

NOTICE OF OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET ACTION

Date 02/06/2018

Department of Commerce
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, OMB has taken action on your request received 12/21/2017

ACTION REQUESTED: Revision of a currently approved collection

TYPE OF REVIEW REQUESTED: Regular

ICR REFERENCE NUMBER: 201712-0648-005

AGENCY ICR TRACKING NUMBER:

TITLE: Pacific Islands Region Permit Family of Forms

LIST OF INFORMATION COLLECTIONS: See next page

OMB ACTION: Approved without change

OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 0648-0490

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: 02/28/2021

DISCONTINUE DATE:

BURDEN:	RESPONSES	HOURS	COSTS
Previous	243	137	7,389
New	354	168	13,996
Difference			
Change due to New Statute	0	0	0
Change due to Agency Discretion	74	28	2,987
Change due to Agency Adjustment	37	3	3,620
Change due to PRA Violation	0	0	0

TERMS OF CLEARANCE: OMB notes that NMFS intends to implement online renewal for all permits under this ICR in the future. OMB requests a status update on the migration to electronic submission in the next renewal of this ICR. OMB requests that for future renewals, that NMFS limit its public comment solicitation per 5 CFR 1320 to 9 or fewer members of the public.

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

List of ICs

IC Title	Form No.	Form Name	CFR Citation
Western Pacific Fisheries Permit Applications and Transfers	NA	Federal Fisheries Permit Application - Pacific Islands Region	
Pacific Island Region Permit Family of Forms - Appeals			50 CFR 665
American Samoa Longline Limited Entry Permits and Transfers	NA	American Samoa Pelagic Longline Limited Access Program - Limited Entry Permit Application	
Pacific Islands Crustaceans Permit Application (Lobster and shrimp)	NA	Pacific Islands Crustacean Application	
Commonwealth of Marianas Islands (CNMI) Bottomfish Permits	NA	CNMI Bottomfish Permit Application	
Pelagic Squid Jig Permits	NA	Pelagic Squid Jig Permit Applications	

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT SUBMISSION

Please read the instructions before completing this form. For additional forms or assistance in completing this form, contact your agency's Paperwork Clearance Officer. Send two copies of this form, the collection instrument to be reviewed, the supporting statement, and any additional documentation to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Docket Library, Room 10102, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503.

1. Agency/Subagency originating request	2. OMB control number b. <input type="checkbox"/> None a. _____ - _____
3. Type of information collection (<i>check one</i>) a. <input type="checkbox"/> New Collection b. <input type="checkbox"/> Revision of a currently approved collection c. <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of a currently approved collection d. <input type="checkbox"/> Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired e. <input type="checkbox"/> Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired f. <input type="checkbox"/> Existing collection in use without an OMB control number For b-f, note Item A2 of Supporting Statement instructions	4. Type of review requested (<i>check one</i>) a. <input type="checkbox"/> Regular submission b. <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency - Approval requested by _____ / _____ / _____ c. <input type="checkbox"/> Delegated
7. Title	5. Small entities Will this information collection have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
8. Agency form number(s) (<i>if applicable</i>)	6. Requested expiration date a. <input type="checkbox"/> Three years from approval date b. <input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: _____ / _____
9. Keywords	10. Abstract
11. Affected public (<i>Mark primary with "P" and all others that apply with "x"</i>) a. ___ Individuals or households d. ___ Farms b. ___ Business or other for-profit e. ___ Federal Government c. ___ Not-for-profit institutions f. ___ State, Local or Tribal Government	12. Obligation to respond (<i>check one</i>) a. <input type="checkbox"/> Voluntary b. <input type="checkbox"/> Required to obtain or retain benefits c. <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory
13. Annual recordkeeping and reporting burden a. Number of respondents _____ b. Total annual responses _____ 1. Percentage of these responses collected electronically _____ % c. Total annual hours requested _____ d. Current OMB inventory _____ e. Difference _____ f. Explanation of difference 1. Program change _____ 2. Adjustment _____	14. Annual reporting and recordkeeping cost burden (<i>in thousands of dollars</i>) a. Total annualized capital/startup costs _____ b. Total annual costs (O&M) _____ c. Total annualized cost requested _____ d. Current OMB inventory _____ e. Difference _____ f. Explanation of difference 1. Program change _____ 2. Adjustment _____
15. Purpose of information collection (<i>Mark primary with "P" and all others that apply with "X"</i>) a. ___ Application for benefits e. ___ Program planning or management b. ___ Program evaluation f. ___ Research c. ___ General purpose statistics g. ___ Regulatory or compliance d. ___ Audit	16. Frequency of recordkeeping or reporting (<i>check all that apply</i>) a. <input type="checkbox"/> Recordkeeping b. <input type="checkbox"/> Third party disclosure c. <input type="checkbox"/> Reporting 1. <input type="checkbox"/> On occasion 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Semi-annually 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Annually 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Biennially 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe) _____
17. Statistical methods Does this information collection employ statistical methods <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	18. Agency Contact (person who can best answer questions regarding the content of this submission) Name: _____ Phone: _____

19. Certification for Paperwork Reduction Act Submissions

On behalf of this Federal Agency, I certify that the collection of information encompassed by this request complies with 5 CFR 1320.9

NOTE: The text of 5 CFR 1320.9, and the related provisions of 5 CFR 1320.8(b)(3), appear at the end of the instructions. *The certification is to be made with reference to those regulatory provisions as set forth in the instructions.*

The following is a summary of the topics, regarding the proposed collection of information, that the certification covers:

- (a) It is necessary for the proper performance of agency functions;
- (b) It avoids unnecessary duplication;
- (c) It reduces burden on small entities;
- (d) It used plain, coherent, and unambiguous terminology that is understandable to respondents;
- (e) Its implementation will be consistent and compatible with current reporting and recordkeeping practices;
- (f) It indicates the retention period for recordkeeping requirements;
- (g) It informs respondents of the information called for under 5 CFR 1320.8(b)(3):
 - (i) Why the information is being collected;
 - (ii) Use of information;
 - (iii) Burden estimate;
 - (iv) Nature of response (voluntary, required for a benefit, mandatory);
 - (v) Nature and extent of confidentiality; and
 - (vi) Need to display currently valid OMB control number;
- (h) It was developed by an office that has planned and allocated resources for the efficient and effective management and use of the information to be collected (see note in Item 19 of instructions);
- (i) It uses effective and efficient statistical survey methodology; and
- (j) It makes appropriate use of information technology.

