

# NOTICE OF OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET ACTION

Date 02/12/2018

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 12/28/2017

ACTION REQUESTED: Extension without change of a currently approved collection

TYPE OF REVIEW REQUESTED: Regular

ICR REFERENCE NUMBER: 201712-0648-011

AGENCY ICR TRACKING NUMBER:

TITLE: Non-commercial Permit and Reporting Requirements in the Main Hawaiian Islands Bottomfish Fishery

LIST OF INFORMATION COLLECTIONS: See next page

OMB ACTION: Approved without change

OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 0648-0577

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	351	102	4,334
New	351	102	4,998
Difference			
Change due to New Statute	0	0	0
Change due to Agency Discretion	0	0	0
Change due to Agency Adjustment	0	0	664
Change due to PRA Violation	0	0	0

TERMS OF CLEARANCE: Verify fishery participation. Potential participants currently opt for a state commercial license instead.

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
Non-commercial permit application for MHI bottomfish fishery	NA	Main Hawaiian Islands Non-commercial Bottomfish Permit Application	
Permit Appeals			50 CFR 665.13
Noncommercial Bottomfish Trip Reports	NA	MHI Noncommercial bottomfish trip report logsheet	

# 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 <span style="float: right;">b. <input type="checkbox"/> None</span> 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  
NON-COMMERCIAL PERMIT AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS  
IN THE MAIN HAWAIIAN ISLANDS BOTTOMFISH FISHERY  
OMB CONTROL NO. 0648-0577**

**A. JUSTIFICATION**

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

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

The [Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act](#) (Magnuson-Stevens Act) established regional fishery management councils, including the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council), to develop fishery management plans for fisheries in the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ). If approved by the Secretary of Commerce, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) implements these plans by Federal regulations, which are enforced by NMFS and the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG), in cooperation with State agencies to the extent possible. The Council and NMFS use the fishery management plans to manage fishing to ensure sustained productivity and achievement of optimum yield from the resources for the benefit of the United States. The Council uses fishery ecosystem plans as fishery management plans for federal fisheries management.

Regulations established under the Fishery Ecosystem Plan for the Hawaii Archipelago (FEP) require all non-commercial participants (including vessel owners, operators, and crew) in the boat-based bottomfish fishery in the EEZ around the main Hawaiian Islands (MHI) to obtain a federal bottomfish permit. They are exempt if they hold a current State of Hawaii Commercial Marine License. NMFS needs this collection of information 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 enhances communication between NMFS and fishermen. Regulations are at [50 CFR Part 665](#).

All permitted vessel owners or operators in this fishery must submit a completed logbook form at the completion of each fishing trip. These logbook reporting sheets document the species and amount of species caught during the trip. The reporting requirements are crucial to ensure that NMFS and the Council will be able to monitor the fishery and have fishery-dependent information to develop an estimate of an Annual Catch Limit (ACL) for the fishery, evaluate the effectiveness of management measures, determine whether changes in fishery management programs are necessary, and estimate the impacts and implications of alternative management measures.

**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.**

*Permits*

NMFS collects information via the permit application process. Permits are valid for one calendar year and may be renewed annually. NMFS uses the information to confirm the identity of the permit holder and applicant, and to determine whether the applicant qualifies for the permit. NMFS uses vessel-related information such as vessel documentation or registration, ownership, managing ownership, etc., to determine whether the applicant is an owner of a U.S. documented/undocumented vessel. NOAA's Office of Law Enforcement, the USCG, and the Council also use the information.

*Logbook Forms*

Vessel owners or operators must submit completed logbook forms to the NMFS within 72 hours after the end of each fishing trip. The reporting requirements provide the information needed by NMFS and the Council to regulate and monitor the fisheries managed under the FEP and to evaluate the effectiveness of management by assessing the status of stocks and the status of the fisheries. The information provides a basis for determining whether changes in management are needed to sustain the productivity of the stocks or to address economic problems in the fishery. The information is also used to provide the basis for evaluating the magnitude and distribution of impacts resulting from changes to the regulations. Specifically, the information collected through the logbooks will enable the NMFS to develop an ACL for the fishery, and to effectively monitor the ACL for the bottomfish fishery. Without the information, the NMFS and the Council would be unable to determine whether management is achieving the objectives of the FEP and preventing overfishing, the principal requirement of the Magnuson-Stevens Act. Enforcement agents of the NMFS, State of Hawaii, and USCG use information from the logbooks to monitor compliance with fishing regulations and reporting requirements.

An individual who is denied a permit may submit an appeal. The appeal process is described in 50 CFR 665.203(k).

NMFS will not disseminate information to the public except in non-confidential or aggregate form in summary and analytical reports. NMFS would aggregate and/or summarize any of the information that might be used to support publicly disseminated information to maintain the confidentiality of the information pertaining to the individual vessels.

