$5.60
- Send permit by email address listed above
- Fax permit to number indicated in Section 1
- Send permit by regular mail
- I will print my permit from the Internet once processed

FEDERAL ATLANTIC TUNAS, SWORDFISH, & ATLANTIC HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES (HMS) CHARTER/HEADBOAT PERMIT APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

An Atlantic tunas permit is required to fish commercially for bluefin, yellowfin, bigeye, albacore, and skipjack tunas. An Atlantic HMS Angling permit is required for all owners/operators of recreational vessels fishing for and/or retaining regulated HMS (tunas, sharks, swordfish and billfish) in the Atlantic Ocean, including the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea. An Atlantic HMS Charter/Headboat permit is required for all charter or headboat vessels fishing for and/or retaining regulated HMS in the Atlantic Ocean, including the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea. A Swordfish General Commercial permit is required to fish commercially for North Atlantic swordfish using either rod & reel, handline, harpoon, bandit gear, or green-stick (except for vessels issued a Commercial Caribbean Small Boat permit, HMS Charter/Headboat permit with Commercial Sale Endorsement, or Swordfish Directed, Incidental, or Handgear limited access permits). Vessels fishing commercially for North Atlantic swordfish **AND** regulated Atlantic tunas may obtain one of the following combination permits: Swordfish General Commercial permit/Atlantic tunas General permit; Swordfish General Commercial permit/Atlantic tunas Harpoon permit (except for vessels issued a Commercial Caribbean Small Boat permit, HMS Charter/Headboat permit, or Swordfish Directed, Incidental, or Handgear limited access permits); Please complete the attached application/renewal form and return to the address indicated at the bottom of the form. If your application/renewal, including payment, is complete, your permit will be mailed, emailed, faxed, or available to print (depending on your preferred delivery method) within 3 business days. Questions on the permit application/renewal process, call (888) USA-TUNA (872-8862); for HMS fisheries regulations: (978) 281-9260, (301) 427-8503 or (727) 824-5398; for Fishing Vessel Safety Act regulations see phone numbers below.

The following information is provided to help you complete the application/renewal form.

- *You may select only **ONE** permit or permit combo category per permit application. You may change this category when: a) renewing a permit; or b) within 45-calendar days from the date of issuance to correct any potential errors in the permit category provided the vessel has not landed bluefin. Therefore, once you have obtained your permit check it immediately to ensure its accuracy.*
- A permit may be owned by more than one person, but the owner information should match the owner information on the vessel's state registration or U.S. Coast Guard documentation. If more than one person is listed, please indicate the person who will be the primary point of contact for the permit.
- If you would like your permit faxed or emailed, please indicate the appropriate information in Section 1 and select that option in Section 5. If you would like to print your permit from your printer via the Internet (<https://hmspermits.noaa.gov>) once the permit is processed (approximately 3 business days), select the print option in Section 5.
- If your vessel is unnamed, write "unnamed" in the space for Vessel Name in Section 2.
- The vessel's homeport refers to the port where the vessel is located for most of the year. The principal port refers to the port where the majority of the vessel's landings occur. The vessel's home and principal port may be different.
- If your vessel is constructed of more than one material, choose "other". Please check only one box.
- You do not need to submit copies of state registration or U.S. Coast Guard documentation, as NMFS no longer requires submission of copies with the permit application. However, a copy of the vessel's valid U.S. Coast Guard documentation or, if not documented, a copy of its valid state registration must be carried on board the vessel and must match the information on the Atlantic tunas or Atlantic HMS permit.
- For vessels owned by a partnership or corporation, you do not need to submit a copy of the letter of partnership or articles of incorporation, but you are advised to maintain the corporate or partnership document in your files and must furnish the document to NOAA Fisheries Service upon request.
- For Atlantic HMS Charter/Headboat permits, you do not need to submit a copy of a captain's license as NOAA Fisheries Service no longer requires submission of a copy with the permit application. However, while persons aboard a vessel that has been issued an Atlantic HMS Charter/Headboat permit are fishing for or are in possession of Atlantic tunas, sharks, swordfish, and/or billfish, the operator of the vessel must have a valid Merchant Marine License or Uninspected Passenger Vessel License, issued by the U.S. Coast Guard; **this license must be carried on board the vessel.**
- Commercial vessels are subject to the Fishing Vessel Safety Act of 1988. For information, contact the U.S. Coast Guard office in your district:

Maine to New York	(617) 223-8315	South Carolina to Florida	(305) 415-6868
New Jersey to North Carolina	(757) 398-6554	Gulf of Mexico	(504) 589-4554

INFORMATION REGARDING PERMIT CATEGORIES AND ENDORSEMENTS

NEW for 2018 - SHARK ENDORSEMENT:

The shark endorsement is required for permit holders that wish to fish for or retain any sharks while recreationally fishing under an HMS Charter/Headboat, HMS Angling, Atlantic Tunas General category, and/or Swordfish General Commercial permit. In order to receive the shark endorsement, you must first watch an online video regarding shark identification and take an educational quiz. For more information on adding the shark endorsement, please visit <https://hmspermits.noaa.gov/> or call 1-888-872-8862.

COMMERCIAL CATEGORIES:

Commercial size tuna taken under any of these categories may be sold. See commercial compliance guide at <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/compliance/guides/index.html> for applicable minimum size limits and other regulations.

ATLANTIC HMS CHARTER/HEADBOAT: Owners of charter boats or headboats used to fish for, take, retain, or possess Atlantic tunas, sharks, swordfish, and billfish must obtain this permit. **NEW FOR 2018** - A Charter/Headboat *Commercial Sale Endorsement* is required for all owners who wish to sell their HMS catch. Note that U.S. Coast Guard commercial fishing vessel safety requirements apply to Charter/Headboat permit holders with the Commercial Sale Endorsement. For bluefin tuna, anglers aboard Atlantic HMS Charter/Headboat-permitted vessels with the Commercial Sale Endorsement may collectively fish under either the Angling or General Category daily retention limit, but not both on the same day. Commercial size tunas taken aboard vessels permitted in the Atlantic HMS Charter/ Headboat category with the Commercial Sale Endorsement may be sold to licensed dealers only. Authorized gear: rod & reel (including downriggers), handline, bandit gear, green-stick, and spearguns (recreational only, no bluefin).

ATLANTIC TUNAS TRAP: Vessel owners who conduct trap operations that may result in the incidental taking of large medium and giant BFT must obtain this permit. Note that only one bluefin per year may be retained. Authorized gear: pound nets and fish weirs.

ATLANTIC TUNAS GENERAL: Vessel owners who harvest Atlantic tunas, including large medium and giant bluefin, by handgear and plan to sell the tuna must obtain this permit. Authorized gear: rod & reel (including downriggers), handline, harpoon, greenstick, and bandit gear.

ATLANTIC TUNAS HARPOON: Vessel owners who conduct a commercial harpoon fishery only for Atlantic tunas, including large medium and giant bluefin, must obtain this permit. Vessels permitted in the Harpoon category may not participate in the General category fishery. Authorized gear: Harpoon.

SWORDFISH GENERAL COMMERCIAL: Vessel owners who harvest Atlantic swordfish commercially and do not hold a Commercial Caribbean Small Boat permit, HMS Charter/Headboat permit, or limited access swordfish permit must obtain this permit. Authorized gear: rod & reel (including downriggers), handline, harpoon, greenstick, and bandit gear.

RECREATIONAL CATEGORY:

Atlantic HMS taken under the Angling category size and retention limits MAY NOT be sold. See recreational commercial compliance guide at <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/compliance/guides/index.html> for applicable minimum size limits and other regulations.

