

NOTICE OF OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET ACTION

Date 12/28/2017

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 10/24/2017

ACTION REQUESTED: Extension without change of a currently approved collection

TYPE OF REVIEW REQUESTED: Regular

ICR REFERENCE NUMBER: 201710-0648-007

AGENCY ICR TRACKING NUMBER:

TITLE: Gulf of Alaska Catcher Vessel & Processor Trawl (CVPT) Economic Data Report (EDR)

LIST OF INFORMATION COLLECTIONS: See next page

OMB ACTION: Approved without change

OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 0648-0700

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: 12/31/2020

DISCONTINUE DATE:

BURDEN:	RESPONSES	HOURS	COSTS
Previous	88	1,104	197
New	120	1,800	0
Difference			
Change due to New Statute	0	0	0
Change due to Agency Discretion	0	0	0
Change due to Agency Adjustment	32	696	-197
Change due to PRA Violation	0	0	0

TERMS OF CLEARANCE:

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
Catcher Vessel GOA Trawl EDR	NA	Catch Vessel Trawl EDR_Gulf of Alaska	
Processor GOA TRW EDR	NA	Trawl Processor GOA EDR	

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
	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
	6. Requested expiration date a. <input type="checkbox"/> Three years from approval date b. <input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: _____
7. Title	
8. Agency form number(s) (<i>if applicable</i>)	
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
GULF OF ALASKA CATCHER VESSEL & PROCESSOR
TRAWL ECONOMIC DATA REPORT
OMB CONTROL NO. 0648-0700**

A. This action requests extension of an existing information collection.

BACKGROUND

The Secretary of Commerce is responsible for the conservation and management of marine fishery resources within the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the United States through National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration/National Marine Fisheries Service. National Marine Fisheries Service Alaska Region (NMFS) manages the Gulf of Alaska groundfish trawl fisheries in the EEZ off Alaska under the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska (FMP). The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) prepared the FMP under the authority of the [Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act](#), 16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq. (Magnuson-Stevens Act). Regulations implementing the FMP appear at [50 CFR part 679](#).

INTRODUCTION

The Annual Trawl Catcher Vessel Economic Data Report and the Annual Shoreside Processor Economic Data Report are part of the Gulf of Alaska Trawl Economic Data Report Program, which evaluates the economic effects of current and future groundfish and prohibited species catch (PSC) management measures for the Gulf of Alaska (GOA) trawl fisheries. This program includes a third economic data report (EDR), which is approved under OMB collection number 0648-0564.

The EDRs provide the Council and other analysts with baseline information on affected harvesters, crew, processors, and communities in the GOA. The data collected includes labor information, revenues received, capital and operational expenses, and other operational or financial data. The information collected through the EDRs is used as a baseline intended to assess major changes in groundfish management, including potential catch share programs for PSC species and target species.

The Annual Trawl Catcher Vessel EDR is submitted by owners or leaseholders of catcher vessels fishing with trawl gear for GOA groundfish. The Annual Shoreside Processor EDR is submitted by owners or leaseholders of shoreside processors or stationary floating processors receiving deliveries from vessels using trawl gear fishing for groundfish in the GOA.

A. JUSTIFICATION

These EDRs provide baseline information to better understand the economic impacts of NMFS-provided measures on industry. This data will allow comparisons of the effects of potential GOA

management changes before and after implementation, with the primary focus on harvesting and processing crew employment and compensation.

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

The GOA Trawl EDR Program evaluates the economic effects of current and future groundfish and PSC management measures for the GOA trawl fisheries. Information collected in these EDRs is used to understand employment and compensation changes in the GOA trawl fisheries and to better understand the current structure of the GOA trawl fishing industry.

Collection of these crew identifiers allow NMFS to track the harvesting crew (captains, engineers, deck crew, and cook) over time and provide baseline data for studies to understand how employment and compensation change in the GOA trawl fisheries.