NMFS will retain control over the information and safeguard 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, 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.**

*Permits*

At this time, NMFS collects information on paper forms and does not require any knowledge of automated, electronic, mechanical or other forms of information technology. The application form is available in fillable, printable PDF format at: [http://www.fpir.noaa.gov/SFD/SFD\\_permits\\_index.html](http://www.fpir.noaa.gov/SFD/SFD_permits_index.html). An option to allow fishermen to submit applications or renew permits online will be implemented in the future.

*Logbook Forms*

At this time, NMFS collects information mainly on paper forms that do not require any knowledge of automated, electronic, mechanical or other forms of information technology.

**4. Describe efforts to identify duplication.**

*Permits*

There is no similar State of Hawaii permit requirement for the non-commercial MHI bottomfish fishery.

*Logbook Forms*

There is no similar State of Hawaii catch and effort reporting program for the non-commercial MHI bottomfish fishery. The State of Hawaii has a voluntary creel survey program that covers shore-based and boat-based fisheries in the MHI that is general in scope and does not provide full coverage of the non-commercial bottomfish fishery.

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

*Permits*

This would not require collection of information from small businesses or other small commercial entities except if they own a vessel used for non-commercial bottomfishing.

*Logbook Forms*

This would not require collection of information from small businesses or other small entities except if they own a vessel used for non-commercial bottomfishing.

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

*Permits*

Without this collection or if it is collected less frequently, the NMFS will be unable to properly evaluate activity, participation, and reporting compliance in the non-commercial MHI bottomfish fishery. It will be difficult to monitor the fisheries and their participants, determine entry and exit patterns, 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 the NMFS would be unable to consult with permit holders on regulatory changes. For example, when the annual quota for the fishery is reached, the NMFS would need to contact participants to inform them the fishery may be closed.

#### *Logbook Forms*

Logbook reporting is needed in the non-commercial MHI bottomfish fishery to get an accurate count of the effort level and amount of harvest in this fishery. Currently, the only estimates of harvest in the fishery come from the commercial bottomfish fishery and for effective fishery management, it is essential to have the complete picture of effort and harvest from all participants.

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

None.

#### **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 public comment on September 27, 2017 (82 FR 44994). NMFS received no comments via the notice.

In addition, NMFS solicited comments from 11 members of the public or fishermen. Here are the comments from the 2 that responded, and responses.

#### **1. Comment from a Hawaii Division of Aquatic Resources staff:**

The MHI non-commercial bottomfish federal permit application, instructions and report form are fine. I realize there is no caseload of permit holders at this time. The cost of the permit does not appear to be expensive compared to the State CML, which the Board of Land and Natural Resources recently approved a license fee hike. And, the report writing time should not be a burden because the report log contents are not difficult to report - the fisher will need to adjust to it like a learning curve. The bottomfish recreational fisheries data collection for catch and effort occurring in federal waters is essential for the federal FEP stock assessment. Thanks for the opportunity to comment on this data collection requirement.

Response: NMFS thanked the respondent for their comment.

#### **2. Comment from a Western Pacific Fishery Management Council staff:**

No comments.

**Response:** NMFS thanked the respondent for their time.

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

NMFS provides no payments or gifts.

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

Under Section 402(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, amended in 2006, and [NOAA Administrative Order 216-100](#), information submitted in accordance with regulatory requirements under the Act is confidential. This includes personal and proprietary information contained in the permits and logbooks.

**11. Provide additional justification for any questions of a sensitive nature, such as sexual behavior and attitudes, religious beliefs, and other matters that are commonly considered private.**

No questions are asked of a sensitive nature.

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

The NMFS expects to receive an estimated 100 non-commercial MHI bottomfish permit applications each year. It would take an estimated 10 minutes for an applicant to complete a permit application for a maximum burden of 16.7 (17) hours per year for permit applications. Preparation of a permit appeal would take an estimated two hours and no more than one per year would be expected, for an estimate burden of 2 hours. The NMFS expects that 50 vessels may make between 1 – 5 trips per year, averaging 1 day per trip, and generating a maximum of 250 (50 x 5) daily trip logsheets per year. A trip report would take about 20 minutes per logsheet, resulting in a maximum burden of 83.3 (83) hours per year for reporting.

Total responses:  $100 + 1 + 250 = 351$

Total hours:  $17 + 2 + 83 = 102$ .

**13. Provide an estimate of the total annual cost burden to the respondents or recordkeepers resulting from the collection (excluding the value of the burden hours in #12 above).**

There is no start-up capital cost for complying with this requirement. Most respondents use paper forms provided by the NMFS to report the information. Online submission of logbook information is an option, but would be voluntary on the respondent's part and presumably would be used only if the respondent already possessed the requisite equipment.

The non-refundable application processing fee is \$47, with the total cost for 100 applications being \$4,700. The maximum estimated cost to respondents for postage, faxes, copies, etc., related to this collection is about \$300 per year. The total cost would be just under \$5,000, or \$4,998.

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

The estimated annual cost to the Federal government to administer this collection of information is \$3,063 per year. This includes the cost to process permit applications and issue permits at \$1,250 per year (100 applications x 30 min/application x \$25/hr), printing daily catch and effort logsheet forms at \$250 per year (1,000 logsheets x \$0.25 per sheet), and processing of log forms at \$1,563 per year, which is calculated by the cost of staff time for receiving and entering logsheet form data (250 logsheets x 15 min/logsheets x \$25/hr).