ATLANTIC HMS ANGLING: Private recreational vessels used to fish for, take, retain, or possess Atlantic tunas, sharks, swordfish, and billfish must obtain this permit. All bluefin must be reported within 24 hours of landing to NMFS by calling (888) 872-8862 or accessing the <https://hmspermits.noaa.gov> website. If bluefin are landed in the states of North Carolina or Maryland, they should be reported to a reporting station prior to removing fish from the vessel. Information about the state harvest tagging programs, including reporting station locations, can be obtained in North Carolina by calling (800) 338-7804 and in Maryland by calling (410) 213-1531. Authorized gear: rod & reel (including downriggers), handline, and spearguns (except for bluefin).

For further information regarding the HMS permits on this form please call the Greater Atlantic Regional Office HMS Management Division at (978) 281-9260.

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT STATEMENT: Collection of information through annual permitting serves three purposes: (1) it provides current information on the vessel owners participating in the Atlantic tuna fisheries; (2) it provides an up-to-date sampling frame that is the basis for fleet size calculations used for catch and effort estimates in fisheries that do not require mandatory reporting, thus enabling the U.S. to meet international obligations to report catch statistics for Atlantic tunas; and (3) aids NOAA Fisheries Service in the enforcement of fishery regulations. Public reporting burden for this initial permit application of information is estimated to average 30 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining data needed, and completed & reviewing the collection of information. Permit renewals are accomplished by using an automated phone system at (888) 872-8862 or by accessing the web site at www.nmfspermits.com. Public reporting burden for renewal by telephone or web is estimated to average 6 minutes per response. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to: National Marine Fisheries Service, F/SF1, 1315 East West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Providing the requested information in the permit application is mandatory for managing the Atlantic tuna fisheries in accordance with the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act (16 U.S.C. 971 et seq.) and the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act). It is agency policy not to release confidential information, other than in aggregate form, as the Magnuson-Stevens Act protects (in perpetuity) the confidentiality of those submitting information. Summaries of permit information by category may be released. 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. This is an approved information collection under OMB #0648-0327 and expires July 31, 2018.

Privacy Act Statement

Authority: The collection of this information is authorized under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, 16 U.S.C 1801 et seq. and the Tuna Conventions Act of 1950. The authority for the mandatory collection of the Tax Identification Number (TIN) is 31 U.S.C. 7701.

Purpose: In order to manage U.S. fisheries, the NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) requires the use of permits or registrations by participants in the United States. Information on NOAA Fisheries permit applicants and renewing holders includes vessel owner contact information, date of birth, TIN and vessel descriptive information. Permit holder information may be used as sampling frames for surveys, as part of NMFS analysis to support NMFS decisions.

Routine Uses: The Department will use this information to determine permit eligibility and to identify fishery participants. Disclosure of this information is permitted under the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. Section 552a), to be shared within NMFS offices, in order to coordinate monitoring and management of sustainability of fisheries and protected resources, as well as with the applicable State or Regional Marine Fisheries Commissions and International Organizations. Disclosure of this information is also subject to all of the published routine uses as identified in the Privacy Act System of Records Notice [COMMERCE/NOAA-19](#), Permits and Registrations for the United States Federally Regulated Fisheries.

Disclosure: Furnishing this information is voluntary; however, failure to provide complete and accurate information will prevent the determination of eligibility for a permit.

Notice to Customers Making Payment by Check

If you send us a check, it will be converted into an electronic funds transfer (EFT). This means we will copy your check and use the account information on it to electronically debit your account for the amount of the check. The debit from your account will usually occur within 24 hours, and will be shown on your regular account statement.

You will not receive your original check back. We will destroy your original check, but we will keep the copy of it. If the EFT cannot be processed for technical reasons, the copy will be processed in place of your original check.



United States Department of Commerce
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
National Marine Fisheries Service
Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office
55 Great Republic Drive
Gloucester, MA 01930
Phone: (978) 282-8438

Initial Dealer Permit Information

Dear Federal Greater Atlantic Region Seafood Dealer:

Why are we writing to you?

You requested a Federal Greater Atlantic Seafood Dealer initial permit application. You will need to complete the enclosed application and ownership form, include the required documentation, and return it to the Greater Atlantic Permit Office.