To better understand the potential economic and employment impacts, the following owners or leaseholders must submit an EDR:

- ◆ Annual Trawl Catcher Vessel EDR. All catcher vessels that harvest groundfish using trawl gear from the GOA or parallel fisheries.
- ◆ Annual Shoreside Processor EDR. All shoreside processors and stationary floating processors that take deliveries from vessels that harvest groundfish using trawl gear from the GOA or parallel fisheries.

Annual collection of these data allow crew information to be linked to specific vessels or processors and provide a better understanding of the following:

- ◆ Crew members that participate in the GOA trawl fishery;
- ◆ Processing workers that work in plants processing trawl-caught groundfish from the GOA (and the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands [BSAI] for catcher/processors) and their worker's compensation; and
- ◆ Harvesting costs from fuel and gear purchases by catcher vessels.

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.

a. Annual Trawl Catcher Vessel Economic Data Report (EDR) [adjusted]

The owner or leaseholder of a catcher vessel named on a Limited License Program (LLP) groundfish license with catcher vessel and trawl gear designations and endorsed for the GOA during a calendar year must submit an Annual Trawl Catcher Vessel EDR for that vessel.

The Annual Trawl Catcher Vessel EDR focuses on vessel identifiers, employment data, and variable cost data (associated with fuel usage and gear purchases). Harvesting crew data includes annual payments to captains, annual payments to crew, and number of crew members that are engaged in commercial fishing. Crew identifiers are collected and can be linked to the State of Alaska commercial crew database to get more detailed information on the residence of crew members. Comparing total vessel revenue to crew payments should provide an estimate of crew shares relative to total vessel revenue from fish harvested.

Annual fuel use (both gallons and expenditures) is collected from catcher vessels. These costs are not apportioned among fisheries, because it would require too many assumptions by the person completing the survey. However, the fuel usage is maintained and readily available by vessel for all GOA trawl fisheries in aggregate.

Trawl gear cost data is collected. Reported costs include aggregate trawl gear purchases and leases in a calendar year (e.g., nets, doors, rollers, cables). These costs also include those incurred for prohibited species catch (PSC) excluder devices that are obtained with the intent that they will be used with trawl gear in the GOA. Data is based on costs that are fully expensed during the year (consistent with the structure used in the Annual Trawl Catcher/Processor EDR approved under OMB number 0648-0564).

A complete Trawl Catcher Vessel EDR must be submitted for each calendar year on or before June 1 of the following year. All information reported must be current and complete as of the date of submission, including post-season adjustments and settlements.

Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission (Pacific States) has been designated by NMFS to be the Data Collection Agent for the GOA Trawl EDR Program. Pacific States mails EDR announcements and filing instructions to owners or leaseholders of GOA trawl catcher vessels by April 1. A printed EDR may be requested by telephone at 1-877-741-8913 or by email at edr@psmfc.org.

EDR submitters are encouraged to complete the form online. The EDR may be downloaded in fillable PDF format and then faxed or mailed. Submit the completed EDR:

By mail to: Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission
NMFS Economic Data Reports
205 SE Spokane, Suite 100
Portland, OR 97202

By fax to: 503-595-3450

Online at: <https://survey.psmfc.org>

Annual Trawl Catcher Vessel

EDR Certification Page

Vessel Information Vessel

- Name
- ADF&G Vessel Registration Number
- GOA Groundfish LLP Number(s)
- USCG Documentation Number
- Current estimated market value of vessel and equipment (\$)
- Replacement Value of Vessel and Equipment (\$)

Vessel Owner Information

- Name of company, partnership, or sole proprietorship
- Business Telephone Number
- Business FAX Number
- Business E-mail address, *if available*

Vessel Leaseholder Information *(if applicable)*

- Name of company, partnership, or sole proprietorship
- Business Telephone Number
- Business FAX Number
- Business E-mail address, *if*

available Person Completing this Report

- Owner (If same name and address provided in the Owner block, do not repeat information)
- Leaseholder (If same name and address provided in the Leaseholder block, do not repeat information)
- Designated Representative
 - Name Title
 - Business Number Telephone
 - Business FAX Number
 - Business E-mail address (if available)

Check one box to indicate whether EDR is required

- If buyer/leaseholder
 - Buyer/leaseholder name
 - Business address

- Telephone number
- Date of sale or lease

(day/month/year) Certification statement

- Signature and date signed
- Printed name of vessel owner or designated representative

Vessel expenses, annual

Gallons: Record the total quantity of fuel purchased for the vessel during the previous calendar year, in gallons. Include all fuel purchased during the calendar year for fishing and non-fishing use of the vessel. Do not include the quantity of fluids other than fuel.