If you are unable to certify compliance with any of the provisions, identify the item below and explain the reason in Item 18 of the Supporting Statement.

Signature of Senior Official or designee

Date

Agency Certification (signature of Assistant Administrator, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Line Office Chief Information Officer, head of MB staff for L.O.s, or of the Director of a Program or StaffOffice)

Signature

Date

Signature of NOAA Clearance Officer

Signature

Date

**SUPPORTING STATEMENT
PACIFIC ISLANDS REGION PERMIT FAMILY OF FORMS
OMB CONTROL NO.: 0648-0490**

INTRODUCTION

This request is for a revision and extension of this information collection. The major changes are adding the CNMI Bottomfish permit (OMB Control No. 0648-0584), Pacific Islands Crustaceans permit (OMB Control No. 0648-0586), and Pelagic Squid Jig permit (OMB Control No.0648-0589) into OMB Control No. 0648-0490.

A. JUSTIFICATION

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

The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act established the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council), to develop fishery ecosystem plans (FEP) for fisheries in the United States (U.S.) exclusive economic zone (EEZ) and high seas of the Pacific Islands region. These plans, if approved by the Secretary of Commerce, are implemented in Federal regulations by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and enforced by NOAA's Office of Law Enforcement (OLE) and the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG), in cooperation with state and territorial agencies. FEPs regulate fishing to prevent overfishing and to ensure the long-term productivity and social and economic benefit of the resources. Regulations implementing these plans are at 50 C.F.R. 665.

NMFS has jurisdiction over fisheries in Federal waters of the Pacific Ocean seaward of American Samoa, Guam, Hawaii, the Northern Mariana Islands (NMI), and the Pacific Remote Island Areas (PRIA)¹. The Council prepares, and the Secretary approves and implements through regulations, FEPs for American Samoa, Hawaii, and Northern Mariana Islands (Guam and NMI) archipelagos, PRIA, and pelagic fisheries in the Pacific Islands region. Each of these FEPs contains requirements that commercial fishery participants obtain Federal permits for federally managed fisheries in their area.

This collection of information is needed for permit issuance, to identify actual or potential participants in the fishery, determine qualifications for permits, and to help measure the impacts of management controls on the participants in the fishery. The permit program is also an effective tool in the enforcement of fishery regulations and facilitates communication between NMFS and fishermen.

¹Howland, Baker, Jarvis, Wake and Palmyra Islands, Johnston Atoll, Midway Atoll, and Kingman Reef.

2. Explain how, by whom, how frequently, and for what purpose the information will be used. If the information collected will be disseminated to the public or used to support information that will be disseminated to the public, then explain how the collection complies with all applicable Information Quality Guidelines.

NMFS collects information via a permit application process. Permits are valid for one calendar year and fishermen may renew the permit annually, except for the American Samoa longline limited entry permit, which is effective for three years. Information from the permit application form will allow NMFS to confirm the identity of the permit holder and applicant, and to determine whether the applicant qualifies for the permit. Vessel-related information such as vessel documentation or registration, ownership, and managing ownership is used by NMFS to determine whether the applicant is an owner of a U.S. documented/registered vessel. The information may also be used by OLE, the USCG, and the Council.

This collection also includes information involving appeals of permit and permit transfer denials. The appellant must provide documentation to show why a permit should have been granted. The NMFS Pacific Islands Regional Administrator uses the information to make a final determination on permit issuance under the FEP. The frequency of appeals for permit denials is expected to be a maximum of four per year, if any. Appeal procedures are detailed in 50 CFR 665.13(m) and 50 CFR 665.801(o).

NMFS collects business information and disseminates it to the public. NMFS retains control over the information and safeguards it from improper access, modification, and destruction, consistent with Federal law and regulations, and NOAA policies for confidentiality, privacy, and electronic information. See response to Question 10 of this Supporting Statement for more information on confidentiality and privacy. NMFS designed the information collection to yield data that meet all applicable information quality guidelines. Prior to dissemination, NMFS applies to the information 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.

None of the federal permit application forms for Pacific Islands fisheries, including this collection, are currently submitted in electronic form. However, applicants for Pacific Islands fishing permits will be able to download, complete and print an Adobe fillable application form via the Pacific Islands Region's website at <http://www.fpir.noaa.gov/>. NMFS has implemented online renewal for Hawaii longline limited access permits and will implement this for other permits in the future.

4. Describe efforts to identify duplication.

NMFS carefully considered whether there were collections by other Federal agencies or state or territorial agencies that might meet the information needs presented above. No other collections, besides the requested information, would meet the agency's reporting requirements.

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

All of the vessels in the Federally-managed fisheries in the Pacific Islands region are small business entities of similar size and are affected comparably. No special measures are needed to accommodate different sized businesses. NMFS seeks the minimum amount of data needed for permit issuance and consistent with this collection in the permit application process.

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

Without this collection or if it is collected less frequently, NMFS will be unable to properly evaluate permit applications issued under the Pacific Islands FEPs. Also, it will be difficult to monitor the fisheries and their participants, determine entry and exit patterns, assess catch history to determine appropriate allocations for potential catch share programs, and provide information needed to ensure full impact analysis for fisheries management programs. Without this information, enforcement agents will not be able to identify current fishery participants for compliance monitoring purposes and NMFS would be unable to consult with permit holders on regulatory changes.

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

NA.

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.

NMFS published a Federal Register Notice soliciting comments on October 6, 2017 (82 FR 46771). No comments were received.

NMFS solicited comments from 11 members of the public. PIRO received the following comment.

1. Comment from a Hawaii longline vessel owner:

I have no disagreements as it pertains to Hawaii Longline Permits. The online process is simple and straightforward for owners familiar with using a computer to fill out forms, and should be extended for the foreseeable future.

Response: PIRO thanked the respondent for their comment.

2. Comment from an American Samoa longline vessel owner:

As a participant in the American Samoa Longline Limited Entry Permit Program, we do not have any objections about the process that we follow to get permits. They are very simple instructions and it is not a burden to produce any backup paperwork that is needed to obtain or renew our permits. Our process is further simplified because of the assistance provided by PIRO staff to us.

