NOTICE OF OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET ACTION

Date 01/10/2017

Department of Commerce
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

FOR CERTIFYING OFFICIAL: Steve Cooper
FOR CLEARANCE OFFICER: Jennifer Jessup

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, OMB has taken action on your request received 09/08/2016

ACTION REQUESTED: Extension without change of a currently approved collection
TYPE OF REVIEW REQUESTED: Regular
ICR REFERENCE NUMBER: 201609-0648-002
AGENCY ICR TRACKING NUMBER:
TITLE: American Fisheries Act: Permits
LIST OF INFORMATION COLLECTIONS: See next page

OMB ACTION: Approved without change
OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 0648-0393
The agency is required to display the OMB Control Number and inform respondents of its legal significance in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.5(b).

EXPIRATION DATE: 01/31/2020 DISCONTINUE DATE:

BURDEN:	RESPONSES	HOURS	COSTS
Previous	205	444	271
New	60	135	146
Difference			
Change due to New Statute	0	0	0
Change due to Agency Discretion	0	0	0
Change due to Agency Adjustment	-145	-309	-125
Change due to PRA Violation	0	0	0

TERMS OF CLEARANCE:

OMB Authorizing Official: Howard Shelanski
Administrator,
Office Of Information And Regulatory Affairs

List of ICs			
IC Title	Form No.	Form Name	CFR Citation
AFA Inshore Catcher Vessel Cooperative Permit Application	NA	AFA Inshore Catcher Vessel Cooperative Permit Application	
Contract Fishing by Non-Member Vessels	NA	Contract fishing notification	50 CFR 679.62
Chinook PSQ Allocation Application For Eligibility	NA	Application for approval as an entity to receive transferable chinook salmon PSC allocation	
Transfer Chinook PSQ Allocation	NA	Application to transfer chinook salmon PSC	
AFA Permit Application: Rebuild, Replace, or Remove Vessel	NA	AFA Rebuild, replace or remove vessel application	

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
DOC/NOAA/NMFS/AKR

2. OMB control number
a. 0648 - 0393
b. [ ] None

3. Type of information collection (*check one*)
a. [ ] New Collection
b. [ ] Revision of a currently approved collection
c. [✔] Extension of a currently approved collection
d. [ ] Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired
e. [ ] Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired
f. [ ] Existing collection in use without an OMB control number
For b-f, note Item A2 of Supporting Statement instructions

4. Type of review requested (*check one*)
a. [✔] Regular submission
b. [ ] Emergency - Approval requested by ____/____/____
c. [ ] Delegated

5. Small entities
Will this information collection have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities? [ ] Yes [✔] No

6. Requested expiration date
a. [✔] Three years from approval date b. [ ] Other Specify:____/____

7. Title
American Fisheries Act (AFA): Permits

8. Agency form number(s) (*if applicable*)

9. Keywords
Fisheries, Fishery

10. Abstract

Under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation & Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.) and the American Fisheries Act (AFA), 16 U.S.C. 1851, National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), Alaska region manages the groundfish fisheries in the exclusive economic zone off Alaska through fishery management plans. NMFS developed a management program for the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area pollock. The BSAI pollock fishery AFA permanent permits (AFA catcher vessel, AFA catcher/processor, AFA mothership, and AFA inshore processor) had a one-time application deadline of December 1, 2000. Except for annual permits, all participants in the AFA pollock fishery are already permitted, and the permits are issued with an indefinite expiration date. The annual AFA permits are: inshore vessel cooperative permit and inshore vessel contract fishing permit. An AFA vessel replacement application may be submitted to NMFS at any time it is necessary.

11. Affected public (*Mark primary with "P" and all others that apply with "x"*)
a. x Individuals or households d. ___ Farms
b. P Business or other for-profit e. ___ Federal Government
c. ___ Not-for-profit institutions f. ___ State, Local or Tribal Government

12. Obligation to respond (*check one*)
a. [ ] Voluntary
b. [✔] Required to obtain or retain benefits
c. [ ] Mandatory

13. Annual recordkeeping and reporting burden
a. Number of respondents: 27
b. Total annual responses: 60
1. Percentage of these responses collected electronically: 50 %
c. Total annual hours requested: 135
d. Current OMB inventory: 316
e. Difference: -181
f. Explanation of difference
1. Program change: ____
2. Adjustment: -181

14. Annual reporting and recordkeeping cost burden (*in thousands of dollars*)
a. Total annualized capital/startup costs: 0
b. Total annual costs (O&M): 0
c. Total annualized cost requested: 0
d. Current OMB inventory: 0
e. Difference: 0
f. Explanation of difference
1. Program change: ____
2. Adjustment: ____

15. Purpose of information collection (*Mark primary with "P" and all others that apply with "X"*)
a. x Application for benefits e. ___ Program planning or management
b. ___ Program evaluation f. ___ Research
c. ___ General purpose statistics g. P Regulatory or compliance
d. ___ Audit

16. Frequency of recordkeeping or reporting (*check all that apply*)
a. [ ] Recordkeeping b. [ ] Third party disclosure
c. [✔] Reporting
1. [✔] On occasion 2. [ ] Weekly 3. [ ] Monthly
4. [ ] Quarterly 5. [ ] Semi-annually 6. [✔] Annually
7. [ ] Biennially 8. [✔] Other (describe) may provide revisions

17. Statistical methods
Does this information collection employ statistical methods
[ ] Yes [✔] No

18. Agency Contact (person who can best answer questions regarding the content of this submission)
Name: Patsy A. Bearden
Phone: (907) 586-7008

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 signed by Jenni Wallace, Division Chief, Operations & Regulatory Services for Alan Risenhoover, Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries	Date 9/6/2016
Signature of NOAA Clearance Officer	
Signature BRABSON.SARAH.1365710488 Digitally signed by BRABSON.SARAH.1365710488 DN: c=US, o=U.S. Government, ou=DoD, ou=PKI, ou=OTHER, cn=BRABSON.SARAH.1365710488 Date: 2017.01.20 12:12:48 -05'00'	Date

SUPPORTING STATEMENT
ALASKA AMERICAN FISHERIES ACT (AFA) PERMITS
OMB CONTROL NO. 0648-0393

This request is for extension of this information collection.

INTRODUCTION

National Marine Fisheries Service, Alaska Region (NMFS) manages the U.S. groundfish fisheries in the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area (BSAI) under the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area (FMP) under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation & Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq*.) and other applicable laws. The North Pacific Fishery Management Council prepared, and NMFS approved, the FMP. Regulations implementing the FMP appear at 50 CFR part 679.

On October 21, 1998, the President signed The American Fisheries Act (AFA). With respect to the fisheries off Alaska, the AFA affected the management programs of the pollock fishery of the BSAI and to a lesser extent the other groundfish fisheries of the BSAI: the groundfish fisheries of the Gulf of Alaska (GOA), the king and Tanner crab fisheries of the BSAI, and the scallop fishery off Alaska. NMFS incorporated the relevant provisions of the AFA into the FMP and established a comprehensive management program to implement the AFA.

The Original AFA

The original AFA is available on the NMFS Alaska Region Website: https://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/sustainablefisheries/afa/afa1998.pdf. The original AFA had two subtitles. Subtitle I generally pertained to the issuance of Federal fishery endorsements. Subtitle II pertained to the management of the Bering Sea pollock fishery. Subtitle II made significant changes in the management of the Bering Sea pollock fishery. The original AFA established sector allocations in the BSAI pollock fishery; determined eligible vessels and processors; allowed the formation of cooperatives; set limits on the participation of AFA vessels in other fisheries; and imposed special catch weighing and monitoring requirements on AFA vessels. The United States Coast Guard (USCG), in conjunction with the Maritime Administration, implemented Subtitle I, and NMFS implemented Subtitle II.

AFA as Amended by the Coast Guard Act

The AFA amendments in the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2010 (Coast Guard Act) amended the provisions of the original AFA that pertain to the issuance of Federal fishery endorsements. The Coast Guard Act also amended provisions that pertain to the management of the Bering Sea pollock fishery. The AFA amendments allow AFA rebuilt and replacement vessels to receive a Federal fishery endorsement, even if the vessel did not have a Federal fishery endorsement as of September 25, 1997. Thus, an AFA rebuilt and AFA replacement vessel may receive a Federal fishery endorsement even if the vessel exceeds the statutory thresholds for length, weight, and horsepower: 165 feet registered length, 750 gross registered tons, or 3,000

shaft horsepower. In addition, the Coast Guard Act allows the rebuilding, replacement, and removal of AFA vessels to improve the safety and efficiency of the AFA fleet.

JUSTIFICATION

The BSAI pollock fishery AFA permanent permits (AFA catcher vessel, AFA catcher/processor, AFA mothership, and AFA inshore processor) had a one-time application deadline of December 1, 2000. E**x**cept for annual permits, all participants in the AFA pollock fishery are already permitted, and the permits are issued with an indefinite expiration date. The annual AFA permits are: inshore vessel cooperative permit and inshore vessel contract fishing permit. An AFA vessel replacement application may be submitted to NMFS at any time it is necessary.

AFA vessel and processor permits may not be used on or transferred to any vessel or processor that is not listed on the permit. However, AFA permits may be amended by NMFS to reflect any change in the ownership of the vessel or processor after submittal of this information to NMFS in a written letter.

1. <u>Explain the circumstances that make the collection of information necessary.</u>

The purpose of the AFA was to tighten U.S. ownership standards that had been exploited under the Anti-reflagging Act, and to provide the BSAI pollock fleet the opportunity to conduct their fishery in a more rational manner while protecting non-AFA participants in the other fisheries. The AFA established sector allocations in the BSAI pollock fishery, determined eligible vessels and processors, allowed the formation of cooperatives, set limits on the participation of AFA vessels in other fisheries, and imposed special catch weighing and monitoring requirements on AFA vessels.