Cost: Record the total payment for fuel and fluids purchased for the vessel during the calendar year, including all sales taxes and surcharges. Include the cost of lubrication and other fluids added by fuel suppliers while fueling the vessel, but do not include costs of fluids added during vessel maintenance other than fueling.

Trawl Gear Cost: Record the total direct expenditures for lease, purchase, installation, and/or repair of trawl fishing gear. Include costs for all nets, doors, rollers, cables, excluder devices other than salmon and halibut excluders, and other associated items during the calendar year. Report all direct expenditures, including the cost for capitalized investment purchases as well as purchases that were fully expensed for the year. Exclude finance costs associated with purchases, such as lender fees or interest payments.

Excluder Device Cost: Record the total direct expenditures for lease, purchase, installation, and/or repair of excluder devices for salmon and halibut during the calendar year. Report all direct expenditures, including the cost for capitalized investment purchases as well as purchases that were fully expensed for the year. Exclude finance costs associated with purchases, such as lender fees or interest payments. Report costs for any excluder devices other than those intended to reduce salmon or halibut bycatch with other trawl gear costs below.

Crew labor costs

Number of Paid Harvest Crew Members (exclude the captain): Record the number of crew aboard the vessel (exclude captain) who provided harvesting labor during GOA groundfish trawl fisheries.

Total Labor Payment to Harvest Crew (exclude the captain): Record the total payment made to crew (exclude the captain) for their labor. List the amount actually paid to crew in their settlement, not their earnings before crew-related expenses (such as fuel, bait, or food and provisions) were deducted.

Captain Labor Payment: Record the total payment made to all persons who worked as captain of the vessel during GOA trawl fisheries. List the amount actually paid to the captains, not the earnings before shared expenses (such as fuel, bait, or food and provisions) were deducted.

Crew licenses and CFEC permits

For each individual who worked as a captain or crewmember in GOA trawl fisheries during the previous calendar year, record either the Alaska Commercial Crew license number or a State of Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC) gear operator permit number

Indicate if permit is ADF&G Commercial Crew License number or a CFEC Gear Operator Permit Number
Record one license or permit number per crewmember.

For Commercial Crew Licenses, report the full 7-digit license number.

For Gear Operator Permits, include the fishery code and permit number (e.g., M71B25321N).

The number of respondents was increased to 102 from 70 to reflect the number of EDRs submitted in 2016 (for year 2015). An adjustment was made to reflect that the EDR is submitted online, without additional miscellaneous costs (a decrease of \$197 to \$0).

Trawl Catcher Vessel EDR, Respondent	
Number of respondents	102
Total annual responses	102
Frequency of response = 1	
Total burden hours	1,530 hr
Time per response = 15 hr	
Total personnel cost (\$37/hr x 1530)	\$56,610
Total miscellaneous costs (\$0)	\$0
Online (\$0 x 102)	

Assuming that the data elements in this analysis are imposed on 102 catcher vessels, the cost would be about \$65,000 per year to maintain the program through a contractor. These costs would include collecting, verifying, storing, maintaining, and analyzing the data.

Trawl Catcher Vessel EDR, Federal Government	
Total annual responses	0
Total burden hours	0
Total personnel cost	0
Total annual maintenance costs	\$65,000

b. Annual Shoreside Processor Economic Data Report (EDR) [adjusted]

The owner or leaseholder of a shoreside processor or stationary floating processor with a Federal Processor Permit that processes groundfish caught by vessels fishing with trawl gear in the Western and Central GOA reporting area must submit an Annual Shoreside Processor EDR for that calendar year.