This package includes a(n):

- Initial permit application
- Owner form
- Application instructions
- Application checklist
- Port Office contact list

Application requirements

You must submit a complete and accurate application. Failure to meet all of the requirements of the application will delay the issuance of your permit(s).

Reporting Requirements

When your permit is issued, you must submit trip-level reports of all lobster, shellfish, and fish purchased or received. Go to: http://www.nero.noaa.gov/dealer_er/ for information on reporting requirements. For questions on the Federal dealer reporting requirements, contact your area Port Agent (list enclosed).

Highly Migratory Species

If you purchase highly migratory species (HMS), specifically Atlantic bigeye, albacore, yellowfin and skipjack (BAYS) tunas, Atlantic sharks and/or Atlantic swordfish, and hold another federal Greater Atlantic Region seafood dealer permit, you must report HMS electronically as well. Beginning January 1, 2013, dealers with a permit for only Atlantic tunas were required to electronically report their purchases of BAYS tunas and other HMS. Atlantic tuna dealers who purchase or receive domestic Atlantic Bluefin tuna have separate reporting requirements. Call (978) 281-9140 if you have questions about Bluefin tuna reporting, and (301) 427-8590 for questions about reporting for other HMS.

Dealers that trade bluefin tuna, swordfish, southern bluefin tuna, or frozen bigeye tuna internationally are required to obtain a Highly Migratory Species International Trade Permit. Information on this permit can be found at: www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/ITP/index.htm or by calling (727) 824-5326 and pressing 3.

Do I need a dealer permit?

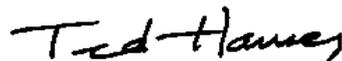
You need to have a Greater Atlantic dealer permit for each managed species that you purchase from a vessel that is required to have a Greater Atlantic Region vessel permit. Additionally, you must have that permit in your possession. Therefore, you need a Greater Atlantic Region dealer permit if:

- You purchase any of the fish or shellfish listed below that are harvested from federal waters (EEZ) or;
- You purchase Atlantic Tunas harvested from Federal or State waters or;
- You purchase these fish or shellfish from a vessel issued a Federal Greater Atlantic Region vessel permit.

List of managed species that require a Greater Atlantic Federal Dealer Permit		
American lobster	Northeast Multispecies continued -	NE Skate continued -
Atlantic bluefish	Atlantic Cod	Clearnose skate
Atlantic deep-sea red crab	Atlantic halibut	Little skate
Atlantic herring	Haddock	Rosette skate
Atlantic mackerel	Offshore hake	Smooth skate
Atlantic sea scallop	Ocean Pout	Thorny skate
Atlantic tunas -	Pollock	Winter skate
Atlantic bluefin tuna	Redfish (ocean perch)	Squids -
Albacore tuna	Red hake (ling)	<i>Illex</i> squid
Bigeye tuna	Silver hake (whiting)	<i>Longfin</i> squid
Skipjack tuna	White hake	Ocean quahog
Yellowfin tuna	Windowpane flounder (sand dab)	Scup
Black sea bass	Winter flounder (blackback)	Spiny dogfish
Butterfish	Witch flounder (grey sole)	Summer flounder
Monkfish	Yellowtail flounder	Surfclam
Northeast Multispecies -	Northeast Skate complex	Tilefish
American plaice (dab)	Barndoor skate	Atlantic Hagfish

If you have any questions, please contact the Greater Atlantic Permit Office at 978-282-8438.

Sincerely,



Ted Hawes
Section Chief
Permits and Limited Access Programs

Enclosures

OMB# 0648-0202 - Expiration Date: 08/31/2019



**National Marine Fisheries Service
Greater Atlantic Regional Office**



**Application Instructions
Federal Fisheries Dealer Permit**

Mail completed application packages to: NOAA Fisheries Service (NMFS), Greater Atlantic Region Permit Office, 55 Great Republic Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930. **Note:** There is a 30-day processing period for all application packages. This 30-day processing period begins when a **correct and complete** application package has been received by the Greater Atlantic Region Permit Office and all required reports have been submitted and accepted by NMFS. Failure to provide the required information will delay processing of your dealer permit.