2. <u>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.</u>

Any vessel used to engage in directed fishing for a non-western Alaska community development quota (non-CDQ) allocation of pollock in the Bering Sea and any shoreside processor, stationary floating processor, or mothership that receives pollock harvested in a non-CDQ directed pollock fishery in the Bering Sea must have a valid AFA permit onboard the vessel or at the facility location at all times while non-CDQ pollock is being harvested or processed.

a. Application for AFA Permit: Rebuilt, Replaced, or Removed Vessel [NO CHANGES]

In order to improve vessel safety and operational efficiency (including fuel efficiency), the owner of an AFA vessel may rebuild or replace that vessel with a vessel documented with a fishery endorsement under section 12113 of Title 46 of the U.S. Code.

The owner of an AFA catcher vessel that is a member of an inshore cooperative may remove that vessel from the Bering Sea directed pollock fishery. If the owner applies to do that, the owner must direct NMFS to assign the pollock catch history of the vessel being removed to other vessel or vessels in the cooperative of the removed vessel. The catcher vessel(s) receiving the pollock catch history of the removed vessel must remain in the fishery cooperative for at least one year after the date on which NMFS approves the application for removal of the catcher vessel.

Applications to replace lost or destroyed AFA vessels may be submitted to NMFS Restricted Management Program (RAM) at any time. In the event of the actual total loss or constructive total loss of an AFA catcher vessel, AFA mothership, or AFA catcher/processor, the owner of such vessel may replace the vessel with a replacement vessel. A constructive total loss is a loss of such significance that the property is beyond economical repair (cost of restoring it exceeds its insured value). This is a one-time only submittal.

Deadlines:

- Rebuild an AFA vessel, the owner shall notify NMFS and provide USCG documentation for the rebuilt vessel **within 30 days** of the issuance of the documentation.

- Total or constructive loss of an AFA vessel, the owner of the AFA vessel shall notify NMFS in writing **within 120 days** of the date of the vessel loss.

- The AFA permit on the lost vessel shall remain valid from the date of the vessel loss until three years from **December 31** of the year of the vessel loss, unless the AFA permit on the lost vessel is revoked before that date because the lost vessel was replaced or removed.

An AFA rebuilt or replacement vessel shall be eligible to participate in fisheries in the EEZ off Alaska and subject to the same restrictions and limitations as the original vessel. However, if the replacement vessel does not already hold a USCG fishery endorsement, that endorsement must be obtained within 36 months of the end of the last year that the vessel fished for or processed pollock in the BSAI.

An AFA vessel that was rebuilt or replaced after October 15, 2010, is exempt from the maximum length overall (MLOA) on a License Limitation Program (LLP) groundfish license with a Bering Sea and/or Aleutian Islands area endorsement when the vessel is fishing pursuant to that license, whether the vessel before rebuilding or replacement was exempt.

Use this application to:

- Notify NMFS that an AFA vessel has been rebuilt

- Request an AFA permit for a replacement catcher vessel, catcher/processor, or mothership

- Request removal of an AFA catcher vessel that is a member of an inshore cooperative and assignment of the catch history of that vessel to other vessel or vessels in the same inshore cooperative.

When completed, submit application to:

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

- By fax to: (907) 586-7354

- or deliver to: 709 West 9th Street, Room 713
  Juneau, AK 99801

AFA Permit: Rebuilt, Replacement, or Removed Vessel Application

Block A – Purpose of Application (check one)

Block B –AFA Permitted Vessel

Identify existing AFA permitted vessel being rebuilt, replaced or removed from AFA fishery.

If owner is notifying NMFS of the rebuilding of an AFA vessel, **attach** USCG Documentation for Rebuilt Vessel

Vessel name
Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) vessel registration number
USCG documentation number
AFA permit number
LLP groundfish license number
Gross tons, Shaft horsepower, & Registered length (feet)
Owner name (list all owners)
Permanent business mailing address of primary vessel owner
Permanent business telephone number, fax number, and e-mail address of primary vessel owner

Block C - Identification and ownership of replacement vessel

Attach the current USCG documentation for this vessel showing a valid fishery endorsement.

Vessel name
ADF&G vessel registration number
USCG documentation number
LLP Groundfish License number
Gross tons, Net tons (U.S. tons), & Shaft horsepower
Registered length (feet) & Current length overall (feet)
Owner name (list all owners)
Permanent business mailing address of primary vessel owner
Permanent business telephone number, fax number, and e-mail address of primary owner

Block D – Assignment of Pollock Catch History of Removed Vessel

This Block may only be used if the vessel listed in Block B is being permanently removed from the AFA fishery.

Identify vessel(s) to which the owner of the removed AFA catcher vessel, listed in Block B, wishes to permanently assign the pollock catch history of the removed vessel and the percentage of the pollock catch history assigned to each vessel. The pollock catch history of the removed vessel may only be assigned to vessel or vessels that were in the same inshore cooperative to which the removed vessel belonged.

Identify vessel(s) that the owner of the removed vessel in Block B wishes to permanently assign the catch history of the removed vessel by entering the following:

Vessel Name.

USCG Official Documentation Number
AFA Permit Number
Percentage of the pollock catch history that the owner of the removed vessel is assigning to each listed vessel
Block E - Certification of Applicant
Signature and printed name of owner and date of signature

Adjusted time to complete from 30 minutes to 1 hr. Corrected number of respondents and responses from 112 (which includes all vessels) to 3 (which is an estimate of how many actual vessels may be rebuilt. Corrected instructions to say Block E instead of Block D for signatures.

Application for AFA Rebuilt, Replacement, or Removed Vessel Permit, Respondent	
Total annual respondents	**3**
Total annual responses	**3**
Total burden hours	**3 hr**
Time per response = 1 hr	
Total personnel cost	**$111**
Personnel cost per hour = $37/hr x 3	
Total miscellaneous cost (7.20)	**$7**
Postage (.45 x 2 = 0.90)	
Fax ($6 x 1 = 6)	
Photocopy (2pp x .05 x 3 = 0.30)	

Application for AFA Rebuilt, Replacement, or Removed Permit, Federal Government	
Total annual responses	**3**
Total burden hours	**3 hr**
Time per response = 1 hr	
Total personnel cost ($37/hr x 3)	**$111**
Total miscellaneous cost	**0**

b. Notification from the cooperative of replacement and removal of vessels. [REMOVED]

This item was included because it appeared that the cooperative had a separate form to notify NMFS of replacement of a vessel. After reading the regulations at 679.4(l), it is shown that the owner of a vessel that is a member of a cooperative notifies NMFS of a vessel replacement using the form described at 2a.

c. Application for AFA Inshore Catcher Vessel Cooperative Permit [NO CHANGES]

The AFA authorizes the formation of fishery cooperatives in all sectors of the BSAI pollock fishery, grants anti-trust exemptions to cooperatives in the mothership sector, and imposes operational limits on fishery cooperatives in the BSAI pollock fishery. NMFS relies on fishery cooperatives for much of the day-to-day management of fishing activity at the cooperative and individual vessel level.

Fishery cooperatives are formed by groups of vessel owners to provide an alternative to the open access race for fish. Under a fishery cooperative, the members agree to divide up the available

quota among the membership in a manner that eliminates a wasteful race for fish and allows participants to maximize productivity. The current inshore cooperatives are:

Akutan Catcher Vessel Association
Northern Victor Fleet Cooperative
Peter Pan Fleet Cooperative
Unalaska Cooperative
UniSea Fleet Cooperative
Westward Fleet Cooperative

Add or Subtract a Catcher Vessel
The cooperative representative must submit a new application to NMFS to add or subtract a catcher vessel to or from an inshore cooperative fishing permit prior to the application deadline. Upon approval, NMFS will issue an amended cooperative fishing permit.

Deadline: must be received by NMFS by **December 1** of the year prior to the year in which the cooperative permit will be in effect.

A completed application may be submitted:

- By mail to: NOAA/NMFS Alaska Region
  Restricted Access Management (RAM)
  P.O. Box 21668
  Juneau, Alaska 99802-1668
- By fax to: 907-586-7354
- By delivery to: NMFS
  709 West 9th Street, Room 713
  Juneau, AK 99801

NMFS will issue an AFA inshore cooperative permit upon receipt of a complete application to a cooperative formed pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 521.

The information obtained from an inshore catcher vessel cooperative permit application is used annually to identify the universe of participating vessels and processors in the BSAI pollock fishery prior to start of each fishing year.

Attachments to the Application for an Inshore Cooperative Permit

1) A copy of the **cooperative contract or a renewal letter** providing notice that a previously filed cooperative contract will remain in effect for the subsequent fishing year. Renewal letters must include the details of any material modifications to the cooperative contract since it was last filed with NMFS.
2) A **written certification** that:
♦ The contract was signed by the owners of at least 80 percent of the qualified catcher vessels;
♦ The cooperative contract requires that the cooperative deliver at least 90 percent of its BSAI pollock catch to its designated AFA processor; and
♦ Each catcher vessel in the cooperative is a qualified catcher vessel as defined in 50 CFR 679.4(l)(6)(ii)(D) if it meets the following permit requirements:
• AFA permit. The vessel must have a valid AFA catcher vessel permit with an inshore endorsement;
• LLP permit. The vessel must be named on a valid LLP permit authorizing the vessel to engage in trawling for pollock in the Bering Sea subarea. If the vessel is more than 60 ft (18.3 m) length overall, the vessel must be named on a valid LLP permit endorsed for the AI to engage in trawling for pollock in the AI; and
• Permit sanctions. The vessel has no permit sanctions that otherwise make it ineligible to engage in fishing for pollock in the BSAI.
3) A copy of a **letter requesting a business review** on the fishery cooperative from the Department of Justice and any response to such request.