Response: NMFS thanked the respondent for their comment.

3. Comment from a Hawaii longline vessel owner:

In response to the inquiry for comments see below:

- a) The information is necessary for the fishery service to to effectively carry out the responsibilities of permitting activities of fisheries
- b) The accuracy of time and the burden estimates to applicants are reasonable
- c) I have no comment to contribute to enhance quality, utility and clarity of the information
- d) Since I consider the burden to be reasonable I do not feel significant energy is necessary to minimize the burden.

Response: NMFS thanked the respondent for their comment.

4. Comment from an American Samoa longline vessel owner:

I have no comments on this revision.

Response: NMFS thanked the respondent for their comment.

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

No payments or gifts are involved in this collection.

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

As stated on all forms, the information collected is confidential under section 402(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, as amended in 2006. It is also confidential under NOAA Administrative Order 216.100, which sets forth procedures to protect confidentiality of fishery statistics. NMFS published a Privacy Act System of Records Notice for all NMFS Sustainable Fisheries Permits on September 15, 2015 (80 FR 55327), and includes a Privacy Act Statement on all permit application forms.

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.

NMFS asked no questions of a sensitive nature.

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

PIRO estimated 354 responses to permit applications as shown in Table 1.

The increase in responses (from 243 to 354) and hours (from 137 to 169.25) are due to adjustments, including online versions of permit applications, and the merging of three other permit application collections into this collection. (Table 1).

Table 1. Permit Application-Related Burden

Pacific Islands Federal Fisheries Permit Applications	Number of Responses	Time per Response (hr)	Burden (hr)	Processing Fee	Total Fees
Hawaii Longline Limited Entry Permit Renewals (paper)	50	0.5	25	\$52.00	\$2,600.00
Hawaii Longline Limited Entry Permit Renewals (online)	100	0.25	25	\$31.00	\$3,100.00
Hawaii Longline Limited Entry Permit Transfers	30	1	30	\$52.00	\$1,560.00
Hawaii Longline Closed Area Exemption	0	2	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
WP General Longline Permit (paper)	2	0.5	1	\$0.00	\$0.00
WP General Longline Permit (online)*	5	0.25	1.25	\$0.00	\$0.00
WP Receiving Vessel Permit (paper)	10	0.5	5	\$0.00	\$0.00
WP Receiving Vessel Permit (online)*	20	0.25	5	\$0.00	\$0.00
PRIA Troll and Handline Permit (paper)	1	0.5	0.5	\$0.00	\$0.00
PRIA Troll and Handline Permit (online)*	2	0.25	0.5	\$0.00	\$0.00
WP Bottomfish (Guam and PRIA) Permit (paper)	5	0.5	2.5	\$0.00	\$0.00

WP Bottomfish (Guam and PRIA) Permit (online)*	5	0.25	1.25	\$0.00	\$0.00
WP Precious Coral (paper)	2	0.5	1	\$0.00	\$0.00
WP Precious Coral (online)*	1	0.25	0.25	\$0.00	\$0.00
American Samoa Longline Limited Entry Permit Renewals and Additional Permits	37	0.75	27.75	\$67.00	\$2,479.00
American Samoa Longline Limited Entry Permit Transfers	6	1.25	7.5	\$67.00	\$402.00
Permit Appeals	4	2	8	\$0.00	\$0.00
Pacific Islands Crustacean (Lobster) Permits (paper)	2	0.5	1	\$0.00	\$0.00
Pacific Islands Crustacean (Lobster) Permits (online)*	2	0.25	0.5	\$0.00	\$0.00
Pacific Islands Crustacean (Shrimp) Permits (paper)	5	0.5	2.5	\$48.00	\$240.00
Pacific Islands Crustacean (Shrimp) Permits (online)*	5	0.25	1.25	\$30.00	\$150.00
Pelagic Squid Jig Permit (paper)	5	0.5	2.5	\$48.00	\$240.00
Pelagic Squid Jig Permit (online)*	5	0.25	1.25	\$30.00	\$150.00
CNMI Bottomfish Permit (paper)	25	0.5	12.5	\$48.00	\$1,200.00
CNMI Bottomfish Permit (online)*	25	0.25	6.25	\$31.00	\$775.00
TOTAL	354		169.25**		\$12,896.00

*not yet implemented

**rounded down to 168 in ROCIS.

13. Provide an estimate of the total annual cost burden to the respondents or record-keepers resulting from the collection (excluding the value of the burden hours in Question 12 above).

There are no start-up costs associated with the permits. No special equipment or materials are required to apply for permits. Non-refundable application processing fees are charged for renewals and transfers of Hawaii longline limited entry permits and additional permits, renewals, and transfers of American Samoa longline limited entry permits.

Costs due to application processing fees for each permit are detailed in Table 1.
Total application processing fees = \$12,896.

The estimated cost to respondents for postage, faxes, copies, etc., related to this collection is estimated at \$1,100 per year.

The total cost burden is estimated at \$13,996.

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

The estimated cost to the Federal government to administer this collection, which includes database management, is: \$6,366 = \$3,375 (180 x 45 min/paper application x \$25/hr) + \$1,791 (172 x 25 min/online application x \$25/hr) + \$800 (4 appeals x 8 hr x \$25/hr) + \$400 (postage and supplies).

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

Changes in burden estimates are based on updated estimates for numbers of applications and estimates of time spent on applications (adjustments: 3 hours, \$3,620 in recordkeeping/reporting costs), as well as the additions of permits from three other data collections (program changes: 28 hours, \$2,987 in recordkeeping/reporting costs).

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

NMFS does not plan a publication based solely on this collection of information at this time. However, NMFS will analyze the information in permit applications to determine eligibility for permit issuance and the need for management changes to conserve fish stocks and protect endangered or threatened marine animals and their habitats. These analyses will be included in annual stock assessment and fishery evaluation reports as required under these FEP. The information from this collection may ultimately be published in scientific journals.

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.

The expiration date will be displayed.

18. Explain each exception to the certification statement.

No exceptions are proposed.

B. COLLECTIONS OF INFORMATION EMPLOYING STATISTICAL METHODS

This collection does not employ statistical methods.