For further information, call the Greater Atlantic Permit Office at (978) 282-8438

➤ **Section 1 - Dealer Information**

If you already have a NE dealer permit, enclosed is a pre-printed application, which is partially completed for you.

If you are applying for an Atlantic Mackerel or Atlantic Herring at Sea Processor permit, you must enter a vessel name and hull number where indicated and include a copy of the vessel's current Coast Guard Documentation or State Registration.

Before submitting your application, review the dealer information placed in Section 1 to ensure it is correct. Make any corrections on the lines provided.

➤ **Section 1A - Additional Dealer Information**

If your company or business purchases or receives regulated species at more than one location, each address must be listed on the application. Space is available on the back of the dealer permit application form for the required listing of additional addresses. You do not need a separate dealer number for the additional locations as long as the businesses at these locations are all the same business entity.

➤ **Section 2 - Selected Fisheries**

If not already marked, place an 'X' next to each of the fisheries for which you are requesting a Federal Fisheries Dealer Permit.

To **add** a fishery not currently held, mark an "X" next to the permit on the application.

To **cancel** a fishery which you currently hold, write "cancel" next to each permit you wish to cancel.

➤ **Section 3 – Applicant's Signature**

Before mailing, carefully review the application form for accuracy and completeness. Sign and date the application in Section 3 and return it to the address listed above.



Please read the important information on the reverse
before mailing your application

Additional Information for Dealers Submitting an Annual Renewal Application

All dealers, whether operating as a corporation, partnership, or sole proprietorship, must submit the enclosed Owner Form with the annual renewal application. The Owner Form must list the full name of **every** individual who has an ownership interest in a corporation, partnership, or sole proprietorship. **Failure to include a completed Owner Form with your Initial application may delay permit issuance.**

A note on Dealer Reporting

All Federally permitted Greater Atlantic Seafood Dealers must submit weekly trip-level reports required under either CFR § 648.7, § 697.6 and § 635.5 Failure to do so will bar the future issuance of any Greater Atlantic dealer permit. If you have any questions concerning your compliance with the reporting regulations for Greater Atlantic managed species, please contact your local NMFS Port Agent (list enclosed). Questions concerning reporting for bluefin tuna [CFR § 635.5], should be directed to the Highly Migratory Species Office at (978) 281-9140.

The Analysis and Program Support Division may refer dealers to the NOAA Fisheries Service Office of Law Enforcement for:

- Failure to submit all reports
- Submitting incomplete or inaccurate reports
- Failure to report in a timely fashion

Activities that do not comply with the provisions of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act may subject the violator to fines and/or permit sanctions.

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United States Department of Commerce
 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
 National Marine Fisheries Service
 Greater Atlantic Region
 55 Great Republic Drive
 Gloucester, MA 01930

Federal Greater Atlantic Seafood Dealer Initial Dealer Permit Application

SECTION 1 - DEALER INFORMATION

Southeast Dealer # (if available) _____

Company name: _____

Owner's Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State : _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax Number: _____

**Vessel Name: _____ **Vessel Hull Number: _____

**** (if you are applying for an Atlantic Mackerel at Sea Processor permit or an Atlantic Herring at Sea Processor permit, you must enter a vessel name and hull number above and include a copy of the vessel's current Coast Guard Documentation or State Registration.)**

All corporations, LLCs, and partnerships must provide a copy of the Certificate of Incorporation listing the names of all partners, officers, and/or shareholders in the company. Failure to provide this information WILL DELAY the processing of your application.

If regulated species are purchased or received for commercial purposes at more than one place of business, each address must be listed. List those additional addresses on the back of this form in Section 1A.

SECTION 2 - FISHERIES

Select the fisheries desired by placing an (X) in the boxes provided. Select all fisheries that apply.