Application for AFA Inshore Catcher Vessel Cooperative Permit

Cooperative Contact Information.

- Name of cooperative
- Name of Co-op representative
- Co-op business mailing address (P.O. Box or street, city, state, zip code);
  - indicate whether permanent or temporary
- Co-op business telephone number, Fax number, and E-mail address

Designated Cooperative Processor Information

- Name
- Physical location of AFA Inshore Processor
- Federal processor permit number

Cooperative Contract Information – List of attachments that are included

Vessel Information

- Vessel name as displayed in official documentation.
- ADF&G Vessel Registration Number
- USCG Documentation Number
- AFA Permit Number

Attachments (see above)

Certification of applicant

- Signature and printed name of co-op representative and date of signature

Adjusted personnel cost from $25/hr to $37/hr.

Application for AFA Cooperative Permit, Respondent	
Total annual respondents	**7**
Total annual responses	**7**
Total burden hours	**14 hr**
Time per response = 2 hr	
Total personnel cost ($37/hr x 14)	**$518**
Total miscellaneous cost (20.05)	**$20**
Postage (.45 x 4 = 1.80)	
Fax ($6 x 3 = 18)	
Photocopy (2pp x .05 x 7 = 0.70	

Application for AFA Cooperative Permit, Federal Government	
Total annual responses	**7**
Total burden hours	**7**
Time per response = 1 hr	
Total personnel cost ($37/hr x 7)	**$259**
Total miscellaneous cost	**0**

d. AFA Inshore Vessel Contract Fishing Notification [NO CHANGES]

An AFA inshore cooperative that intends to contract with a vessel that is a member of another AFA inshore cooperative must submit complete information to NMFS, Alaska Region pursuant to 50 CFR part 679.62(c) for each contracted vessel. A separate notification must be submitted for each vessel. The information derived from this notification will assist cooperatives to understand how their catch is accounted, and also will alert NMFS inseason management that some vessels might be reporting with an alternative cooperative identification.

NMFS will notify the parties to the vessel contract when the agency receives the contract fishing notification. NMFS will not make any determinations as to the legality of any contract between or among the parties or its compliance with AFA requirements. There are no permits issued for this AFA contract. NMFS sends a letter acknowledging that the coops are contracting.

Submit the inshore vessel contract fishing notification to:

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

The inshore vessel contract fishing notification may assume any format, but must contain the following information.

AFA Inshore Vessel Contract Fishing Notification

Vessel information

Vessel name and AFA permit number of the contracted vessel. This AFA catcher vessel must have an inshore fishing endorsement and be a member of an inshore cooperative

Name and signature of the contract vessel's owner
Name of the contract vessel's home cooperative
Name and signature of the home cooperative's designated representative
A complete harvest schedule that shows how all catch and any overages by the contracted vessel will be allocated between the contracting cooperative(s) and the contract vessel's home cooperative. In the event that multiple cooperatives are contracting with the same non-member vessel, each harvest schedule submitted must clearly specify how all catch and any overages will be allocated among the various cooperatives with which the vessel is contracted as of the date of submission.

Cooperative information

Name of the AFA inshore cooperative wishing to contract with the vessel
Name and signature of the AFA inshore cooperative's designated representative

Signatures

The inshore vessel contract fishing application is not valid unless it is signed by:
Contracting cooperative's designated representative
Contract vessel owner, and
Vessel's home cooperative designated representative

Adjusted personnel cost from $25/hr to $37/hr. Corrected fax cost from $5 to $6.

Notify Vessel Contract Fishing, Respondent	
Total respondents	**18**
Total annual responses	**18**
Number of responses per respondent = 1	
Total burden hours	**72 hr**
Estimated time per response = 4 hr	
Total personnel cost ($37/hr x 72)	**$2,664**
Total miscellaneous cost (93.15)	**$93**
Postage (.45 x 3 = 1.35)	
Fax ($6 x 15 = 90)	
Photocopy (2pp x .05 x 18 = 1.80)	

Notify Vessel Contract Fishing, Federal Government	
Total annual responses	**18**
Total burden hours	**9 hr**
Estimated time per response = 30 minutes	
Total personnel cost ($37/hr x 9)	**$333**
Total miscellaneous cost	**0**

e. Application for Approval as an Entity to Receive Transferable Chinook Salmon PSC Allocation [NO CHANGES]

Each year, NMFS will allocate to AFA sectors a portion of the Chinook salmon PSC limit per §679.21(f). An entity representing the catcher/processor sector or the mothership sector may request approval by NMFS to receive transferable Chinook salmon PSC allocations on behalf of the members of the sector.

A complete application must include an authorization contract. The authorization contract authorizes the entity to act on behalf of the vessel owner for purposes of receiving and transferring Chinook salmon PSC allocations and authorizes the entity to be responsible for receiving legal papers on behalf of the vessel owners in the sector. This authorization to represent the sector members is needed under both the 60,000 and the 47,591 PSC limit.

An authorization contract must contain the following information:
♦ **Documentation** that all vessel owners party to the contract agree that the entity, the entity's representative, and the entity's agent for service of process named in this application represent them for purposes of receiving transferable allocations of Chinook salmon PSC
♦ A **statement** that the entity's representative and agent for service of process are authorized to act on behalf of the vessel owners party to the contract and are responsible to comply with all applicable requirements of this part.
♦ **Certification** that the application includes signatures and printed names and date of signature for the owners of each of the AFA permitted vessels identified in the application. The names of the vessel owners signing the contract must be the same as the names of on the USCG vessel documentation

Once submitted, the authorization contract attached to the application is valid until amended or revoked by the parties to the contract.

Deadline, initial or amended application and contract: must be received by NMFS no later than 1700 hours A.l.t. on **October 1** of the year prior to the fishing year for which the Chinook salmon PSC allocations are effective.

Deadline, Additions or deletions to the vessels: represented by the entity may be done once per year for subsequent years by submitting an amended contract and revised vessel information by **December 1,** unless additions or deletions are as a result of a replacement vessel.

Deadline, amendment to the contract related to a replacement vessel: may be made **at any time** upon submission of an amended application and a copy of the AFA permit issued under § 679.4 for the replacement vessel.

Application for Approval as an Entity to Receive Transferable Chinook Salmon PSC Allocation

Contact information**.**

Name and NMFS person ID of entity
Name of entity's representative
Name of agent for service of process (*if different from representative*)
Permanent business mailing address
Temporary business mailing address (*if applicable*)
Business telephone number, business fax number, and business e-mail address of the entity's representative

Affirmation – check box

Certification**.**

Signature and printed name of entity's representative and date signed
Signature and printed name of agent for service of process, and date signed (*if different from representative*)

Vessel identification

Vessel name
ADF&G vessel registration number
Federal Fisheries Permit number

Attachment (see above)

Adjusted personnel cost from $25/hr to $37/hr. Added option to fax = $6.

Appln Eligible to Receive Transferable Chinook PSC Allocation, Respondent	
Estimated number of respondents 1 mothership entity 1 catcher/processor entity	**2**
Total annual responses 1 response per year	**2**
Total burden hours = 8 hr	**16 hr**
Total personnel cost ($37/hr x 16)	**$592**
Total miscellaneous cost (7.35) Mail (1.35 x 1 = 1.35) Fax ($6 x 1 = 6) Photocopy (5 pp x 0.05 x 2 = 0.50)	**$7**

Appln Eligible to Receive Transferable Chinook PSC Allocation, Federal Government	
Total annual responses	**2**
Total burden hours = 2 hr	**4 hr**
Total personnel cost ($37/hr x 4)	**$148**
Total miscellaneous cost	**0**

f. Application for Transfer of Bering Sea Chinook Salmon PSC Allocations [CHANGED Time-to-complete]

NMFS will process a request for transfer of Chinook salmon PSC provided that a paper or electronic application is completed, with all information fields accurately filled in. Application forms are available on the NMFS Alaska Region Web site (http://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/).

Potential Number of Transferable Chinook Salmon PSC Allocations

Entities That Could Receive Transferable Allocations					
	Catcher/ Processor Sector	**Mothership Sector**	**Inshore Co-Ops**	**CDQ**	**Total Transferable**
A Season	1	1	7	6	15
B Season	1	1	7	6	15
Annual total	2	2	14	12	30

Including the catcher/processor and mothership sectors, there would be a maximum of 15 different Chinook salmon PSC accounts each season. Separate allocations would be made for the A season and the B season for a total of up to 30 transferable PSC allocation accounts each year. This number of transferable PSC accounts could exist under either the 60,000 Chinook salmon PSC limit or the 47,591 Chinook salmon PSC limit.

The entity receiving a transferable Chinook salmon PSC allocation from NMFS would be authorized:

- to transfer all or a portion of the entity's salmon PSC allocation to another entity or

- to receive a transfer from another entity (authorized to sign transfer request forms), and be responsible for any penalties assessed for exceeding the entity's salmon PSC allocation.

A transfer is a voluntary request to NMFS. A transfer is initiated by the transferor moving a specific amount of a Chinook salmon PSC allocation from his or her account to another entity's account. NMFS will review the transferor's catch account to ensure sufficient Chinook salmon is available to transfer. If enough Chinook salmon are in the account, NMFS will make that transfer effective immediately. Transfers to eligible entities may occur at any time in a season but transfers cannot be made between the B and A seasons.