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

Adjustment: The permit fee increased from \$41 to \$47, changing the total recordkeeping/reporting costs from \$4,334 to \$4,998.

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

No formal scientific publications based on these collections are planned at this time. NMFS and the Council will use the data (primarily in an aggregated, non-confidential format) for developing allowable catch limits for the MHI bottomfish fishery, management reports, and FEP amendments and evaluations. However, subsequent use of the data collected over a series of years may include scientific papers and publications.

**17. If seeking approval to not display the expiration date for OMB approval of the information collection, explain the reasons why display would be inappropriate.**

N/A.

**18. Explain each exception to the certification statement.**

N/A.

**B. COLLECTIONS OF INFORMATION EMPLOYING STATISTICAL METHODS**

No statistical methods are employed.



**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**  
**NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE**  
 Pacific Islands Regional Office - SFD Permits  
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OMB Control No: 0648-0577  
 Expires: 01/31/2018

## MAIN HAWAIIAN ISLANDS NON-COMMERCIAL BOTTOMFISH PERMIT

Please Print Legibly. Items marked with \* are required. Note required documents. Non-refundable application processing fee is **\$47.00**, payable to Department of Commerce, NOAA.

### I. APPLICANT INFORMATION

**\*APPLICANT NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 First, Middle, and Last Name, or Business Name (if owner of vessel)

**\*DATE OF BIRTH or INCORPORATION:** \_\_\_\_\_ **\*TAXPAYER ID NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_ (SSN or EIN)

**\*MAILING ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street/PO Box \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code \_\_\_\_\_

**\*PHONE** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ **CELL PHONE** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ **FAX** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**\*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 SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **\*DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

It is a violation of Federal regulations to file false information on a permit application form (50 CFR 665.15(b)).

Please check whether you want: \_\_\_ permit mailed, or \_\_\_ to pick up permit at NOAA NMFS Honolulu Service Center at Pier 38.

**\*VESSEL OPERATOR** (Captain)? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No (Check only one)

**\*VESSEL OWNER?** \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No (Check only one) If Yes, complete section below.

### II. VESSEL OWNERS ONLY

**\*VESSEL NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **\*OFFICIAL NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 DBOR registration or USCG documentation num

**VESSEL RADIO CALL SIGN:** \_\_\_\_\_ (if available)

**\*BUSINESS CONTACT:** \_\_\_\_\_ **\*TITLE:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 (If vessel owned by a business) First, Middle, & Last Name, if not same as vessel owner Corporate officer, business owner, partner

## Instructions for the Non-commercial Bottomfish Permit Application

Please print legibly. All fields required unless otherwise noted.

### I. Applicant Information

Applicant Name: Print full name: First, Middle (initials OK), Last, and suffix. If the vessel owner is a business, print the full business name. A business may not apply for an individual permit; they may apply only for a vessel owner permit.

Date of Birth or Incorporation: Print date as MM/DD/YYYY.

Taxpayer ID Number: SSN for individuals, EIN for business owner of the vessel.

Mailing Address: Your current mailing address is required for mailing the permit or contacting you about your permit.

Phone: Primary phone number, including area code.

Cell phone, Fax, and Email: Provide additional contact information.

Applicant Signature and Date: Sign full name and write in the date you signed.

Mail or Pickup: Check whether you prefer the permit mailed to the address on the application form or to pick it up at NOAA Honolulu Service Center at Pier 38.

Vessel Operator: Check Yes if applicant is the vessel operator/captain, No if not.

Vessel Owner: Check Yes or No. If Yes, complete Section II. For Vessel Owners Only.

### II. For Vessel Owners Only

Vessel Name: Print the vessel's name, if available. If none, print **N/A**.

Official Number: Print the State of Hawaii vessel registration number as HAnnnnXX – where the nnnn is the number and the XX is the one or two character suffix, or the US Coast Guard vessel documentation number. Attach a copy of the current State vessel registration certificate or the USCG Certificate of Documentation.

Vessel Radio Call Sign: Print the radio call sign on your FCC license, if available.

Date of Incorporation: If the vessel owner is a business, corporation, LLC, etc., fill in the date of incorporation.

Business Contact and Title: Print the full name and title of the contact person for the business.

### REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- 1) Submit a check payable to **Department of Commerce, NOAA** for the non-refundable application processing fee. Cash will not be accepted.
- 2) Vessel owners must submit a copy of the vessel's current Hawaii Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation vessel registration certificate or U.S. Coast Guard Certificate of Documentation.

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 will be notified of any deficiency. If you fail to correct the deficiency within 30 days following the date of the notice of deficiency, the application will be considered abandoned (50 CFR 665.13). It is a violation of Federal regulations to file false information on a permit application form (50 CFR 665.15(b)). 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 the application and required documents to the address at the top of the first page or drop it off at the NOAA NMFS Honolulu Service Center, Pier 38, Honolulu, HI (M-F, 8 am – 4 pm). Please contact [piro-permits@noaa.gov](mailto:piro-permits@noaa.gov) for availability of an online application.