- | | | |
|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Atlantic bluefin tuna | <input type="checkbox"/> Northeast multispecies | <input type="checkbox"/> Scup |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Atlantic Tunas
(Yellowfin, Bigeye, Skipjack,
Albacore) | <input type="checkbox"/> American lobster | <input type="checkbox"/> Black sea bass |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Surfclam/Ocean quahog - Dealer | <input type="checkbox"/> Skate | <input type="checkbox"/> Monkfish |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Surfclam/Ocean quahog - Processor | <input type="checkbox"/> **Atlantic mackerel at sea
processor | <input type="checkbox"/> Atlantic bluefish |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Summer flounder | <input type="checkbox"/> Squid, Atlantic mackerel, butterfish | <input type="checkbox"/> Spiny Dogfish |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Atlantic sea scallop | <input type="checkbox"/> Atlantic herring - Dealer | <input type="checkbox"/> Tilefish |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Atlantic Hagfish | <input type="checkbox"/> **Atlantic herring At Sea Processor | <input type="checkbox"/> Atlantic Deep-sea Red Crab |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> ** Atlantic herring At Sea Dealer | |

SECTION 3 - OWNER'S NAME AND SIGNATURE

I affirm, subject to the penalties provided in 18 USC 1001, that all information I have given in obtaining this permit is true and correct.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

SECTION 1A - ADDITIONAL DEALER INFORMATION. If regulated species are purchased or received for commercial purposes at more than one place of business, each address must be listed below.

Company Address

Street:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Telephone:		

Company Address

Street:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Telephone:		

Company Address

Street:		
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Telephone:		

Company Address

Street:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Telephone:		

For further information, call Greater Atlantic Permit Office at (978) 282-8438

Owner name, business officers and members, address, phone number, fax number, and permit information may be released via a NOAA Fisheries website. All other data submitted will be handled as confidential material in accordance with NOAA Administrative Order 216-100, Protection of Confidential Fishery Statistics.

The Paperwork Reduction Act requires potential respondents for a dealer/processor permit be notified of certain information regarding their rights and the burden associated with applying for a Federal dealer/processor permit. One of the regulatory steps taken by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) to carry out conservation and management objectives is the requirement of a permit for users of the resources. All the fisheries included on this application require a permit to purchase, or otherwise receive for transport for a commercial purpose, other than solely for transport on land, species harvested by the owner or operator of a fishing vessel issued a Federal fisheries permit for these species. Section 303(b)(1) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSFCMA) specifically recognizes the need for permit issuance.

The purpose and use of permits is to: (1) register fish dealers and processor, (2) list the characteristics of dealer/processor operations, (3) exercise influence over compliance (e.g. withhold issuance pending collection of unpaid penalties and / or required reports), (4) provide a mailing list for the dissemination of important information to the industry, (5) provide a universe for data collection samples, and (6) obtain first purchase information on landings to evaluate the biological, economic and social implications of management measures.

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. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 15 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining data needed, and completing and reviewing the information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or suggestions for reducing this burden to: National Marine Fisheries Service, Permit Office, 55 Great Republic Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2276.



Owner Form

- List all persons who have an ownership interest in the business that is the subject of this application.
- Owners or persons who have an ownership interest in a business are defined as and include, but are not limited to, corporations, partnerships, LLCs, persons who are shareholders in a corporation, persons who have formed a partnership (general or limited), and any other entities that have ownership interest in the business.

Section A – Person(s) or Business applying for permit

Name:	Permit Number:
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Section B - All persons who have an ownership interest in the business must be listed below. Do not include employees of the business unless they are also an owner or shareholder.

Mr/Mrs/Ms	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Suffix Name
Check all that apply - Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Shareholder <input type="checkbox"/>				

Mr/Mrs/Ms	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Suffix Name
Check all that apply - Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Shareholder <input type="checkbox"/>				

Mr/Mrs/Ms	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Suffix Name
Check all that apply - Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Shareholder <input type="checkbox"/>				

I, the undersigned, am the owner or legally authorized agent of the owner of the business named in *Section A* above. I affirm, subject to the penalties provided in 18 U.S.C. 1001, that all information that I have given in obtaining this permit is true and correct. OMB# 0648-0202 Expires 08/31/2019

Name of Applicant (print clearly) _____

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Please use the back of this form to provide information on all persons with an ownership interest in the business.