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AMERICAN SAMOA LONGLINE LIMITED ACCESS PERMIT

Application Type:

Please print legibly. All fields required unless noted otherwise. Provide required documents as instructed. Non-Refundable Application Processing Fee: **\$67.00**, payable by check or money order to: **Department of Commerce, NOAA**. Fee charged for all permit transactions unless otherwise noted below.

PERMIT CLASS: ___ **A** = vessel 40' LOA or less ___ **B** = 40.1' – 50' ___ **C** = 50.1' – 70' ___ **D** = 70' or larger

___ **Permit Renewal**

___ **Additional Permit Issuance**

___ **Registration of new or replacement vessel to permit OR De-registration of vessel from permit.** (No Fee)

___ **Permit Transfer** (The transferring permit holder completes this section and signs, and the person receiving the permit completes the sections below and signs as the permit applicant.)

TO: ___ Family member ___ Community organization ___ Person with documented participation in the American Samoa longline fishery (participation in vessel size Class A for Class A only)

NAME: _____ **Relationship:** _____
Print first and last name, or name of community organization If Family member is checked

Under penalty of perjury, I hereby declare that I, the undersigned, am the current permit holder or authorized to complete and certify this application on behalf of the current permit holder, and the information contained herein is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge.

PERMIT TRANSFEROR: _____
(Original permit holder) Print first, middle initial, and last name Signature

PERMIT NUMBER BEING TRANSFERRED: _____ **DATE:** _____

VESSEL NAME: _____ **VESSEL OFFICIAL NUMBER (USCG or AS):** _____

VESSEL OWNER: _____ **RADIO CALL SIGN:** _____

PERMIT HOLDER: _____ **TAXPAYER ID NUMBER:** _____
First, Middle and Last Name, or Business Name (SSN or EIN)

PERMIT HOLDER DATE OF BIRTH (individual) or INCORPORATION (business): _____

Complete the **Supplementary Information Sheet** on page 2 to list names and addresses of owners, partners, or officers.

BUSINESS MAIL ADDRESS: _____
Number, street, apt. no. City/Village State ZIP

BUSINESS PHONE: (____) _____ **CELL:** (____) _____
(Please include the area code for each number)

EMAIL: _____

Under penalty of perjury, I hereby declare that I, the undersigned, am the applicant or authorized to complete and certify this application on behalf of the applicant, and the information contained herein is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge.

APPLICANT: _____ **DATE:** _____
Print first, middle initial, and last name Signature

Mail application to the address at the top left of this page. If your application is incomplete, you will be notified by PIRO. You have 30 days from the date of notification to complete the application or your application will be considered abandoned (50 CFR 665.13). You must inform PIRO within 15 days of any change of information on the application form (50 CFR 665.13). It is prohibited to file false information on an application for a fishing permit (50 CFR 665.15(b)).

American Samoa Pelagic Longline Access Entry Permit

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SHEET

Company/Corporation officers, owners, or partners:

NAME	MAILING ADDRESS	PERCENT OWNERSHIP
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

For office use only:

- Previous ownership of longline vessel: Vessel Name: _____
USCG COD _____ or AS Vsl Reg. _____
- Vessel used to legally harvest Pacific pelagic management unit species with longline gear in the EEZ around American Samoa.
- Fulfilled minimum harvest requirements for renewal
- Current Protected Species Workshop certification (for renewal)
- Certification of Limited Access Permit Transfer if applying for a transfer
- Documented ownership or evidence of work (Participation) on an AS longline fishing vessel:

Instructions for American Samoa Pelagic Longline Limited Access Permit Application

Application Type: Check which type of permit action you are applying for. Please submit a separate form for each permit. Only application for renewal, an additional permit, or vessel registration/replacement is allowed. The non-refundable application processing fee is required for an application for Renewal, Additional Permit, or Transfer.

For Permit Transfer: This section must be completed by the current permit holder(s) who is transferring the permit (transferor) to another person or business (transferee). They must write their name, their signature, and date it. The permit number being transferred must be provided. NMFS may request additional documentation to verify the transfer.

Vessel Information: Fill in the vessel name, official number (either USCG documented vessel number or state registered number for undocumented vessels), vessel owner name, and radio call sign. If the vessel has no name, please draw a line in the vessel name field.

Permit Holder Information: Fill in the name of the person or business to whom the permit will be issued. This entity will be the permit holder for the duration of the permit. Provide the taxpayer ID number: SSN for individual, or EIN (employer identification number) for a business. Fill in the date of birth of the individual or the date of incorporation for the business. If there is more than one permit holder, provide the same information for each permit holder. Any change in the name of the permit holder(s) will require a transfer.

Provide the mailing address, phone numbers, and email of the permit holder. This will be the address of record.

Permit Applicant: The person who submits the application must print his or her name and sign the form. Fill in the application date, and the applicant's title. If the applicant is not the permit holder or is not a member or officer of the business that holds the permit, the permit holder must provide a signed letter of authorization that designates the applicant as the agent.

Supplementary Information Sheet: If the permit holder is a business or partnership, list all owners, partners, and officers of the company on this sheet. Provide addresses and percent ownership for each.

Required Documents to provide with the application:

- 1) A copy of the vessel's current U.S. Coast Guard Certificate of Documentation (documented vessel) or registration certificate from a state/territorial agency (undocumented vessel) showing current vessel owner,
- 2) Payment for the non-refundable application processing fee, if required,
- 3) Documentation of harvest for Renewal,
- 4) Documentation of participation in the American Samoa longline fishery if applying for an Additional Permit or Permit Transfer,
- 5) For Transfers: A signed and notarized Certification of Limited Access Permit Transfer from the original permit holder confirming the transfer of an American Samoa longline limited access permit, and
- 6) A signed letter from the permit holder authorizing the permit applicant as the agent, if the applicant is not the permit holder.

The **vessel owner** must have a current Protected Species Workshop (PSW) to renew the permit. If the vessel owner is a business, an officer or authorized representative of the company must have a current PSW certificate. Contact piro-psw@noaa.gov for workshop information.

If your application is incomplete, you will be notified by PIRO. You have 30 days from the date of notification to provide required documents, or your application will be considered abandoned (50 CFR 665.13). You must inform PIRO within 15 days of any change of information on the application form (50 CFR 665.13). It is prohibited to file false information on an application for a fishing permit (50 CFR 665.15(b)).