## 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.

**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: 15 minutes for main Hawaiian Islands non-commercial bottomfish permit 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, Hawaii 96818.

This information is being collected to ensure accurate and timely records about the persons licensed to participate in fisheries under Federal regulations in the Western Pacific Region. This will enable NMFS and the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council to (a) determine who would be affected by changes in management; (b) inform license holders of changes in fishery regulations; and (c) determine whether the objectives of the fishery program are being achieved by monitoring entry and exit patterns and other aspects of the fisheries. The information is used in analyzing and evaluating the potential impacts of regulatory changes on persons in the regulated fisheries as well as in related fisheries. Responses to the collection are required to obtain the benefit of a license for the fishery involved (ref. 50 CFR 665.13). Data provided concerning the vessel and/or business of the respondents are handled as confidential under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Sec. 402(b)). Notwithstanding any other provision of the law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB Control Number.



## National Marine Fisheries Service - Pacific Islands Region

# MAIN HAWAIIAN ISLANDS NON-COMMERCIAL BOTTOMFISH FISHING TRIP REPORT

Name of Vessel \_\_\_\_\_  
Permit Number \_\_\_\_\_

Logbook page # series -

### 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.

**Purpose:** The Magnuson-Stevens Act requires that conservation and management measures must prevent over fishing while achieving, on a continuing basis, the optimum yield from each fishery. Vessel logbooks are essential tools in the management of fishery resources. Section 303(a)(5) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act specifically identifies the kinds of data to be collected for fishery management plans (FMPs).

**Routine Uses:** The Department will use this information for effective fishery management. 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 [COMMERCE/NOAA-6](#), Fishermen's Statistical Data.

**Disclosure:** Submission is mandatory for those persons falling under the requirements of 50 CFR 648.7 (b). If the information is not provided, permit status may be affected.

### Paperwork Reduction Act Information:

**Public reporting burden for this collection is estimated to average 20 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect 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.**

This information is being collected to provide information needed by NMFS to regulate and monitor bottomfish management unit species under the Fishery Ecosystem Plan for the Hawaiian Archipelago and to evaluate the effectiveness of management by assessing the status of stocks and the status of the fisheries. The information will provide a basis for determining whether changes in management are needed to sustain the productivity of the stocks or to respond to interactions between fishing vessels and protected species and to address economic problems in the fishery. The information is also used to provide a basis for evaluating the magnitude and distribution of impacts resulting from changes to the regulations. Responses to the collection are required under 50 CFR 665.14. Proprietary data provided concerning the vessel and/or business of the respondents are handled as confidential under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Sec. 402(b)).

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# Main Hawaiian Islands Non-commercial Bottomfish Fishing Trip Report

U.S. Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
National Marine Fisheries Service, Pacific Islands Region

Serial Num. \_\_\_\_\_

(Please Print)

Vessel Operator/Owner Name \_\_\_\_\_ MHI Non-commercial BF (NCBF) Permit Num. 

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(First, Middle Initial and Last)

Vessel Name \_\_\_\_\_ HA Num. 

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Port of Landing \_\_\_\_\_ Trip Start Date 

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 Trip End Date 

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Month Day Year Month Day Year

Avg. Num. Hooks per Line \_\_\_\_\_ [First Drop Only] Wind Speed (kt) / Direction \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Wave Height (ft) \_\_\_\_\_ Current Speed (kt)/Direction \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Day	Area Fished	Position of First Drop in an Area		Depth Fished	Fishing Method	Num. Hours	Num. Lines	Anch. Y/N	Did Not Catch	Species Name	Num. Kept	Lbs Kept (Estimate)	Num. Released		Num. Lost
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Protected Species Interactions:	Species Name:	Num. Uninjured	Num. Injured	Num. Dead
Marine Mammals				
Turtles				
Seabirds				

Check box below for any CML holder.

Crew: Permit Num. 

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I certify that the above information is complete and true to the best of my knowledge:  
It is prohibited to falsify or fail to make, keep, maintain, or submit any required logbook or logbook form or other record or report (50 CFR 665.15(d)).

Vessel Operator/Owner Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Instructions for MHI Non-Commercial Bottomfish Trip Report

OMB Control No. 0648-0577  
Expiration date: 1/31/2018

Please print all entries except for the signature at the bottom. Submit one (or more) logsheet(s) for each bottomfishing trip you make, or for any trip in which you catch a bottomfish. All fishing activities for all methods done on the bottomfishing trip must be recorded. Do not report more than one trip per logsheet.