Page 2 - Section B Continued - All persons who have an ownership interest in the business must be listed below. Do not include employees of the business unless they are also an owner or shareholder.

Mr/Mrs/Ms	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Suffix Name
Check all that apply - Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Shareholder <input type="checkbox"/>				

Mr/Mrs/Ms	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Suffix Name
Check all that apply - Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Shareholder <input type="checkbox"/>				

Mr/Mrs/Ms	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Suffix Name
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Mr/Mrs/Ms	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Suffix Name
Check all that apply - Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Shareholder <input type="checkbox"/>				

I, the undersigned, am the owner or legally authorized agent of the owner of the business named in *Section A* above. I affirm, subject to the penalties provided in 18 U.S.C. 1001, that all information that I have given in obtaining this permit is true and correct. OMB# 0648-0202 Expires 08/31/2019

Name of Applicant (print clearly) _____

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Please copy this form as needed to provide information on all persons with an ownership interest in the business in Section A.

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

RIN 0648–XF950

Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting (webinar).

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Pacific Council) will hold a webinar meeting to review the 2018 update stock assessment for Pacific sardine. This webinar is open to the public.

DATES: The webinar will be held Tuesday, March 6, 2018, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., or until business has been completed.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held via webinar. A public listening station is available at the Pacific Council office (address below). To attend the webinar, use this link: <https://www.gotomeeting.com/webinar> (Click “Join a Webinar” in top right corner of page). (1) Enter the Webinar ID: 596–833–451. (2) Enter your name and email address (required). You must use your telephone for the audio portion of the meeting by dialing this TOLL number 1–415–655–0060. (3) Enter the Attendee phone audio access code 376–071–500. (4) Enter your audio phone pin (shown after joining the webinar). NOTE: We have disabled Mic/Speakers as an option and require all participants to use a telephone or cell phone to participate. Technical Information and System Requirements: PC-based attendees are required to use Windows® 7, Vista, or XP; Mac®-based attendees are required to use Mac OS® X 10.5 or newer; Mobile attendees are required to use iPhone®, iPad®, Android™ phone or Android tablet (See the <https://www.gotomeeting.com/webinar/ipad-iphone-android-webinar-apps>). You may send an email to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt at Kris.Kleinschmidt@noaa.gov or contact him at 503–820–2280, extension 411 for technical assistance.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220–1384.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kerry Griffin, Pacific Council; telephone: (503) 820–2409.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the meeting is to review the 2018 update stock assessment for Pacific sardine. The Coastal Pelagic Species (CPS) Subcommittee of the Pacific Council’s Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will conduct the review, and will follow the Pacific Council’s Terms of Reference for Stock Assessment Reviews. The Pacific Council will use the 2018 assessment to establish Pacific sardine fishery management measures and harvest specifications for the 2018–19 fishing year, which begins July 1 and ends the following June 30 each year. Representatives of the Council’s CPS Management Team and the CPS Advisory Subpanel will also participate in the review, as advisers.

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

Special Accommodations

The public listening station is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt at kris.kleinschmidt@noaa.gov; phone: (503) 820–2411 at least 10 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: January 23, 2018.

Tracey L. Thompson,

Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Atlantic Highly Migratory Species Permit Family of Forms**

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 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 a revised, and continuing information collection described below, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before March 27, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the internet at pracomments@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to: Cliff Hutt, phone 301–427–8503 or email Cliff.Hutt@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Abstract**

This request is for the revision and extension of a current information collection, which includes both vessel and dealer permits.

Under the provisions of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*), the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is responsible for management of the Nation’s marine fisheries. In addition, NMFS must comply with the United States’ obligations under the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act of 1975 (16 U.S.C. 971 *et seq.*). NMFS issues permits to fishing vessels and dealers in order to collect information necessary to comply with domestic and international obligations, secure compliance with regulations, and disseminate necessary information.