Submit Complete Application to: the address printed in the upper left corner of the first page, or contact the Permits Program at piro-permits@noaa.gov for information on online renewals of American Samoa longline permits, and other permits as available.

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

Authority: The collection of this information is authorized under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, 16 U.S.C 1801 et seq., the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Convention Implementation Act (WCPFCIA; 16 U.S.C. 6901 et seq.), the Marine Mammal Protection Act, and the Endangered Species Act. The authority for the mandatory collection of the Tax Identification Number (TIN) is 31 U.S.C. 7701.

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

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PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT INFORMATION

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NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS COMMERCIAL BOTTOMFISH PERMIT

Please Print Legibly. Items marked with * are required. Note required documents in instructions on page 2.

Payment of non-refundable application processing fee of **\$48.00** required. Make check payable to Department of Commerce, NOAA.

***VESSEL NAME:** _____ ***VESSEL OFFICIAL NO:** _____
USCG, CNMI, or Guam number

***VESSEL LENGTH:** _____ (feet) **RADIO CALL SIGN:** _____

***VESSEL OWNER:** _____ ***Taxpayer ID Number (SSN or EIN)** _____
First, Middle, & Last Name or Business Name

***DATE OF BIRTH (individual) OR INCORPORATION (business):** _____ (MM/DD/YYYY)

***BUSINESS CONTACT:** _____ **TITLE:** _____
First, Middle, & Last Name, if not same as vessel owner Corporate officer, business owner, partner

***BUSINESS MAILING ADDRESS:** _____
Street/PO Box City State ZIP Code

***BUSINESS PHONE** (_____) _____; **CELL PHONE** (_____) _____

EMAIL: _____

Under penalty of perjury, I hereby declare that I, the undersigned, am the vessel owner or authorized to complete and certify this application on behalf of the vessel owner, and the information contained herein is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge.

***APPLICANT:** _____ ***DATE:** _____
Printed Name Signature

***APPLICANT TITLE:** ___ Vessel owner, ___ Corp. officer or partner, ___ Designated agent**, or ___ Other _____
(Check only one)

***Is this application for a new permit? ___ or a renewal? ___**

Mail the application to the address at the top left of this page. An application that is lacking required information, vessel registration or documentation, or payment will be considered incomplete. An incomplete application will be abandoned if it is not completed within 30 days after reception. You must inform PIRO within 15 days of any change of information on the application form (50 CFR 665.13). It is prohibited to file false information on any application for a fishing permit (50 CFR 665.15(b)).

Instructions for Northern Mariana Islands Commercial Bottomfish Permit Application

Please print all information legibly. All items marked with a * on the form must be completed.

- Vessel Name: Write in the name of the vessel. If the vessel does not have a name, write N/A.
- Vessel Official No.: Write in the USCG documented vessel number or the boat registration number pp xxxx ss, where pp is the state/territory prefix, xxxx is the number, and ss is the type. For example, CM 1234 CF.
- Vessel Registered Length: Write in the vessel's length overall in feet, as listed on the USCG document or undocumented vessel registration.
- Radio Call Sign: Write in the call sign assigned to your vessel's radio by the FCC, if you have one. It would probably start with a W. If you do not have a call sign, write N/A.
- Vessel Owner: Write in the name of the vessel owner as listed on the USCG document or undocumented vessel registration. The vessel owner will be the permit holder.
- Taxpayer Identification Number: If a business owns the vessel, write the Employer Identification Number (EIN) obtained from the U.S. Internal Revenue Service. If an individual, write the Social Security Number (SSN).
- Date of Birth or Incorporation (MM/DD/YYYY): If an individual owns the vessel, write the person's full birth date. If a business owns the vessel, write the full date of incorporation.
- Business Contact: If a business owns the vessel, please write in the name of the primary person to contact for the business.
- Title: Write in the title or role of the contact in relation to the business, that is, officer, member, partner, owner, etc.
- Business Mailing Address: Write in the primary mailing address of the vessel owner. This address will be used as the official address of record for all mail to the permit holder. As a business address, it may be disclosed to the public.
- Business Phone: Write in the primary business phone number of the vessel owner. This will be your phone number of record.
- Cell Phone, Fax, Email: Please provide additional contact information for the vessel owner.
- Applicant: Print your name and Sign on the line. The applicant must sign the form.
- Applicant Role: Check only one for the role of the applicant in relation to the vessel owner.
- Date: Fill in the date the application was signed.
- New Permit or Renewal?: Check only one box.

Please provide the **Required Documents** with the application.

- A copy of the vessel's current USCG Certificate of Documentation or CNMI/state boat registration.
- Payment by check for the non-refundable application processing fee. Please make check payable to "Department of Commerce, NOAA." Cash will not be accepted.
- ** If the Applicant is not the vessel owner, a signed letter from the vessel owner authorizing the applicant to act as an agent for the vessel owner is required.

Mail the application with payment and all required documents to the address provided at the top left of the first page. An application that is lacking required information, vessel registration or documentation, or payment will be considered incomplete. An incomplete application will be abandoned if it is not completed within 30 days after reception (50 CFR 665.13). You must inform PIRO within 15 days of any change of information on the application form (50 CFR 665.13). It is prohibited to file false information on any application for a fishing permit (50 CFR 665.15(b)).

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PACIFIC ISLANDS CRUSTACEAN PERMIT

Please print legibly. Items marked with * are required. Note required documents and instructions on page 2.

*PERMIT TYPE: Lobster (No Fee)
 Deepwater Shrimp (\$48.00 non-refundable application processing fee for shrimp permit only)

*PERMIT AREA: 2. Main Hawaiian Islands
 (Limited Entry permit required for Lobster in Permit Area 1 is no longer being issued.)
 3. American Samoa
 4. Pacific Remote Island Areas
 5. Guam and Northern Mariana Islands

*VESSEL NAME: _____ *VESSEL OFFICIAL NO: _____
 USCG or state registration number

*VESSEL LENGTH: _____ (feet) RADIO CALL SIGN: _____

*VESSEL OWNER: _____ *Taxpayer ID Number (EIN or SSN)
 First, Middle, & Last Name or Business Name

*DATE OF BIRTH (Individual) OR INCORPORATION (Business): _____ (MM/DD/YYYY)

*BUSINESS CONTACT: _____ *TITLE: _____
 First, Middle, & Last Name, if not same as vessel owner Corporate officer, business owner, partner

*BUSINESS MAILING ADDRESS: _____
 Street/PO Box City State ZIP Code

*BUSINESS PHONE (_____) _____ CELL PHONE (_____) _____

EMAIL: _____

Under penalty of perjury, I hereby declare that I, the undersigned, am the vessel owner or authorized to complete and certify this application on behalf of the vessel owner, and the information contained herein is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge.