Upon receipt of an approved transfer request, NMFS will issue Bering Sea Chinook salmon prohibited species catch (PSC) allocations to the catcher/processor sector entity, the mothership sector entity, inshore cooperatives, and CDQ groups. NMFS will issue separate PSC allocations for the A season and the B season. PSC remaining from the A season could be used in the B season ("rollover").

Transferees may receive PSC transfers to cover overages (post-delivery transfers). NMFS will evaluate overages of Chinook salmon PSC on June 25 for the A season and on December 1 for the B season.

This would provide entities 15 days after the end of the A season and 30 days after the end of the B season to obtain post delivery transfers to reduce or eliminate any overages. NMFS would allow 30 days after the end of the B season for post delivery transfers because pollock fishing will cease for the remainder of the year on **November 1.** If, after NMFS allows for post-delivery transfers to cover an overage, an entity exceeded its Chinook salmon PSC allocation, the entity would be subject to an enforcement action for violating NMFS regulations.

Requests for transfers may be submitted to NMFS either electronically or non-electronically. The form is available on the NMFS Alaska Region website (https://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/fisheries-applications).

Application for Transfer of Bering Sea Chinook Salmon PSC Allocations

Non-Electronic

Identification of transferor

Name and NMFS person ID

Permanent (and temporary, if applicable) Business Mailing Address

Business Telephone No., Business Fax No, and Business E-mail address:

Identification of transferee

Name and NMFS person ID

Permanent (and temporary, if applicable) Business Mailing Address

Business Telephone No., Business Fax No, and Business E-mail address:
Chinook Salmon PSC transferred
Number of Chinook salmon
Date of Transfer
Check whether A Season or B Season

Electronic

Identification of transferor
Transferor selects the transferee.
NMFS person ID, password and Transfer
Chinook PSC Amount Transferred
Number of Chinook PSC
Date of Transfer
Whether A Season or B Season
Identification of Transferee.
Transferee accepts transfer
NMFS person ID, password, and Transfer Key

Adjusted personnel costs from $25/hr to $37/hr. Adjusted fax cost from $5 to $6.

Transfer Bering Sea Chinook Salmon PSC Allocation, Respondents	
Total number of respondents (per season)	**15**
1 Catcher/processor sector	
1 Mothership sector	
7 Inshore cooperatives	
6 CDQs	
Total number of responses = 2	**30**
Two seasons -- A season and B season	
Total time burden	**30 hr**
Time per response = 1 hr	
Total personnel cost ($37/hr x 30)	**$1,110**
Total miscellaneous cost (18.90)	**$19**
Fax ($6 x 3 = $18)	
Mail (0.45 x 2 = 0.90)	
Online (0 x 10)	

Transfer Bering Sea Chinook Salmon PSC Allocation, Federal Government	
Total number of responses	**30**
Total time burden	**15 hr**
Time per response = 30 minutes	
Total personnel cost ($37/hr x 15)	**$555**
Total miscellaneous cost	**0**

It is anticipated that the information collected will be disseminated to the public or used to support publicly disseminated information. NOAA Fisheries 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 response to Question 10 of this Supporting Statement for more information on confidentiality and privacy. The information collection is designed to yield data that meet all applicable information quality guidelines. Prior to dissemination, the information will be subjected to quality control measures

and a pre-dissemination review pursuant to Section 515 of Public Law 106-554.

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

The applications for AFA Inshore Cooperative Permit and AFA Replacement Vessel Permit are available on the NMFS Alaska Region Home Page at https://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/fisheries-applications. The applications are fillable onscreen and may be printed and submitted by mail, or fax. The AFA Inshore Vessel Contract Fishing Notification does not have a form. Future plans of the NMFS Alaska Region are to allow completion of applications online through the Internet.

The Application for Transfer of Chinook PSC allocation may be submitted online at https://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/webapps/efish/login. The Application for Eligibility to Receive Transferable PSC has an attachment with original signatures and must be mailed to the Regional Administrator, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802, or sent by courier to the Office of the Regional Administrator, 709 West 9th St., Juneau, AK 99801.

4. Describe efforts to identify duplication.

No duplication exists with other information collections.

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

The AFA Program consists of CDQ organizations and western Alaskan communities that are home to the shorebased processors (which are small entities) and inshore processors, motherships, catcher/processors, and cooperatives (which are large entities).

The proposed action applies only to those entities that participate in the directed pollock trawl fishery in the Bering Sea. The only small entities that are directly regulated by this action are the six CDQ organizations, and the impact is not significant.

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

If this collection were not conducted or conducted less frequently, the consequences would be that the program would be jeopardized and NMFS could not fulfill the intent of the AFA. With regard to commercial fishing vessels operating in the directed BSAI pollock fishery, the AFA established the legal basis for achieving the objective of reducing excessive fishing capacity and management regulatory conditions that could contribute to the creation of an environment capable of fostering operational inefficiencies in this fishery (Division C, Title II of P.L. 105-

277) including limiting entry into the fishery, cooperative formation, allocations of pollock, and development of sideboard measures.

The purpose of the proposed action is to minimize Chinook salmon PSC to the extent practicable while achieving optimum yield from the pollock fishery. The proposed action is necessary to ensure long-term conservation and abundance of salmon, maintain a healthy marine ecosystem, provide maximum benefit to fishermen and communities that depend on salmon and pollock, and comply with the Magnuson–Stevens Act. If the information were not collected annually, NMFS would be unable to achieve these goals.

Mitigation of potential adverse impacts to non-AFA fishermen and processors is also mandated by the AFA. The intent of this action is to provide permits for an AFA Program in the BSAI.

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

No special circumstances exist.

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 April 21, 2016 (81 FR 23461) solicited public comments. Comment period ended Monday, June 20, 2016. No comments were received.

A questionnaire was sent to the three AFA inshore cooperative managers for solicitation of comments. These managers interact regularly with NMFS Restricted Access Management (RAM) regarding AFA cooperative permits, AFA vessel contracts, and AFA vessel permits. Two comments were received and are listed below.

Comment 1. We have no comments at this time on these.
Response: NMFS acknowledges this comment.

Comment 2.
Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on the AFA Permits OMB information collection. My comments are summarized in the table below:

AFA Inshore Catcher Vessel Cooperative Permit	No comment (no familiarity with the form)
AFA Inshore Vessel Contract Fishing Notification	No comment (no familiarity with the form)

AFA Permit for Rebuilt, Replacement, or Removed Vessel	While I have not used this form, I have reviewed it and considered it for possible use, and can comment as follows: 1. Public utility of the information The information requested is useful to the public. 2. Clarity of instructions The instructions are not clear. The form is for three separate purposes – rebuilt vessels, replaced vessels, or removed vessels – and each requires different Blocks to be filled out. It would be more clear if each Block stated for which purpose it is to be filled out. As it is, the only indication of which Blocks are applicable is in the instruction for Block A, and the instructions are wrong (the instructions say that Block D must be "signed" for rebuilt and replaced vessels). 3. Accuracy of the time estimates The time estimate for completing the form appears reasonable.
Application to be Eligible to Receive Transferable Chinook Salmon PSC Allocation	1. Public utility of the information The information requested is useful to the public. 2. Clarity of instructions The instructions are clear. 3. Accuracy of the time estimates The time estimate is a reasonable estimate for gathering the information.
Application for Transfer of Bering Sea Chinook Salmon PSC Allocation	1. Public utility of the information The information requested is useful to the public. 2. Clarity of instructions The instructions are clear. 3. Accuracy of the time estimates The time estimate seems a little low given the potential impact of such a transfer. As an IPA representative, you better believe I will check those numbers multiple times before submitting. I'd estimate an hour.

Response. NMFS agrees to change the time-to-complete for the Application for Transfer of Bering Sea Chinook Salmon PSC Allocation from 15 minutes to 1 hour; however, respondents should be monitoring their Chinook salmon PSC every day during the fishery. The instructions for the Application to Rebuild, Replace, or Remove Vessel were corrected.

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

No payment or gift is provided under this program.

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 is confidential under section 402(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act. It is also confidential under NOAA Administrative Order 216-100, which sets forth procedures to protect confidentiality of fishery statistics.

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.

This collection of information does not include questions of a sensitive nature.

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

Estimated total unique respondents: 27 (7 cooperatives, 18 contracted vessels, 2 eligible sectors for salmon PSC transfer). Estimated total responses: 60, decreased from 205. Estimated total burden: 135 hr, decreased from 444 hr. Estimated total personnel costs: $ 4,995, decreased from $ 15,522.

13. Provide an estimate of the total annual cost burden to the respondents or record-keepers resulting from the collection.

Estimated total miscellaneous costs: $ 146, decreased from $ 316.

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

Estimated total responses: 60, decreased from 182; Estimated total burden: 38, decreased from 166 hr. Estimated total personnel cost: $1,406, decreased from $5,399.

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

No Program Changes
Adjustments

Application for Rebuilt, Replacement, or Removed

a decrease of 109 respondents and responses, 3 instead of 112
a decrease of 109 burden, 3 instead of 112 hr
a decrease of $4,033 personnel cost, $111 instead of $4,144

a decrease of $154 miscellaneous cost, $7 instead of $161

Application for Inshore Catcher Vessel Cooperative Permit
an increase of $27 personnel cost, $518 instead of $476
an increase of $2 miscellaneous cost, $20 instead of $18

Application for Eligibility to receive transferable Chinook PSC allocation
a decrease of 13 respondents, 2 instead of 15
a decrease of 28 responses, 2 instead of 30
a decrease of 224 burden, 16 instead of 240 hr
a decrease of $8,288 personnel cost, $592 instead of $8,880
a decrease of $41 miscellaneous cost, $7 instead of $48

Application for Transfer of Bering Sea Chinook Salmon PSC Allocation
an increase of 25 hour, 30 instead of 5 hr
an increase of $925 personnel cost, $1,110 instead of $185
an increase of $2 miscellaneous cost, $19 instead of $17.