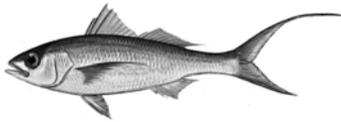
1. Write in the full name (first, middle initial and last) of the Vessel Operator (captain) or Owner who is preparing and submitting the report.
2. Write the Federal MHI Non-commercial Bottomfish (NCBF) Permit number of the person submitting the report.
3. Write in the Vessel Name, and either the State of Hawaii vessel registration (HA) number or the U.S. Coast Guard Documentation number. One character per box.
4. Write the port of landing (where you landed the vessel).
5. Write the dates of the start of your trip (for example, 10/21/2008) and end of the trip.
6. Write the average number of hooks you use on your lines when bottomfishing.
7. Write the wind, wave, and current information for only the first time you drop the lines to bottomfish on the trip. Record directions as: E, NE, N, NW, W, SW, S, or SE.
8. Catch and Effort Table – the section with the grids is where you write in your fishing activity.
  - Day – write in the day of the month (1 to 31) for the fishing effort that day.
  - Area Fished – using the Area Code charts provided with the logbook, enter the code for the area you are fishing. If fishing at FADs, list each separately.
  - Position - Enter the latitude and longitude to the nearest degree (°) and minute (′) of the first drop that you make in any area. If you move to a new area start a new line.
  - Depth Fished - Write the depth (in fathoms) that you fished your lines.
  - Fishing Method - Write in the Fishing Method name or code for your fishing method using the code list provided.
  - Num. Hours - Write the number of hours fished by that method in that area on that day.
  - Num. Lines - Write the average number of lines used for that method on that day.
  - Anch. Y/N - Write “Y” or “N” to indicate if you anchored while you fished. Blanks indicate “N”.
  - Did Not Catch - If you did not catch any fish in the area you fished on that day, please put a checkmark (✓) in the Did Not Catch box.
  - Species Name - Write in the name of the fish you caught using the Species List provided, one species per line.
  - Num. Kept - Write in the number of fish of that species you caught and kept (even if you used it for bait later). Use a line for each species.
  - Lbs. Kept - Write in the estimated weight of the fish kept of each species. Use a line for each species.
  - Num. Released - If you released any of the fish you caught, identify the species and write in the number you released Alive or Dead. This number should be separate from those “caught and kept”.
  - Num. Lost - If you lost any fish of this species due to sharks or other predators, please mark the number in Num. Lost.
  - Therefore, number of (caught and kept)+(released alive)+(released dead)+(lost)=total catch.
9. When the day, area (location), fishing method, or species changes, please start a new line in the table. If you run out of lines, please use another page and mark the page number on the bottom right of the page where it says “Page \_\_\_ of \_\_\_”, so we know how many pages were used for each trip.
10. If you directly interact with any marine mammal, turtle, or seabird on your trip, please write in the species name and the number that were uninjured, injured, or dead as a result of the fishing operation using the protected species list provided.
11. Write in the Federal MHI Non-commercial Bottomfish Permit (NCBF) or State of Hawaii Commercial Marine License (CML) numbers of **all** persons fishing with you (Crew) on this trip. **Each person participating on the trip is required to have a NCBF permit or CML.** Check the box (✓) following the permit numbers if the number you wrote is a CML number.
12. Sign and date the logsheet at the bottom and submit within 72 hours (3 days) after the end of each trip. Your signature signifies that the information you provided is complete and true to the best of your knowledge. If the vessel operator fails to submit a logsheet, it is the vessel owner’s responsibility to submit the logsheet. It is a violation of federal law to file false information or fail to make, keep, maintain or submit a logbook (50 CFR ' 665.15(d)).

Mail or deliver to:  
NMFS Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center  
Attn: FRMD  
1845 Wasp Blvd., Bldg. 176, Honolulu, HI 96818

If you have questions or need more logsheets,  
please call (808) 725-5321.

# HAWAII'S COMMONLY CAUGHT BOTTOMFISH SPECIES

## Protected "Deep 7"



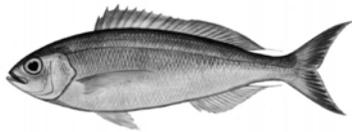
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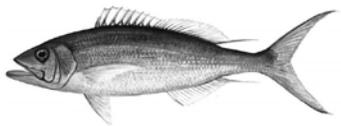
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**OPAKAPAKA**  
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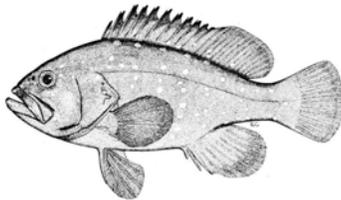
**KALEKALE**  
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**LEHI**  
*Aphareus rutilans*

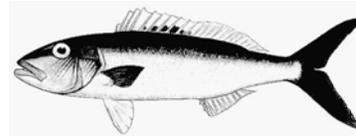


**GINDAI**  
*Pristipomoides zonatus*



**HAPUUPUU**  
*Epinephelus quernus*

## Other Hawaii Federal Bottomfish Management Unit Species



**UKU**  
*Aprion virescens*



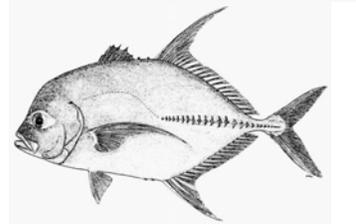
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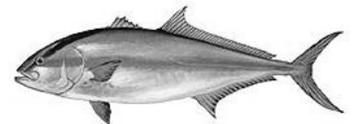
**YELLOWTAIL KALEKALE**  
*Pristipomoides auricilla*