*APPLICANT: _____ *DATE: _____
 Printed Name of Person Submitting Application Signature of Applicant

*APPLICANT TITLE: Vessel owner, Corporate officer or partner, Designated agent**, or Other _____
 (Check only one)

*Application is for a new permit? or a renewal? Previous permit number if renewal: _____

INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICATION:

Please print all information legibly. Illegible writing may cause delays or errors in permit processing.

Permit Type: Check which permit you are applying for. You may apply for both permits with one application form, but remember to provide the fee payment for the deepwater shrimp permit. Separate permits will be issued for lobster and shrimp.

Permit Area: Check the area where you will be fishing. You may check more than one if you will be fishing other areas.

Vessel Name: Write the vessel name that is marked on the vessel and/or listed on the US Coast Guard (USCG) certificate of documentation or state/territory vessel registration form. If vessel is undocumented and has no name, please write N/A or None.

Vessel Official No.: Write the vessel's USCG documented number or state/territory undocumented vessel registration number.

Vessel Length: Write the length overall as documented by the USCG or state/territory registration.

Radio Call Sign: Write the call sign registered with the FCC if available.

Vessel Owner: Write the official vessel owner as documented by the USCG or state/territory registration

Taxpayer ID Number: For individuals, this is your Social Security Number (SSN); for businesses, this is the Employer Identification Number (EIN).

Date of Birth or Incorporation: Write the date of birth for individuals, or date of incorporation for businesses.

Contact Person, Business Address, Business Phone and other contact information: Write the contact person name, contact person title, vessel owner's mailing address, and vessel owner's telephone number. These will be the address and phone number of record. In addition, please provide the cell phone number, fax number, and email.

Applicant and Date: The vessel owner (if individual), officer or member of the business or corporation, or designated agent must print his/her name and write their signature. Write the full date (MM/DD/YYYY) when the application is signed.

Applicant Title: Check the role of the applicant. If the applicant is not the vessel owner or an authorized representative of the business owner of the vessel, then a written, signed, and dated letter of authorization from the vessel owner naming the applicant as a designated agent is required.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS: You must submit the following with the application form.

- 1) A copy of the vessel's current U.S. Coast Guard Certificate of Documentation (documented vessel) or registration certificate from a state/territorial agency (undocumented vessel) showing the current vessel owner,
- 2) Payment for the non-refundable application processing fee for the shrimp permit only, make check payable to **Department of Commerce, NOAA**. Write the name of the vessel and the permit type in the memo or note field on the check.
- 3) **A signed letter from the vessel owner authorizing the applicant as the agent, if the applicant is acting as an agent for the vessel owner.

Mail application to the address at the upper left of page 1 or deliver it to NMFS Honolulu Service Center at Pier 38. An application that is lacking required information, vessel registration or documentation, or payment will be considered incomplete. An incomplete application will be abandoned if it is not completed within 30 days after reception. You must inform PIRO within 15 days of any change of information on the application form (50 CFR 665.13). It is prohibited to file false information on any application for a fishing permit (50 CFR 665.15(b)).

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PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT INFORMATION

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PACIFIC ISLANDS FEDERAL FISHERIES PERMIT APPLICATION

PERMIT TYPE (Submit a separate application for each permit)

1. PELAGIC:	<input type="checkbox"/> Hawaii Longline Limited Entry Permit – Renewal or Transfer (\$52.00 Non-refundable Application Processing Fee for Hawaii longline permit only. Make checks or money orders payable to: Department of Commerce, NOAA) For Hawaii Closed Area Exemption (contact Pacific Islands Region for form) <input type="checkbox"/> Western Pacific General Longline Permit (Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, PRIA) (No Fee) <input type="checkbox"/> Western Pacific Receiving Vessel Permit (all areas) (No Fee) <input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Remote Island Areas Troll & Handline (No Fee)
<i>LOBSTER and DEEPWATER SHRIMP (Use the Western Pacific Crustacean Permit application form, OMB Control No. 0648-0586)</i>	
2. BOTTOMFISH:	<input type="checkbox"/> Guam (large vessel) <input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Remote Island Areas (No Fee) <i>(CNMI: Use the Northern Mariana Islands Bottomfish Permit application form, OMB Control No. 0648-0584)</i>
3. PRECIOUS CORAL:	<input type="checkbox"/> (No Fee) Permit Area (see instructions):

Please Print Legibly. All Fields Required. Note required documents in instructions on side two.

VESSEL NAME: _____ **VESSEL OFFICIAL NO:** _____

VESSEL OWNER(s): _____ **RADIO CALL SIGN:** _____
 First, Middle, & Last Name or Business Name

PERMIT HOLDER(s): _____ **Taxpayer ID Number (SSN or EIN)** _____
 First, Middle, & Last Name or Name of Business to be designated Permit Holder

DATE OF BIRTH (Individual) OR INCORPORATION (Business) OF PERMIT HOLDER: _____

BUSINESS CONTACT: _____ **TITLE:** _____
 First, Middle, & Last Name, if not same as permit holder Corporate officer, business owner, partner

BUSINESS MAILING ADDRESS: _____
 Street/PO Box City State ZIP Code

BUSINESS PHONE (____) _____ **CELL** (____) _____

EMAIL: _____

Under penalty of perjury, I hereby declare that I, the undersigned, am the applicant or authorized to complete and certify this application on behalf of the applicant, and the information contained herein is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge.