Notification of Vessel Contract Fishing
an increase of $864 personnel cost, $2,664 instead of $1,800.
an increase of $15 miscellaneous cost, $93 instead of $78.

Notification from the cooperative of replacement or removal of a vessel [Removed]
a decrease of 8 respondents and responses, 0 instead of 8
a decrease of 1 hour, 0 instead of 1 hr
a decrease of $37 personnel cost, $0 instead of $37
a decrease of $1 miscellaneous cost, $0 instead of $1

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

The information collected will not be published.

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

This collection does not employ statistical methods.

Application for American Fisheries Act (AFA) INSHORE CATCHER VESSEL COOPERATIVE PERMIT

U. S. Department of Commerce/NOAA
National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)
Restricted Access Management (RAM)
P.O. Box 21668
Juneau, Alaska 99802-1668
(800) 304-4846 toll free / 586-7202 in Juneau
(907) 586-7354 fax

Due **December 1** of the year prior to the year for which the co-op permit will be in effect.
Late applications will not be accepted.

BLOCK A - COOPERATIVE CONTACT INFORMATION

1. Name of Cooperative:	2. Name of Cooperative Representative:

3. Co-op Business Mailing Address *(P.O. box or street, city, state, zip code)*: [ ] Permanent [ ] Temporary

4. Business Telephone Number:	5. Business Fax Number:	6. E-mail Address:

BLOCK B - DESIGNATED COOPERATIVE PROCESSOR INFORMATION

Provide the following information for the AFA Inshore Processor who is designated in the cooperative contract as the processor to whom the cooperative has agreed to deliver at least 90 percent of its Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area (BSAI) pollock catch.

1. Name:

2. Physical location of AFA Inshore Processor:	3. Federal Processor Permit Number:

BLOCK C - COOPERATIVE CONTRACT INFORMATION

This application is not valid and cannot be processed without the submission of a copy of the co-op contract and certification.

This list is provided for your convenience to ensure all attachments are included with the application.

(1) A copy of the **cooperative contract** or a **renewal letter** providing notice that a previously filed cooperative contract will remain in effect for the subsequent fishing year. Renewal letters must include the details of any material modifications to the cooperative contract since it was last filed with NMFS.	YES [ ] NO [ ]
(2) A **written certification** that:	
♦ The contract was signed by the owners of at least 80 percent of the qualified catcher vessels;	YES [NO [ ]
♦ The cooperative contract requires that the cooperative deliver at least 90 percent of its BSAI pollock catch to its designated AFA processor; and	YES [ ] NO [ ]
♦ Each catcher vessel in the cooperative is a qualified catcher vessel as defined in 50 CFR 679.4(l)(6)(ii)(D) if it meets the following permit requirements:	YES [ ] NO [ ]

• AFA permit. The vessel must have a valid AFA catcher vessel permit with an inshore endorsement; • LLP permit. The vessel must be named on a valid License Limitation Program (LLP) permit authorizing the vessel to engage in trawling for pollock in the Bering Sea subarea. If the vessel is more than 60 feet (18.3 m) length overall (LOA), the vessel must be named on a valid LLP permit endorsed for the Aleutian Islands (AI) to engage in trawling for pollock in the AI; and • Permit sanctions. The vessel has no permit sanctions that otherwise make it ineligible to engage in fishing for pollock in the BSAI. (3) A copy of a **letter requesting a business review** letter on the fishery cooperative from the Department of Justice and any response to such request.	YES [ ] NO [ ]

BLOCK D - VESSEL INFORMATION			
List all co-op member catcher vessels. List complete information for each co-op catcher vessel member (*attach additional pages if necessary).*			
1. Vessel Name:	2. ADF&G Number:	3. USCG Number:	4. AFA Permit Number:
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BLOCK E - CERTIFICATION OF APPLICANT	
Under penalty of perjury, I declare that I have examined this application, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information presented hereon is true, correct, and complete.	
1. Signature of Co-op Representative:	2. Date:
3. Printed Name of Co-op Representative:	

PUBLIC REPORTING BURDEN STATEMENT

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 2 hours per response, including the time for reviewing the 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 aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to Assistant Regional Administrator, Sustainable Fisheries Division, Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Before completing this form please note the following: 1) The NMFS may not conduct or sponsor this information request, and you are not required to respond to this information request, unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number; 2) This information is used to manage the American Fisheries Act program; 3) Federal law and regulations require and authorize NMFS to manage commercial fishing effort; 4) Submission of this information is required of persons seeking to participate in the groundfish fisheries under the authority of AFA; 5) This information is mandatory and is required to manage commercial fishing effort under 50 CFR part 679 and under section 402(a) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act (16 U.S.C. 1801, *et seq.*); 6) Responses to this information request are confidential under section 402(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act as amended in 2006. They are also confidential under NOAA Administrative Order 216-100, which sets forth procedures to protect confidentiality of fishery statistics.

Instructions
APPLICATION FOR AMERICAN FISHERIES ACT (AFA)
CATCHER VESSEL INSHORE CO-OP PERMIT

IMPORTANT!

This inshore cooperative (co-op) permit application and any amendments that add or delete co-op member vessels **must be received by** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), Restricted Access Management (RAM) by **December 1** of the year prior to the year for which the co-op permit will be in effect.

Late applications will NOT be accepted.

GENERAL

NMFS will issue an AFA inshore cooperative fishing permit to an inshore catcher vessel cooperative formed under section 1 of the Fisherman=s Collective Marketing Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 521) for the purpose of cooperatively managing directed fishing for pollock. In and of itself, a cooperative is not an AFA entity subject to excessive harvest share limitations, unless a single person, corporation or other business entity controls the cooperative and the cooperative has the power to control the fishing activity of its member vessels.

Type or print legibly in ink; retain a copy of completed application for your records.

Completed application may be submitted:

- By mail to: NOAA/NMFS Alaska Region
  Restricted Access Management (RAM)
  P.O. Box 21668
  Juneau, Alaska 99802-1668
- By fax to: 907-586-7354
- By delivery to: NMFS
  709 West 9th Street, Room 713
  Juneau, AK 99801

Please allow at least 10 working days for your application to be processed. Items will be sent by first class mail, unless you provide alternate instructions ***and*** include a prepaid mailer with appropriate postage or a corporate account number for express delivery.

If you have any questions, or if you need any assistance in completing the application, please contact RAM as follows:

Telephone (toll Free): 1-800-304-4846 (press “2")

Telephone (Juneau): 907-586-7202

E-Mail Address: RAM.Alaska@noaa.gov

Web Site: https://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/fisheries-applications

COMPLETING THE APPLICATION

BLOCK A - CO-OP CONTACT INFORMATION

1. Co-op name.

2. Name of designated cooperative representative. Indicate the name of an individual who is designated by the members of a fishery cooperative to fulfill requirements on behalf of the cooperative including, but not limited to, the signing of cooperative fishing permit applications; submitting catcher vessel pollock cooperative catch reports, and submitting annual cooperative fishing reports. **An application submitted and signed by a representative for a party will not be processed unless clear and unambiguous certification of the agent's authority to do so is attached.**

3. Co-op business mailing address, including P.O. Box number or street name, city, state, and zip code.

4. Business telephone number, including area code.

5. Business fax number, including area code.

6. Business e-mail address, if any.

BLOCK B - DESIGNATED COOPERATIVE PROCESSOR INFORMATION

1. Name and physical location of AFA Inshore Processor who is designated in the cooperative contract as the processor to whom the cooperative has agreed to deliver at least 90 percent of its BSAI pollock catch

2. Federal Processor Permit number of the AFA inshore processor.

BLOCK C -- COOPERATIVE CONTRACT INFORMATION

This list is provided for your convenience to ensure all attachments are included with the application.

BLOCK D - VESSEL INFORMATION

List all co-op member vessels. List complete information for each co-op member catcher vessel *(attach additional pages if necessary).*

1. Complete vessel name.

2. 5-digit Alaska Department of Fish & Game (ADF&G) vessel registration number (example: 51233).

3. U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) documentation number (example: 566722).

4. AFA permit number.

BLOCK E - CERTIFICATION OF APPLICANT

Coop representative must sign, print name, and date the application. If representative is acting on behalf of an applicant, **attach** authorization.

	AMERICAN FISHERIES ACT (AFA) PERMIT: REBUILT, REPLACEMENT, OR REMOVED VESSEL APPLICATION	U.S. Dept. of Commerce/NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Restricted Access Management (RAM) P.O. Box 21668 Juneau, AK 99802-1668 (800) 304-4846 toll free / 586-7202 in Juneau (907) 586-7354 fax

BLOCK A – PURPOSE OF APPLICATION
This application is to be used for (check one): [ ] Notification of Rebuilt AFA Vessel: Complete Block B. Sign Block E. [ ] Replacement of AFA Vessel: Complete Block B and Block C. Sign Block E. [ ] Removal of AFA Catcher Vessel and Assignment of Pollock Catch History of Removed Vessel: Complete Block B, Block C, Block D and Sign Block E.