Regulations at 50 CFR 635.4 require that vessels participating in commercial and recreational fisheries for Atlantic highly migratory species (HMS) and dealers purchasing Atlantic HMS from a vessel obtain a Federal permit issued by NMFS. This action addresses the renewal of permit applications currently approved under PRA 0648–0327, including both vessel and Atlantic Tunas Dealer permits. Vessel permits include Atlantic Tunas (except Longline permits, which are approved under OMB Control No. 0648–0205), HMS Charter/Headboat, HMS Angling, and Swordfish General Commercial permits. This action also includes the one-time requirement for commercial vessels greater than 20 meters in length to obtain a International Maritime

Organization/Lloyd's Registry (IMO/LR) number.

The primary reason for the revision of this information collection is to reflect that HMS International Trade Permits have been removed from this collection as they were discontinued in 2016, and replaced with the International Fishing Trade Permit (IFTP). The IFTP is covered under OMB Control No. 0648–0732. Thus, the burden and costs associated with renewal and issuance of an initial HMS ITP are no longer applicable to this collection of information.

II. Method of Collection

Methods of submittal include on line, email, and mail.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648–0327.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Review: Regular submission (request for revision and extension of a current information collection).

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 39,571.

Estimated Time per Response:

Renewal of Atlantic Tunas Dealer Permit application, 5 minutes; renewal applications for the following vessel permits—Atlantic Tunas, HMS Charter/Headboat, HMS Angling, and Swordfish General Commercial, 10 minutes; initial Atlantic Tunas Dealer Permit application, 15 minutes; initial applications for the following vessel permits—Atlantic Tunas, HMS Charter/Headboat, HMS Angling, and Swordfish General Commercial, 35 minutes; One-time application for the IMO/LP number, 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 11,063.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$947,844.

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: January 19, 2018.

Sarah Brabson,

NOAA PRA Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648–XF980

Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice; public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Tilefish Advisory Panel of the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 21, 2018, beginning at 9 a.m. and conclude by 1 p.m. For agenda details, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held via webinar with a telephone-only connection option.

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N. State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674–2331 or on their website at www.mafmc.org.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christopher M. Moore, Ph.D., Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, telephone: (302) 526–5255.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the meeting is to create fishery performance reports for blueline and golden tilefish by the Council's Tilefish Advisory Panel. The intent of these reports is to facilitate a venue for structured input from the Advisory Panel members for the Tilefish specifications processes, including recommendations by the Council and its Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC).

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aid should be directed to M. Jan Saunders,

(302) 526–5251, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: January 23, 2018.

Tracey L. Thompson,

Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648–XF911

Fisheries of the Gulf of Mexico; Southeast Data, Assessment and Review (SEDAR); Public Meeting; Correction

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

ACTION: Notice of change of date for the SEDAR 51 Review Workshop for Gulf of Mexico Gray Snapper.

SUMMARY: The SEDAR 51 assessment of the Gulf of Mexico Gray Snapper will consist of: A Data Workshop; an Assessment Workshop and series of Assessment webinars; and a Review Workshop. This notice is to indicate a change of date for the Review Workshop for SEDAR 51. The original Review Workshop dates were February 13–15, 2018. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

DATES: The SEDAR 51 Review Workshop will be held from 9 a.m. on March 20, 2018 until 5 p.m. on March 22, 2018. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

ADDRESSES: The SEDAR 51 Review Workshop will be held at the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council Office, 2203 N Lois Ave, Suite 1100, Tampa, FL 33607.

SEDAR address: 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, N Charleston, SC 29405.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Julie Neer, SEDAR Coordinator; phone: (843) 571–4366 or toll free: (866) SAFMC–10; fax: (843) 769–4520; email: Julie.neer@safmc.net.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The original notice published in the **Federal Register** on January 22, 2018 (83 FR 2963).

The Gulf of Mexico, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils, in conjunction with NOAA Fisheries and the Atlantic and Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commissions have implemented the Southeast Data,