APPLICANT: _____ **DATE:** _____
 Printed Name and **Signature** of Permit Holder, Corporate Officer, Partner, or Designated Agent

APPLICANT TITLE: Permit holder; Corporate member or officer, or partner; Designated agent; or Other _____
 (Check only one)

For Hawaii Longline Permit Transfer: to be completed and signed by originating permit holder (transferer). Under penalty of perjury, I hereby declare that I, the undersigned, am the current permit holder or authorized to complete and certify this application on behalf of the current permit holder, and the information contained herein is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge.	
PERMIT TRANSFERER: _____	DATE: _____
Printed Name & Signature of Permit Holder Transferring Permit	
Permit Number to be Transferred: _____	

Instructions for the Pacific Islands Federal Fisheries Permit Application:

Permit Type: Check which permit you are applying for. Note: for the Hawaii longline permit, only renewal or transfer is allowed. A non-refundable application processing fee is required only for the Hawaii longline permit.

Permit Area (for Precious Coral): X-P-AS (American Samoa Exploratory Area), E-B-1 (Makapu'u Established Bed, Hawaii), E-B-2 (Au'au Channel Established Bed, HI), C-B-1 (Keahole Pt. Conditional Bed, HI), C-B-2 (Kaena Pt. Conditional Bed, HI), X-P-H (Hawaii Exploratory Area – all other HI areas except NWHI), X-P-G (Guam Exploratory Area), and X-P-CNMI (Northern Marianas Exploratory Area). See regulations at 50 CFR 665 for details.

Vessel Information: Fill in the vessel name, official number (USCG documented vessel number or registered number for undocumented vessels), radio call sign, and name of vessel owner. If the vessel has no name, please draw a line in the vessel name field. Registration of a new or replacement vessel to the Hawaii longline permit is a transfer.

Permit Holder Information: Fill in the name of the person(s) or business(es) to whom the permit will be issued. The permit will be issued to this permit holder. Provide the taxpayer ID number: SSN for individual, or EIN for a business. Fill in the date of birth of the individual or the date of incorporation for the business. Any change in the name of the permit holder for a Hawaii longline permit is a transfer.

Fill in the name of the person who will be the main contact for the permit holder, if not the same person as the permit holder, or if the permit holder is a business. Provide the mailing address, phone numbers, and email of the permit holder. This will be the address of record.

Applicant: The person who submits the application must print their name and sign the form. Fill in application date and applicant title. If the applicant is not the permit holder or is not a member or officer of the business that holds the permit, the permit holder must provide a signed letter of authorization designating the applicant as the agent.

For Hawaii Longline Permit Transfers: This section must be completed by the current permit holder who is transferring the permit (transferer) to another person or business (transferee). The current permit holder(s) must write their name, their signature, and date it. The permit number being transferred must be provided. If there is more than one permit holder, all permit holders must confirm the transfer. NMFS may request additional documentation to verify the transfer.

Required Documents to provide with the application:

- 1) a copy of the vessel's current U.S. Coast Guard Certificate of Documentation (documented vessel) or registration certificate from a state/territorial agency (undocumented vessel) showing current vessel owner,
- 2) payment for the processing fee, if required, and
- 3) if the applicant is a designated agent, attach a signed letter from the permit holder authorizing the applicant as the agent.

The person or officer or member of the business who owns the vessel must have a current Protected Species Workshop (PSW) certificate to renew the Hawaii longline permit. Contact pirosw@noaa.gov for workshop information.

Submit Complete Application to: The address printed in the upper left corner of the first page or at the NMFS Honolulu Service Center, Pier 38, Honolulu, HI 96817 (M-F, 8 am – 4 pm). Contact the Permits Program at piro-permits@noaa.gov for information on online renewals of Hawaii longline permits, and other permits as available.

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Pacific Islands Federal Fisheries Permit Application

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION FOR:

**** MAIN HAWAIIAN ISLANDS LONGLINE FISHING PROHIBITED AREA EXEMPTION****

ELIGIBLE VESSEL: _____ OFFICIAL NUMBER: _____

Basis for Exemption Eligibility (ALL items must be checked and supporting documents attached to be eligible):

- Applicant currently holds a Hawaii longline limited entry permit
- Applicant was the owner or operator of a vessel that made landings of pelagic management unit species taken on longline gear prior to 1970 from waters now closed to longline fishing.
- Applicant was the owner or operator of a vessel that made landings of pelagic management unit species taken on longline gear in at least five (5) years since (and including) 1970 from waters now closed to longline fishing.
- Applicant was the owner or operator of a vessel that made at least 80 percent of its landings of longline-caught pelagic management unit species in any calendar year in waters now closed to longline fishing.

Legible copies of supporting document(s) for exemption eligibility attached (check all applicable):

- State of Hawaii Catch Reports Vessel fishing logs Auction receipts
- Signed affidavits (original) Other (specify): _____

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: _____ DATE: _____

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

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

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

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT INFORMATION

Public reporting burden for this collection is estimated as follows: 2 hours for main Hawaiian Islands longline fishing prohibited area exemption and 2 hours for all permit denial appeals. Each burden includes time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspects of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to NMFS Pacific Islands Regional Administrator, 1845 Wasp Blvd., Bldg. 176, Honolulu, HI 96818.

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NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE
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 Expires: 10/31/2018

WESTERN PACIFIC PELAGIC SQUID JIG PERMIT

Please Print Legibly. Items marked with * are required. Note required documents and instructions on page 2.
 Non-refundable application processing fee of **\$48.00** required. Make check payable to Department of Commerce, NOAA.

*VESSEL NAME: _____ *VESSEL OFFICIAL NO: _____
USCG or State registration number

*VESSEL LENGTH: _____ (feet) Permit is required for vessels >= 50 ft LOA) *RADIO CALL SIGN: _____

*PERMIT HOLDER: _____ *Taxpayer ID Number (EIN or SSN)
First, Middle, & Last Name or Business Name to be designated Permit Holder

*DATE OF BIRTH (Individual) OR INCORPORATION (Business): _____ (MM/DD/YYYY)

*CONTACT PERSON: _____ TITLE: _____
First, Middle, & Last Name, if not same as permit holder Corporate officer, business owner, partner

*BUSINESS MAILING ADDRESS: _____
Street/PO Box City State ZIP

*BUSINESS PHONE: (_____) _____ CELL PHONE: (_____) _____

EMAIL: _____

Under penalty of perjury, I hereby declare that I, the undersigned, am the applicant, or authorized to complete and certify this application on behalf of the applicant, and the information contained herein is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge.