Only processors that accept deliveries of groundfish harvested with trawl gear from the Central or Western GOA are required to submit the EDR. Most of the shorebased processors are located

on Kodiak Island, and these are the primary shorebased processors of fish harvested from the Central GOA and West GOA trawl fisheries. Other shoreside processors that are located in communities adjacent to the waters of the GOA and BSAI take deliveries of groundfish harvested in the Central and Western GOA trawl fisheries. These processors are located in Akutan, Dutch Harbor/Unalaska, King Cove, and Sand Point. There are also two stationary floating processors taking groundfish deliveries in recent years.

In addition, Kodiak has one processor that produces fish meal using by-products from other processors. Because this is a processor of groundfish harvested from the GOA with trawl gear, this processor is included under this program. Monthly information on processing workers is collected from shoreside processors and stationary floating processors. This information helps identify the impacts of regulations on employment throughout the year, but may be especially important for understanding how the numbers of employees and their aggregate monthly compensation changes.

In addition, electric and water usage by processors in Kodiak, Alaska, is collected. This information is important to Kodiak because the suppliers must adjust production of those utilities based on the plant's demand. This requires utility suppliers to have sufficient capacity to meet peak demand. Scheduling the fisheries out over a longer period of time could reduce the necessary peak capacity needs. The Council does not have the authority to require utility providers to supply the data under the Magnuson-Stevens Act. However, these entities can supply an annual summary of usage by month to each processor. Processors then pass those summaries on to NMFS at minimal or no cost. This information is collected from processors that use a community owned water and electric system. Applying the data requirement to community owned water and electric systems focuses the data collection on Kodiak. Stakeholders from Kodiak felt that this information was important to the community and requested that it be considered as part of the data collection program.

The primary use of these data is to consider impacts on the community. The Kodiak Finance and Public Utilities staff oversee the information on water usage and billing. Electric services are supplied by the Kodiak Electric Association. Staff of those agencies indicated that it is a relatively easy matter to provide monthly summaries of utility usage to the plant managers to disseminate. The burden on both the utility provider and processing plants is anticipated to be small. The data provide information on peak utility usage. If peak utility usage is reduced under a PSC management plan or other types of management actions are implemented that affect harvesting and processing efficiency, then costs to Kodiak associated with gearing up for peak demand may be affected. The EDR elements are limited to monthly employment information that is readily available and utility usage that can be provided to the processor by the utility provider. Because this information is readily available the reporting burden is estimated at three hours per submission.

A complete EDR must be submitted for each calendar year on or before June 1 of the following year. All information reported must be current and complete as of the date of submission, including post-season adjustments and settlements.

Pacific States has been designated by NMFS to be the Data Collection Agent for the GOA Trawl EDR Program. Pacific States mails EDR announcements and filing instructions to permit holders by April 1. To request a printed EDR by mail, call 1-877-741-8913, or email a request to edr@psmfc.org.

The EDR may be submitted online or may be downloaded in fillable PDF format and then faxed or mailed. Submit the completed EDR:

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NMFS Economic Data Reports
205 SE Spokane, Suite 100
Portland, OR 97202

By fax to: 503-595-3450

Online at: <https://survey.psmfc.org>

ANNUAL SHORESIDE PROCESSOR EDR

CERTIFICATION PAGE

Shoreside Processor Information

Shoreside Processor Name
Federal Processor Permit Number
ADF&G Processor Code
Physical Location of Land-based Plant (street address, city, state, and zip code)
Borough Assessed Value of Plant and Equipment (\$)
Current Estimated Value of Plant and Equipment (\$)

Stationary Floating Processor (SFP) Information

Stationary Floating Processor Name
Federal Processor Permit Number
ADF&G Processor Code
USCG Documentation Number
Current Estimated Market Value of SFP and Equipment (\$)
Current Estimated Replacement Value of SFP and Equipment (\$)