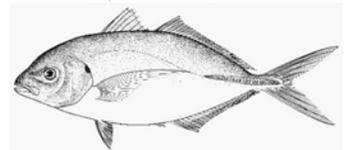
**WHITE ULUA**  
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**BLACK ULUA**  
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**KAHALA**  
*Seriola dumerili*

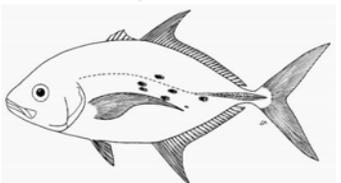


**BUTAGUCHI**  
*Pseudocaranx dentex*

## Some Other Species Caught While Bottomfishing



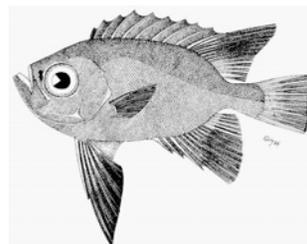
**HOGO**  
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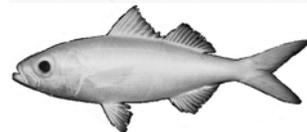
**YELLOWSPOT PAPIO**  
*Carangoides orthogrammus*



**GREEN-EYED SHARK**  
*Squalus mitsukurii*



**AWEOWEO**  
*Cookeolus japonicus*

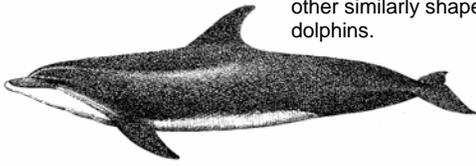


**GOLDEN KALEKALE**  
*Erythrocles scintillans*

**DOLPHINS**

(70) Bottle-nose dolphin

Round-shaped body when compared with other similarly shaped dolphins.



(71) Spinner dolphin



(76) Rough-toothed dolphin

"Steno"; no distinct break between the forehead and beak.



(68) Risso's dolphin

Distinct melon-shaped forehead; no beak; mature animals often scarred over much of their backs.



**WHALES**

(67) Pilot whale

Large black dolphin; rounded bulbous head ("pot head").



(52) False killer whale

Large black dolphin; head is bullet-shaped.



(66) Humpback whale

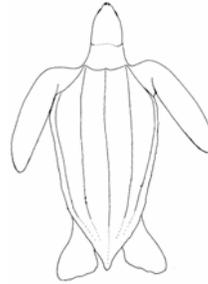
Long flippers (about 1/3 of body length).



**TURTLES**

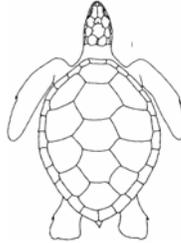
(54) Leatherback (softshell)

Black leathery shell with distinct ridges along the back; often has white spots on flippers and underside; largest sea turtle (4-6 ft).



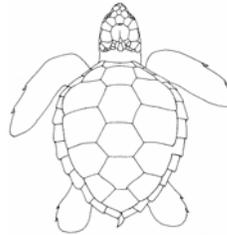
(53) Green turtle

Dark brown to olive with lighter stripes and spots; head small in comparison to body size; blunt beak; only sea turtle with serrated jaw.



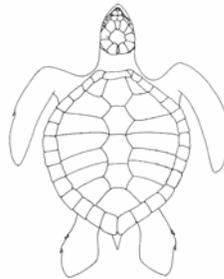
(60) Loggerhead turtle

Reddish-brown shell and flippers; head large in relation to body.



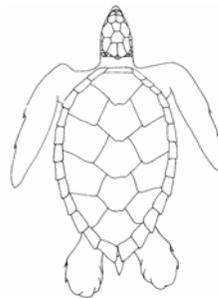
(59) Olive ridley turtle

Slate gray to olive brown; width of shell usually equal to or greater than length.