*APPLICANT: _____ *DATE: _____
Printed Name of Person Submitting Application Signature (MM/DD/YYYY)

*APPLICANT TITLE: ___ Vessel owner, ___ Permit holder, ___ Corporate officer or partner, ___ Designated agent**, or ___ Other _____
 (Check only one)

*Application is for ___ a new permit or ___ a renewal? If renewal, previous permit number? _____

It is prohibited to file false information on any application for a fishing permit (50 CFR 665.15(b)).

INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICATION:

Please print all information legibly. Illegible writing may cause delays or errors in permit processing.

Vessel Name: Write the vessel name that is marked on the vessel and/or listed on the US Coast Guard (USCG) certificate of documentation or state/territory vessel registration form. If vessel is undocumented and has no name, please write N/A or None.

Vessel Official No.: Write the vessel's USCG documented number or state/territory undocumented vessel registration number.

Vessel Length: Write the length overall as documented by the USCG or state/territory registration.

Radio Call Sign: Write the call sign registered with the FCC if available.

Permit Holder: Write the name of the person or business to whom the permit will be issued.

Taxpayer ID Number: For individuals, this is your Social Security Number (SSN); for businesses, this is the Employer Identification Number (EIN).

Date of Birth or Incorporation: Write the date of birth for individuals, or date of incorporation for businesses.

Contact Person, Business Address, Business Phone and other contact information: Write the contact person name, contact person title, permit holder's mailing address, and permit holder's telephone number. These will be the address and phone number of record. In addition, please provide the cell phone number, fax number, and email.

Applicant and Date: The new or renewing permit holder (if individual) or an officer or member of the business or corporation submitting the application must print their name and write their signature. Write the full date (MM/DD/YYYY) when the application is signed.

Applicant Title: Check the role of the applicant. If the applicant is not the permit holder or an authorized representative of the business permit holder, then a written, signed, and dated letter of authorization from the permit holder naming the applicant as a designated agent is required.

New or Renewal?: Check one. If this is a renewal, write the previous permit number associated with this vessel and permit holder.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS: You must submit the following with the application form:

- 1) A copy of the vessel's current U.S. Coast Guard Certificate of Documentation (documented vessel) or registration certificate from a state/territorial agency (undocumented vessel) showing the current vessel owner,
- 2) Payment by check or money order for the non-refundable application processing fee, payable to **Department of Commerce, NOAA**, and
- 3) **A signed letter from the permit holder authorizing the applicant as the agent, if the applicant is acting as an agent for the permit holder.

An application that is lacking required information, vessel registration or documentation, or payment will be considered incomplete. An incomplete application will be abandoned if it is not completed within 30 days after reception, and you must inform PIRO within 15 days of any change of information on the application form (50 CFR 665.13). It is prohibited to file false information on any application for a fishing permit (50 CFR 665.15(b)).

Mail application and all required documents to the address at the top left of page 1, or drop them off at the NMFS Honolulu Service Center, Pier 38, Honolulu, HI (M-F, 8 am to 4 pm). Contact NMFS at piro-permits@noaa.gov to inquire about availability of an online permit application.

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PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT INFORMATION

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Pacific Islands Region Permit Family of Forms**

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 December 5, 2017.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Walter Ikehara, (808) 725-5175, or Walter.Ikehara@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Abstract**

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

Regulations at 50 CFR 665, Subpart F, require that a vessel must be registered to a valid federal fishing permit to fish with longline gear for Pacific pelagic management unit species (PMUS), land or transship longline caught PMUS, or receive longline caught PMUS from a longline vessel, within the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of United States (U.S.) islands in the central and western Pacific, to fish with pelagic squid jig gear for PMUS within the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of United States (U.S.) islands in the central and western Pacific, or to fish with troll and handline gear for PMUS within the EEZ around each of the Pacific Remote Island Areas (PRIA), in areas not prohibited to fishing.

Regulations at 50 CFR parts 665, Subparts D and E, require that the owner of a vessel used to fish for, land, or transship bottomfish management unit species (BMUS) using a large vessel

(50 ft or longer) around Guam, fish commercially for BMUS in the EEZ around the Northern Mariana Islands, or use a vessel to fish for BMUS within the EEZ around each of the PRIA, in areas not prohibited to fishing, must register it to a valid federal fishing permit.

Regulations at 50 CFR 665, Subparts B, C, D, and E, require that a vessel used to fish for precious corals within the EEZ of U.S. islands in the central and western Pacific, must be registered to a valid federal fishing permit for a specific precious coral permit area.

The collection is revised by merging currently approved information collections OMB Control Numbers 0648-0584, Northern Mariana Islands Commercial Bottomfish Fishery Permit, 0648-0586, Pacific Islands Crustacean Permit, and 0648-0589, Pacific Islands Pelagic Squid Jig Fishing Permit, into OMB Control No. 0648-0490 Pacific Islands Region Permit Family of Forms. NMFS approved new two-tier processing fees for most permits, resulting in revised cost estimates.

II. Method of Collection

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

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648-0490.

Form Number: None.

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

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations, individuals, or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 354.

Estimated Time per Response: Hawaii longline limited entry permits: Renewal on paper application—30 minutes; renewal online—15 minutes; transfer—1 hour, closed area exemption and permit appeals—2 hours; American Samoa longline limited entry permits: Renewal and additional permit application—45 minutes, transfer—1 hour 15 minutes, permit appeals—2 hours; all other permits: Paper—30 minutes, online—15 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 169.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$14,000 in application processing fees and recordkeeping/ mailing 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: October 3, 2017.

Sarah Brabson,

NOAA PRA Clearance Officer.

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

RIN 0648-XF704

Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings; Correction

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

ACTION: Notice of time change of a public hearing.

SUMMARY: The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold its 171st Council meeting to take actions on fishery management issues in the Western Pacific Region.

DATES: The Council meeting will be held on October 17 to October 19, 2017.

ADDRESSES: The 171st Council meeting will be held at Governor H. Rex Lee Auditorium (Fale Laumei), Utulei, American Samoa, phone: (684) 633-5155.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director, Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; phone: (808) 522-8220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The original notice published in the **Federal Register** on September 22, 2017 (82 FR 44382). The Public Hearing on American Samoa Fisheries originally scheduled on Tuesday, October 17, 2017, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. has changed