BLOCK B –AFA PERMITTED VESSEL		
Identify existing AFA permitted vessel being rebuilt, replaced, or removed from AFA fishery. If owner is notifying NMFS of the rebuilding of an AFA vessel, ***attach USCG Documentation for Rebuilt Vessel***		
1. Vessel Name:		
2. ADF&G Vessel Registration Number:	3. USCG Documentation Number:	
4. AFA Permit Number:	5. LLP Groundfish License Number:	
6. Gross Tons:	7. Shaft Horsepower:	8. Registered Length *(feet)*:
9. Owner Name:		
10. Business Mailing Address:	11. Business Telephone Number:	
	12. Business FAX Number:	
	13. Business E-mail Address:	

BLOCK C - IDENTIFICATION & OWNERSHIP OF REPLACEMENT VESSEL		
Only one vessel may be identified as a "replacement vessel" for the vessel listed in Block B. ***Attach the current USCG documentation for this vessel showing a valid fishery endorsement.***		
1. Vessel Name:		
2. ADF&G Vessel Registration No.:	3. USCG Documentation No.:	4. LLP Groundfish License No. :
5. Gross Tons:	6. Net Tons *(U.S, tons)*:	7. Shaft Horsepower:
8. Registered Length *(feet)*:	9. Current Length Overall *(feet)*:	
10. Owner Name(s):		
11. Business Mailing Address:	12. Business Telephone Number:	
	13. Business Fax Number:	
	14. Business E-mail Address:	

BLOCK D – ASSIGNMENT OF POLLOCK CATCH HISTORY OF REMOVED VESSEL			
Identify vessel(s) to which the owner of the removed AFA catcher vessel, listed in Block B, wishes to permanently assign the pollock catch history of the removed vessel and the percentage of the pollock catch history assigned to each vessel. The pollock catch history of the removed vessel may only be assigned to vessel or vessels that were in the same inshore cooperative to which the removed vessel belonged.			
Vessel Name	USCG No.	AFA Permit No.	Percentage of Pollock Catch History of Removed Vessel Assigned to Each Vessel

BLOCK E - CERTIFICATION OF APPLICANT	
Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this application, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information presented here is true, correct and complete. I further certify that if this application is for replacement or rebuilding of an AFA vessel, the purpose of rebuilding or replacement of vessel is to improve safety, improve efficiency (including fuel efficiency) or both.	
1. Signature of Owner	2. Date:
3. Printed Name of owner	

PUBLIC REPORTING BURDEN STATEMENT

Public reporting for this collection of information is estimated to average 60 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing the instructions, searching the existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to Assistant Regional Administrator, Sustainable Fisheries Division, NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Before completing this form please note the following: 1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information, subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB Control Number; 2) This information is mandatory and is required to manage the AFA Limited Access Programs under 50 CFR part 679 and under section 402(a) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act (16 U.S.C. 1801, *et seq*.); 3) Submission of this information is required of persons seeking to participate in groundfish fisheries under authority of AFA; 4) Responses to this information request are confidential under section 402(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act. They are also confidential under NOAA Administrative Order 216-100, which sets forth procedures to protect confidentiality of fishery statistics.

Instructions

AMERICAN FISHERIES ACT (AFA) PERMIT: REBUILT, REPLACEMENT OR REMOVED VESSEL APPLICATION

An American Fisheries Act (AFA) vessel is a vessel that is designated on an AFA catcher vessel permit, an AFA catcher/processor vessel permit or an AFA mothership permit.

In order to improve vessel safety and operational efficiency (including fuel efficiency), the owner of an AFA vessel may rebuild or replace that vessel with a vessel documented with a fishery endorsement under section 12113 of Title 46 of the U.S. Code. For the provisions of the AFA regulations on rebuilding, replacing and removing AFA vessels, see 50 CFR 679.4(l), available at http://www.alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/regs/679a4.pdf. For information on Federal fishery endorsements for documented vessels, see the website of the National Vessel Documentation Center at http://www.marad.dot.gov/documents/46_U.S.C._12113.pdf.

An AFA rebuilt or replacement vessel shall be eligible in the same manner to participate in fisheries in the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) off Alaska and subject to the same restrictions and limitations as the vessel being rebuilt or replaced. An AFA vessel that was rebuilt or replaced after October 15, 2010, is exempt from the maximum length overall (MLOA) on a License Limitation Program (LLP) groundfish license with a Bering Sea and/or Aleutian Islands area endorsement when the vessel is fishing pursuant to that license, whether the vessel before rebuilding or replacement was exempt.

The owner of an AFA catcher vessel that is a member of an inshore cooperative may remove that vessel from the Bering Sea directed pollock fishery. If the owner applies to do that, the owner must direct NMFS to assign the pollock catch history of the vessel being removed to other vessel or vessels in the cooperative of the removed vessel. The catcher vessel(s) receiving the pollock catch history of the removed vessel must remain in the fishery cooperative for at least one year after the date on which NMFS approves the application for removal of the catcher vessel.

NOTICE:
Pursuant to the AFA amendments in section 602 of the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2010, P. L. 111-281, a vessel that leaves the AFA fishery by being replaced or removed is ineligible for a Federal fishery endorsement unless such a vessel reenters the AFA fishery as a replacement vessel.

DEADLINES:

- If the owner of an AFA vessel rebuilds an AFA vessel, the owner shall notify NMFS and provide USCG documentation for the rebuilt vessel **within 30 days of the issuance of the documentation**.

- In the event of the total or constructive loss of an AFA vessel, the owner of the AFA vessel shall notify NMFS in writing within **120 days** of the date of the vessel loss. The AFA permit on the lost vessel shall remain valid from the date of the vessel loss **until three years from December 31 of the year of the vessel loss,** unless the AFA permit on the lost vessel is revoked before that date because the lost vessel was replaced or removed. For example, if an AFA vessel sinks on June 15, 2015, the AFA permit on the lost vessel will be valid until December 31, 2018, unless the AFA permit on the lost vessel was revoked before that date. After December 31, 2018, if the AFA permit has not been revoked, the AFA permit will be suspended until the owner of the AFA vessel replaces or removes the lost vessel.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Use this application to:

- Notify NMFS that an AFA vessel has been rebuilt
- Request an AFA permit for a replacement catcher vessel, catcher/processor, or mothership
- Request removal of an AFA catcher vessel that is a member of an inshore cooperative and assignment of the catch history of that vessel to other vessel or vessels in the same inshore cooperative

Type or print legibly in ink; retain a copy of completed application for your records.

When completed, submit application to:

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

or fax to: **(907) 586-7354**

or deliver to: **709 West 9th Street, Room 713**
Juneau, AK 99801

Items will be sent to you by first class mail, unless you provide alternate instructions and include a prepaid mailer with appropriate postage or corporate account number for express delivery.

If you have any questions, or if you need any assistance in completing the application, please contact RAM as follows:

Telephone (toll Free): 1-800-304-4846 (press "2") or
(Juneau): 907-586-7202

E-Mail Address: RAM.Alaska@noaa.gov

Web Site: www.alaskafisheries.noaa.gov

Please allow at least 10 working days for your application to be processed. Items will be sent by first class mail, unless you provide alternate instructions ***and*** include a prepaid mailer with appropriate postage or a corporate account number for express delivery.

COMPLETING THE APPLICATION

BLOCK A – PURPOSE OF APPLICATION

Indicate the reason for submission of the application:

If Notification of Rebuilt AFA Vessel, complete Block B and sign Block D.

If Replacement of AFA Vessel, complete Block B and Block C and sign Block D.

If Removal of AFA Catcher Vessel and Assignment of Catch History of Removed Vessel, complete Block A

and Block C, and sign Block D.

BLOCK B –AFA PERMITTED VESSEL

Identify existing AFA permitted vessel being rebuilt, replaced or removed from AFA fishery. If owner is notifying NMFS of the rebuilding of an AFA vessel, **attach** USCG Documentation for Rebuilt Vessel

1. Vessel Name as displayed in official documentation.
2. Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) Vessel Registration Number.
3. U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) Official Documentation Number
4. AFA Permit Number
5. LLP Groundfish License Number to which vessel is currently assigned.

6-8. Gross Tons, shaft horsepower, and registered length.

9. Owner Name. list all owners of the vessel as shown on the USCG vessel documentation or abstract of title.
10. Permanent business mailing address of primary vessel owner.

11-13. Business telephone number, business fax number, and business e-mail address of primary vessel owner.

BLOCK C – IDENTIFICATION & OWNERSHIP OF REPLACEMENT VESSEL

Only one vessel may be identified as a "replacement vessel" for the vessel listed in Block B. **Attach** the current USCG documentation for this vessel showing a valid fishery endorsement.

1. Vessel Name as displayed in official documentation.
2. ADF&G Vessel Registration Number.
3. USCG Official Documentation Number.
4. LLP Groundfish License Number.

5-7. Gross Tons, net tons (U.S. tons), and shaft horsepower.

8-9. Registered Length (feet) and current length overall (feet.

10. Owner Name. list all owners of the vessel as shown on the USCG vessel documentation or abstract of title.
11. Enter permanent business mailing address of primary vessel owner.

12-14. Enter business telephone number, business fax number, and business e-mail address of primary vessel owner

BLOCK D – ASSIGNMENT OF POLLOCK CATCH HISTORY OF REMOVED VESSEL

NOTE: This Block may only be used if the vessel listed in Block B is being permanently removed from the AFA fishery.

Identify vessel(s) to which the owner of the removed AFA catcher vessel, listed in Block B, wishes to permanently assign the pollock catch history of the removed vessel and the percentage of the pollock catch history assigned to each vessel. The pollock catch history of the removed vessel may only be assigned to vessel or vessels that were in the same inshore cooperative to which the removed vessel belonged.

Identify vessel(s) that the owner of the removed vessel in Block B wishes to permanently assign the catch history of the removed vessel by entering the following:

- Vessel Name.
- USCG Official Documentation Number
- AFA Permit Number
- Percentage of the pollock catch history that the owner of the removed vessel is assigning to each listed vessel

BLOCK E - CERTIFICATION OF APPLICANT

Signature and printed name of the owner and date application was signed.