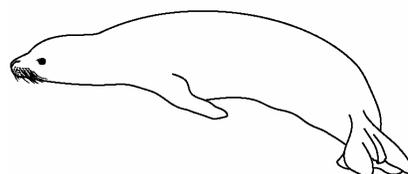
(64) Hawksbill turtle

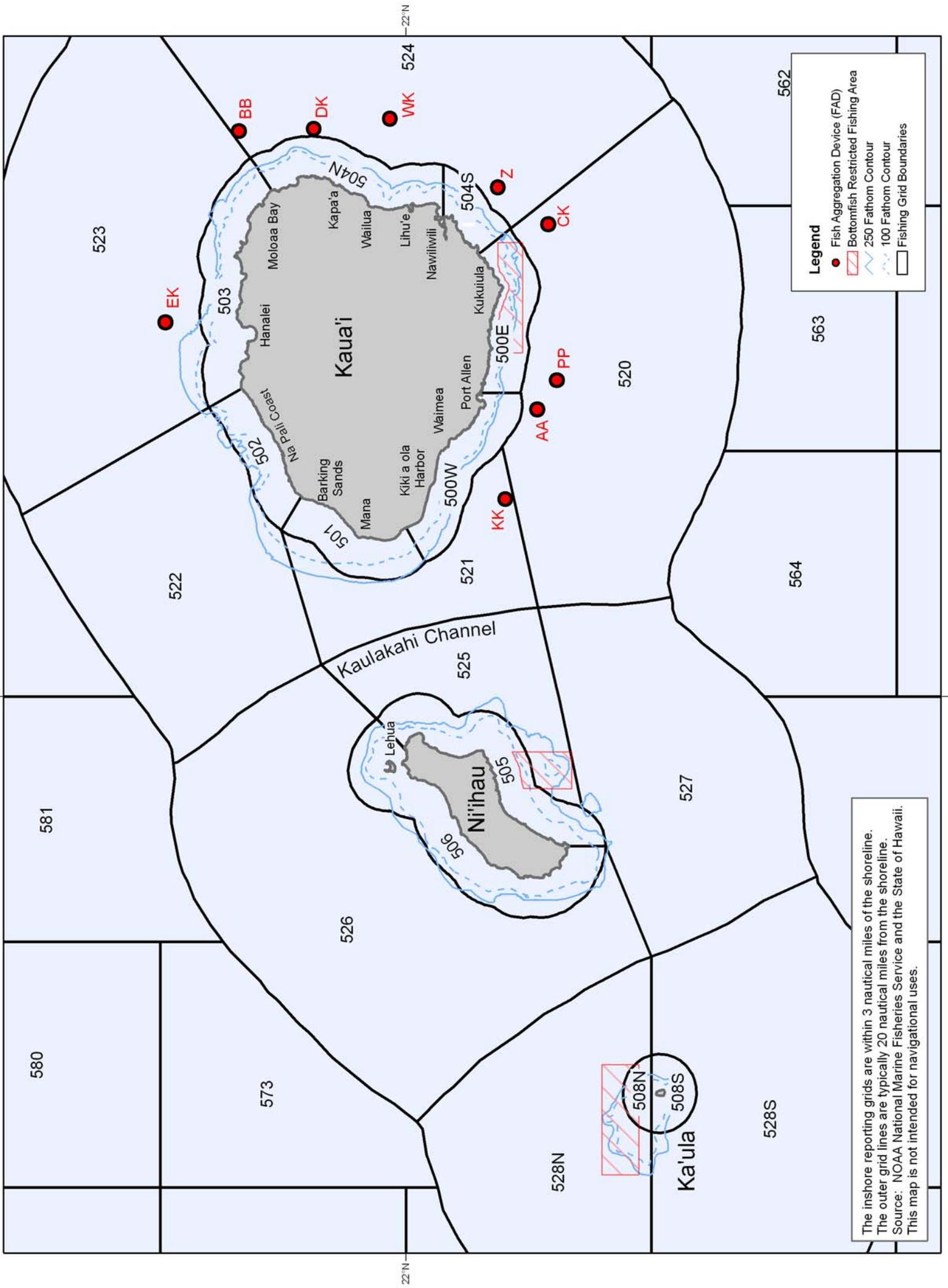
Elongated shell often with overlapping scales; usually dark brown with yellow streaks and spots ("tortoise-shell"); head relatively small with long neck; long and narrow hawk-like beak.



(51) Monk seal

Light brown to silver gray in coloration; 3 - 8 ft in length; 150 - 600 lbs.