Application For Transfer Of BERING SEA CHINOOK SALMON PSC ALLOCATIONS

U.S. Dept. of Commerce/NOAA
National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)
Sustainable Fisheries Division
P.O. Box 21668
Juneau, AK 99802-1668
Fax: 907-586-7131
Telephone: 907-586-7228

MAY BE SUBMITTED ONLINE at https://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/webapps/efish/login

This application must be received **by NMFS**
by June 25 for A SEASON and by December 1 for B SEASON

BLOCK A – IDENTIFICATION OF TRANSFEROR		
1. Name of Transferor:		2. NMFS Person ID:
3. Business Mailing Address: [_] Permanent [_] Temporary *(indicate which)*		
4. Business Telephone Number:	5. Business Fax Number:	6. Business E-mail Address:

BLOCK B – IDENTIFICATION OF TRANSFEREE		
1. Name of Transferee:		2. NMFS Person ID:
3. Business Mailing Address: [_] Permanent [_] Temporary *(indicate which)*		
4. Business Telephone Number:	5. Business Fax Number:	6. Business E-mail Address:

BLOCK C – NUMBER OF CHINOOK SALMON PSC TRANSFERRED
*Check **either** A Season or B Season for each entry*

Date of Transfer	Number of Chinook	A Season [ ]	B Season [ ]	Date of Transfer	Number of Chinook	A Season [ ]	B Season [ ]

Instructions

APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER OF CHINOOK SALMON PSC ALLOCATIONS

NMFS will issue Bering Sea Chinook salmon prohibited species catch (PSC) allocations to the catcher/processor sector entity, the mothership sector entity, inshore cooperatives, and Western Alaska Community Development Quota (CDQ) groups. NMFS will issue separate PSC allocations for the A season and the B season. PSC remaining from the A season could be used in the B season ("rollover").

The entity receiving a transferable Chinook salmon PSC allocation from NMFS is authorized to transfer all or a portion of the entity's salmon PSC allocation to another entity or receive a transfer from another entity (authorized to sign transfer request forms), and be responsible for any penalties assessed for exceeding the entity's salmon PSC allocation.

Transfers are a voluntary request to NMFS, initiated by the entity transferring surplus Chinook salmon allocations, to move a specific amount of a Chinook salmon PSC allocation from one entity's account to another entity's account. NMFS will review the transferor's catch account to ensure sufficient salmon is available to transfer. If enough Chinook salmon are in the account, NMFS will make that transfer effective immediately. Transfers to eligible entities may occur at any time in a season but transfers cannot be made between the B and A seasons. Entities may receive transfers of PSC to cover overages ("post-delivery transfers").

Request for Chinook PSC transfer is available on the NMFS Alaska Region website (https://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/fisheries-applications).

Type or print legibly in ink; retain a copy of completed application for your records.

When complete

Mail application to:	**NMFS Alaska Region** **Sustainable Fisheries Division** **P.O. Box 21668** **Juneau, AK 99802-1668**
Or fax to:	**907-586-7131**
Or online to:	https://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/webapps/efish/login

If you need additional information regarding transfers of PSC, contact Sustainable Fisheries Division at 907-586-7228.

Regulations at 50 CFR part 679, Subpart C, are available at NMFS Alaska Region web site at https://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/fisheries-679regs.

COMPLETING THE APPLICATION

Enter the following information for each transfer.

BLOCK A – IDENTIFICATION OF TRANSFEROR

1. Name of Transferor
2. NMFS Person ID
3. Business Mailing Address
   Indicate whether permanent or temporary

4-6. Business Telephone Number, Business Fax Number, and Business E-mail address

BLOCK B – IDENTIFICATION OF TRANSFEREE

1. Name of Transferee
2. NMFS Person ID
3. Business Mailing Address
   Indicate whether permanent or temporary

4-6. Business Telephone Number, Business Fax Number, and Business E-mail address

BLOCK C – NUMBER OF CHINOOK PSC TRANSFERRED

1. Date of transfer
2. Number of Chinook Salmon
3. Indicate whether A Season or B Season

PUBLIC REPORTING BURDEN STATEMENT

Public reporting for this collection of information is estimated to average ~~15 minutes~~ one hour per response, including the time for reviewing the instructions, searching the existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to Assistant Regional Administrator, Sustainable Fisheries Division, NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Before completing this form please note the following: 1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information, subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB Control Number; 2) This information is mandatory and is required to manage commercial fishing efforts under 50 CFR part 679, under section 402(a) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act (16 U.S.C. 1801, *et seq*.) as amended in 2006; 3) Responses to this information request are confidential under section 402(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act. They are also confidential under NOAA Administrative Order 216-100, which sets forth procedures to protect confidentiality of fishery statistics.

	Application for Approval as an ENTITY TO RECEIVE TRANSFERABLE CHINOOK SALMON PSC ALLOCATION	U.S. Dept. of Commerce/NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Sustainable Fisheries Division P.O. Box 21668 Juneau, AK 99802-1668 Fax: 907-586-7131 Telephone: 907-586-7228

MAY BE SUBMITTED ONLINE at https://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/webapps/efish/login

Initial application and contract must be received by **October 1**.
Additions or deletions must be received by **December 1**.

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION CONTRACT ATTACHMENT
An authorization contract containing the following information must be attached: ♦ Information that documents that all vessel owners party to the contract agree that the entity, the entity's representative, and the entity's agent for service of process named in this application represent them for purposes of receiving transferable allocations of Chinook salmon Prohibited Species Catch (PSC). ♦ A statement that the entity's representative and agent for service of process are authorized to act on behalf of the vessel owners party to the contract and are responsible to comply with all applicable requirements of this part.

BLOCK A – CONTACT INFORMATION		
1. Name of Entity:		2. NMFS Person ID:
3. Name of Entity's Representative	4. Name of Agent for Service of Process *(if different from representative)*	
5. Business Mailing Address: : [_] Permanent [_] Temporary (indicate which)		
6. Business Telephone Number:	7. Business Fax Number:	8. Business E-mail address:

BLOCK B – VESSEL IDENTIFICATION		
For each AFA permitted vessel that the entity will represent, provide the following information. *Attach additional sheet if necessary.*		
Name of vessel	ADF&G No.	Federal Fisheries Permit No.

BLOCK C – AFFIDAVIT
[__] (*Check this box)*
I claim, swear, and affirm that each eligible vessel owner, from whom I received written notification, requesting to join this sector entity has been allowed to join this sector entity subject to the same terms and conditions that have been agreed on by, and are applicable to, all other parties to the sector entity.

BLOCK D – CERTIFICATION		
Under penalty of perjury, I certify by my signature below that I have examined the information and the claims provided on this application and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information presented here is true, correct, and complete.		
Printed Name of Representative:	Signature of Representative:	Date Signed:
Printed Name of Agent for Service of Process *(if applicable)*:	Signature of Agent:	Date Signed:

PUBLIC REPORTING BURDEN STATEMENT

Public reporting for this collection of information is estimated to average 8 hours per response, including the time for reviewing the instructions, searching the existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to Assistant Regional Administrator, Sustainable Fisheries Division, NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Before completing this form please note the following: 1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information, subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB Control Number; 2) This information is mandatory and is required to manage commercial fishing efforts under 50 CFR part 679 and under section 402(a) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act (16 U.S.C. 1801, *et seq*.) as amended in 2006; 3) Responses to this information request are confidential under section 402(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act. They are also confidential under NOAA Administrative Order 216-100, which sets forth procedures to protect confidentiality of fishery statistics.

Instructions
Application for Approval as an
ENTITY TO RECEIVE
TRANSFERABLE CHINOOK SALMON PSC ALLOCATION

MAY BE SUBMITTED ONLINE at https://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/webapps/efish/login

Initial application and contract must be received by **October 1**.
Additions or deletions must be received by **December 1**.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Each year, NMFS will allocate to American Fisheries Act (AFA) sectors a portion of the Chinook salmon prohibited species catch (PSC) limit per §679.21(f). A representative of an entity representing the catcher/processor sector or the mothership sector may request approval by NMFS to receive transferable Chinook salmon PSC allocations on behalf of the members of the sector.

Attachment

An authorization contract containing the following information must be **attached** to this application:

- Information that documents that all vessel owners party to the contract agree that the entity, the entity's representative, and the entity's agent for service of process named in this application represent them for purposes of receiving transferable allocations of Chinook salmon PSC.

- A statement that the entity's representative and agent for service of process are authorized to act on behalf of the vessel owners party to the contract and are responsible to comply with all applicable requirements of this part.

Once submitted, the contract attached to this application is valid until amended or revoked by the parties to the contract.

Deadlines.

- The initial application and contract must be received by **October 1**.

- Additions or deletions to the vessel owners party to the contract or the list of vessels represented by the entity must be received by **December 1**.

Additionally

Applications are available on the NMFS Alaska Region website at https://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/fisheries-applications or by contacting NMFS at (800) 304–4846, Option 2.

If you have any questions, or if you need any assistance in completing the application, please call NMFS Sustainable Fisheries at **907-586-7228.**

Retain a copy of completed application for your records.

When complete, submit:

- by mail to: Administrator, Alaska Region, NMFS
  Attn: NMFS Sustainable Fisheries
  P.O. Box 21668
  Juneau, AK 99802–1668
- by fax to: (907)586–7354
- or online at: https://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/webapps/efish/login

COMPLETING THE APPLICATION

BLOCK A – CONTACT INFORMATION

1. Name of Entity: Legibly print or type the name of the entity requesting transfer.
2. NMFS Person ID. NMFS will assign this number, if necessary.
3. Name of Entity's Representative. Name of representative of entity.
4. Name of Agent for Service of Process, if different from representative.
5. Business Mailing Address: P.O Box number or street, city, state, and zip code.
   Indicate whether permanent or temporary.
   If temporary, this is the address to which the transfer documentation should be sent, if different from the permanent address.

6-8. Business Telephone Number, including area code; Business Fax Number, including area code; and Business E-mail address.

BLOCK B – VESSEL INFORMATION

For each AFA permitted vessel that the entity will represent, provide the following information. ***Attach*** *additional sheet if necessary.*

1. Vessel Name
2. Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) Vessel Registration Number of vessel
3. Federal Fisheries Permit (FFP) Number of vessel

BLOCK C – AFFIDAVIT

Check (Y) this box to affirm that each eligible vessel owner, from whom I received written notification, requesting to join this sector entity has been allowed to join this sector entity subject to the same terms and conditions that have been agreed on by, and are applicable to, all other parties to the sector entity.

BLOCK D – CERTIFICATION

1. Enter printed name and signature of the Representative, and date signed.
2. Enter printed name and signature of Agent for Service of Process (if different from the Representative), and date signed.

	AMERICAN FISHERIES ACT (AFA) Inshore Vessel Contract Fishing Notification	U.S. Dept. of Commerce/NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Restricted Access Management (RAM) P.O. Box 21668 Juneau, AK 99802-1668 (800) 304-484ll free / 586-7202 in Juneau (907) 586-7354 fax

An AFA inshore cooperative that intends to contract with a non-member vessel to harvest a portion of the cooperative's annual pollock allocation must submit a complete contract fishing notification to NMFS, Alaska Region (see 50 CFR part 679.62(c)). A separate notification must be submitted for each cooperative for which the vessel harvests.

The inshore vessel contract fishing notification may assume any format, but must contain the following information.

- Name and AFA permit number of the contract vessel. This AFA catcher vessel must have an inshore fishing endorsement and be a member of an inshore cooperative
- Name and signature of the contract vessel's owner
- Name of the contract vessel's home cooperative
- Name and signature of the home cooperative's designated representative
- Name of the AFA inshore cooperative wishing to contract with the vessel
- Name and signature of the AFA inshore cooperative's designated representative
- A complete harvest schedule showing how all catch and any overages by the contracted vessel will be allocated between the contracting cooperative and the contract vessel's home cooperative. If multiple cooperatives are contracting with the same non-member vessel, each harvest schedule submitted must clearly specify how all catch and any overages will be allocated among the various cooperatives with which the vessel is contracted.

To be valid, the inshore vessel contract fishing notification must be signed by the:

1) Contracting cooperative's designated representative
2) Contract vessel owner, and
3) Vessel's home cooperative designated representative

Submit the inshore vessel contract fishing notification to:

NMFS Alaska Region
Restricted Access Management (RAM)
P.O. Box 21668
Juneau, Alaska 99802-1668

NOTE: NMFS/AKR/RAM will notify the parties to the inshore vessel contract that the inshore vessel contract fishing notification has been received. However, NMFS will not make any determinations as to the legality of any contract between/among the parties or its compliance with AFA requirements.

PUBLIC REPORTING BURDEN STATEMENT

Public reporting for this collection of information is estimated to average 4 hours per response, including the time for reviewing the instructions, searching the existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to Assistant Regional Administrator, Sustainable Fisheries Division, NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Before completing this form please note the following: 1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information, subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB Control Number; 2) This information is mandatory and is required to manage commercial fishing efforts under 50 CFR part 679 and under section 402(a) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act (16 U.S.C. 1801, *et seq*.); 3) Responses to this information request are confidential under section 402(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act as amended in 2006. They are also confidential under NOAA Administrative Order 216-100, which sets forth procedures to protect confidentiality of fishery statistics.

should be directed to Taylor Debevec (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) by May 11, 2016.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 951 *et seq.*

Dated: April 18, 2016.

Emily H. Menashes,

Acting 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; Tilefish Individual Fishing Quota Program

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

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

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before June 20, 2016.

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 *JJessup@doc.gov*).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Reid Lichwell, (978) 281–9112 or *Reid.Lichwell@noaa.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This request is for extension of a current information collection.

National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Greater Atlantic Region manages the golden tilefish fishery of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the Northeastern United States, through the Tilefish Fishery Management Plan (FMP). The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council prepared the FMP pursuant to the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act). The regulations implementing the FMP are specified at 50 CFR part 648 subpart N.

The recordkeeping and reporting requirements at § 648.294 form the basis for this collection of information. NMFS requests information from tilefish individual fishing quota (IFQ) permit holders in order to process applications to ensure that IFQ allocation holders are provided a statement of their annual catch quota, and for enforcement purposes, to ensure vessels are not exceeding an individual quota allocation. In conjunction with the application, NMFS also collects IFQ share accumulation information to ensure that an IFQ allocation holder does not acquire an excessive share of the total limited access privileges, as required by section 303A(d)(5)(C) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act.

NMFS requests transfer application information to process and track requests from allocation holders to transfer quota allocation (permanent and temporary) to another entity. NMFS also collects information for cost recovery purposes as required under the Magnuson-Stevens Act to collect fees to recover the costs directly related to management, data collection and analysis, and enforcement of IFQ programs. Lastly, NMFS collects landings information to ensure that the amounts of tilefish landed and ex-vessel prices are properly recorded for quota monitoring purposes and the calculation of IFQ fees, respectively. Having this information results in an increasingly more efficient and accurate database for management and monitoring of fisheries of the Northeastern U.S. EEZ.

II. Method of Collection

The IFQ Allocation permit application, IFQ holder cap form, and the IFQ transfer form are all paper applications. These applications can be filled out online, but must be printed and signed to complete. The IFQ cost recovery process is entirely online at *www.pay.gov* and the IFQ reporting requirements are completed through a phone call to NMFS interactive voice response phone line.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648–0590.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission (extension of a current information collection).

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 12.

Estimated Time per Response: IFQ Allocation Permit Application, 30 minutes; IFQ Holder Cap Form, 5 minutes; IFQ Transfer Form, 5 minutes; IFQ Cost Recovery, 2 hours; IFQ Reporting Requirements, 2 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 42.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: $45.

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: April 18, 2016.

Sarah Brabson,

NOAA PRA Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Alaska American Fisheries Act (AFA) Permits

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

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

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before June 20, 2016.

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 *JJessup@doc.gov*).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Patsy Bearden, NMFS Alaska Region, (907) 586–7008 or *patsy.bearden@noaa.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

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

National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and the Council developed regulations under the Magnuson-Stevens Act and the American Fisheries Act (AFA) to govern commercial fishing for Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area (BSAI) pollock according to the requirements of the AFA. These regulations are necessary to achieve the AFA's objective of decapitalization and rationalization of the BSAI pollock fishery.

With exceptions noted below, all participants in the AFA pollock fishery are already permitted and the permits are issued with an indefinite expiration date. The permanent AFA permits are: AFA catcher vessel, AFA catcher/processor, AFA mothership, and AFA inshore processor. The permit exceptions are issued annually—the inshore vessel cooperative permit and inshore vessel contract fishing permit. In addition, the AFA vessel replacement application may be submitted to NMFS at any time.

II. Method of Collection

Respondents have a choice of either electronic or paper forms. Methods of submittal include email, mail, and facsimile transmission of paper forms.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648–0393.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Review: Regular (extension of a current information collection).

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 134.

Estimated Time per Response: 30 minutes for Application for AFA Permit Application: Rebuild, Replace, or Remove Vessel; 2 hours for Application for AFA Inshore Catcher Vessel Cooperative Permit; 4 hours for Vessel Contract Fishing Notification; 8 hours for Application for Approval as an Entity Eligible to Receive Transferable Chinook Salmon PSC Allocation; 15 minutes for Application to Transfer of Bering Sea Chinook Salmon PSC Allocation.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 444.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: $271 in recordkeeping/reporting costs.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: April 18, 2016.

Sarah Brabson,

NOAA PRA Clearance Officer.

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CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Information Collection; Submission for OMB Review, Comment Request

AGENCY: Corporation for National and Community Service.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) has submitted a public information collection request (ICR) entitled Disability Accommodation Reimbursement Grant Request Form for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13, (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). Copies of this ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the Corporation for National and Community Service, Sean R. Scott, at 202–606–3866 or email to *sescott@cns.gov.* Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TTY–TDD) may call 1–800–833–3722 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday.

DATES: Comments may be submitted, identified by the title of the information collection activity, within May 23, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted, identified by the title of the information collection activity, to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: Ms. Sharon Mar, OMB Desk Officer for the Corporation for National and Community Service, by any of the following two methods within 30 days from the date of publication in the **Federal Register**:

(1) *By fax to*: 202–395–6974, Attention: Ms. Sharon Mar, OMB Desk Officer for the Corporation for National and Community Service; or

(2) *By email to*: *smar@omb.eop.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The OMB is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of CNCS, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Propose ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Propose ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments

A 60-day Notice requesting public comment was published in the **Federal Register** on January 15, 2016 at Volume 81 FR page 2202. This comment period ended March 15, 2016. No public comments were received from this Notice.

Description: This form is for use by AmeriCorps State and National grantees who want to receive reimbursement for funds spent accommodating AmeriCorps members with disabilities.

Type of Review: New.

Agency: Corporation for National and Community Service.

Title: Disability Accommodation Reimbursement Request Form.

OMB Number: TBD.

Agency Number: None.

Affected Public: Grantees of AmeriCorps State & National and AmeriCorps members with disabilities.

Total Respondents: 20.