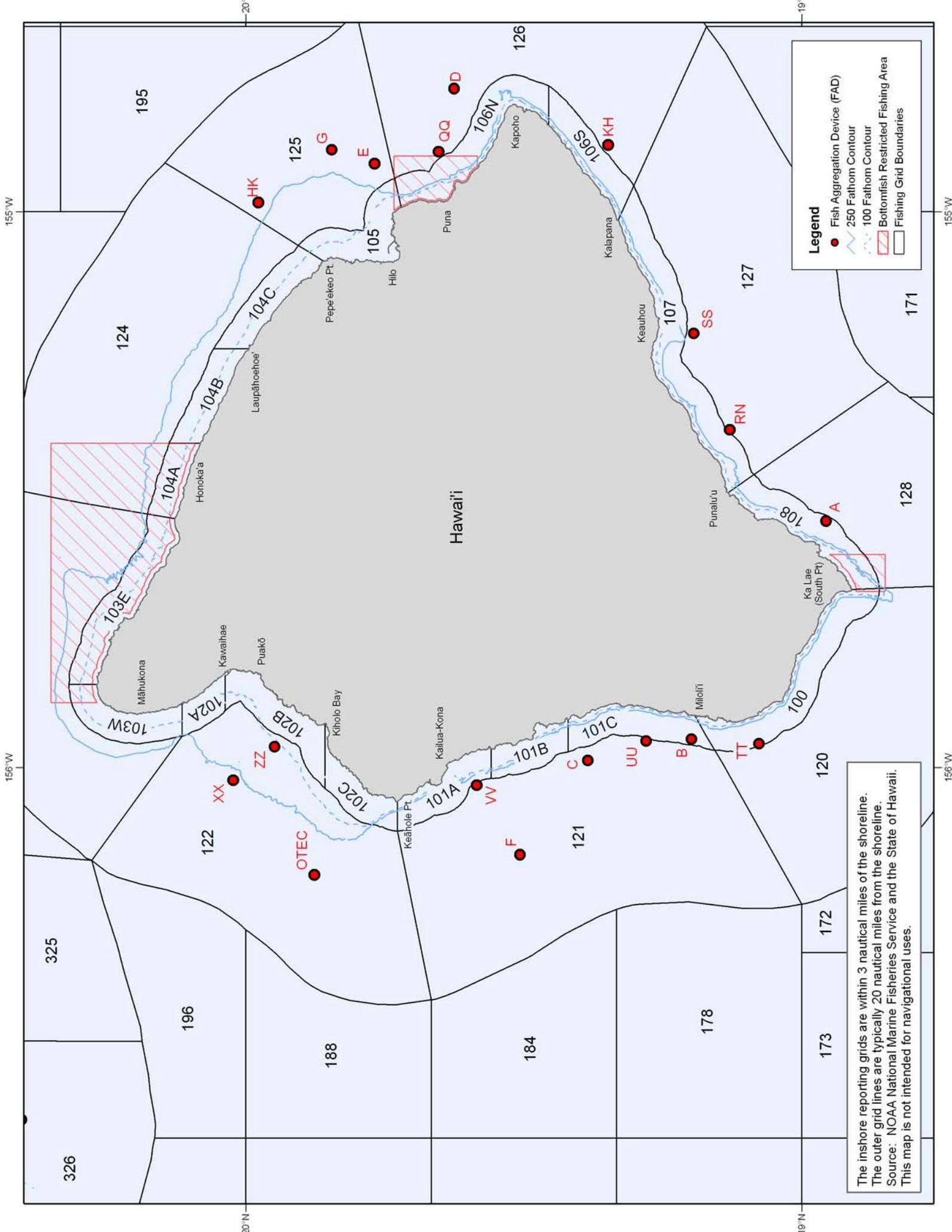
**Legend**

- Fish Aggregation Device (FAD)
- ▨ Bottomfish Restricted Fishing Area
- 250 Fathom Contour
- ⋯ 100 Fathom Contour
- Fishing Grid Boundaries

The inshore reporting grids are within 3 nautical miles of the shoreline.  
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minimum stock size threshold (MSST). NMFS informed the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council that they must take action to end overfishing immediately on this stock and implement conservation and management measures to rebuild it.

NMFS has determined that the Gulf of Mexico greater amberjack is subject to overfishing. This determination is based on the most recent assessment (SEDAR 33 Update), finalized in 2016, using data through 2015. This assessment supports a finding of subject to overfishing because the current estimate of F is above the MFMT. This stock remains overfished because the spawning stock biomass estimate is less than the MSST. NMFS informed the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council that they must take action to end overfishing immediately on this stock and implement conservation and management measures to rebuild it.

NMFS has determined that Northwestern Atlantic witch flounder is still overfished and the overfishing status is unknown. The assessment peer review panel for this stock rejected the most recent benchmark assessment, finalized in 2017, using data through 2015. However, this stock is at historical low levels and other signs of poor stock condition support this stock remaining listed as overfished. Lack of similar reliable indicators for overfishing status support changing the overfishing status of this stock to unknown. NMFS has notified the New England Fishery Management Council that they must implement conservation and management measures to rebuild this stock.

Dated: September 22, 2017.

**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; Non-Commercial Permit and Reporting Requirements in the Main Hawaiian Islands Bottomfish Fishery

**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 November 27, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, 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](mailto: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](mailto:Walter.Ikehara@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### I. Abstract

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

Regulations at 50 CFR 665, Subpart C, require that all participants (including vessel owners, operators, and crew) in the boat-based non-commercial bottomfish fishery in the Exclusive Economic Zone around the main Hawaiian Islands obtain a federal bottomfish permit. 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 serves as a link between the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and fishermen.

Regulations at 50 CFR 665 require that all vessel owners or operators in this fishery submit a completed logbook form at the completion of each fishing trip. These logbook reporting sheets document the species and amount of species caught during the trip. The reporting requirements are crucial to ensure that NMFS and the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will be able to monitor the fishery and have fishery-dependent information to develop an Annual Catch Limit for the fishery, evaluate the effectiveness of management measures, determine whether changes in fishery management programs are necessary, and estimate the impacts and implications of alternative management measures.

#### II. Method of Collection

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

#### III. Data

*OMB Control Number:* 0648-0577.

*Form Number:* None.

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

*Affected Public:* Individuals or small businesses.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 100.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 10 minutes per paper permit application; 5 minutes per online permit application; 2 hours per appeal of denied permit; 20 minutes per trip report logsheet.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 98.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$3,850 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: September 22, 2017.

**Sarah Brabson,**

*NOAA PRA Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and