Owner Information

Name of company, partnership, or sole proprietorship
Business Telephone Number
Business FAX Number
Business E-mail address, if available

Person Completing this Report

Owner (If same name and address provided in the Owner block, do not repeat information)
Leaseholder (If same name and address provided in the Leaseholder block, do not repeat information)
Designated Representative
Name Title
Business Number Telephone
Business FAX Number
Business E-mail address (if available)

EDR Requirement

Check one box to indicate whether EDR is required
If buyer/leaseholder
Buyer/leaseholder name
Business address
Telephone number

Date of sale or lease (day/month/year)

Certification statement

Signature and date signed

Printed name of processor owner or designated representative

Monthly employment data

Labor, Processing crews

Average Number of processing employees (monthly)

Processing employee Man-hours, monthly by housing status

Processing employee wages, monthly by housing status (excluding managers, foremen, & other non-processing employees)

General Non-processing Labor Expenses, Annual

For all non-processing personnel employed during the year, report the following:

Number of Employees

Salaries and wages

GOA Groundfish Processing Utilities Consumption and Cost, by Month

Water Purchased from Community Provider, Gallons and Cost, by Month

Electricity Purchased from Community Provider, Kilowatt Hours and Cost, by Month

An adjustment was made to reflect that all EDR forms are submitted online and do not have miscellaneous costs and the increase in burden hours from 3 hours to 15 hours per respondent (270 hours increased from 54 hours) and an associated cost increase from \$1,998 to \$9,990, and the estimated annual maintenance cost to the Federal Government (\$8,000 instead of \$10,000 as reported in 2014). The respondent hours were increased in response to comments received. All EDRs are submitted online, resulting in \$0 miscellaneous costs, a decrease of \$12.

Shoreside Processor EDR, Respondent	
Number of respondents	18
15 shoreside processors	
2 stationary floating processors	
1 fish meal processor	
Total annual responses	18
Frequency of response = 1	
Total burden hours	270hr
Time per response = 15 hr	
Total personnel cost (\$37/hr x 270)	\$9,990
Total miscellaneous costs (0)	\$0
Online (\$0 x 18)	

The agency cost of the processor EDR is projected to be about \$8,000 per year to cover the collection, verification, storage, and maintenance of the data from about 18 processors.

Shoreside Processor EDR, Federal Government	
Total annual responses	0
Total burden hours	0
Total personnel cost	0
Annual maintenance costs	\$8,000

Data Verification

Pacific States verifies the information in the Annual Trawl Catcher Vessel EDR and the Annual Shoreside Processor EDR with the owner, leaseholder, or designated representative of the GOA trawl catcher vessel, shoreside processor, or stationary floating processor. The owner,

leaseholder, or designated representative must respond to inquiries from Pacific States within 20 days of the date of issuance of the inquiry. Responses after 20 days could be considered untimely and could result in a violation and enforcement action.

Pacific States verifies the accuracy of each EDR to ascertain anomalies, outliers, and other deviations from the values of averaged variables. The principal means for data quality assessment is follow-up interviews with EDR submitters to ensure consistent interpretation of the survey form and verification of selected data entries against submitter records. The Pacific States' auditor may request copies of additional data to be provided by the owner or leaseholder, including but not limited to previously audited or reviewed financial statements, worksheets, tax returns, invoices, receipts, and other original documents substantiating the data. The owner or leaseholder must provide copies of additional data to facilitate verification.

NMFS anticipates that the information collected will be disseminated in aggregated and non-confidential form to the public or used to support publicly disseminated information the GOA trawl fisheries. NMFS will retain control over the information and safeguard it from improper access, modification, and destruction, consistent with NOAA standards for confidentiality, privacy, and electronic information. See the response to Question 10 of this Supporting Statement for more information on confidentiality and privacy. The information collection is designed to yield data that meet all applicable information quality guidelines. Prior to dissemination, the information will be subjected to quality control measures and a pre-dissemination review pursuant to [Section 515 of Public Law 106-554](#).

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

The EDRs may be submitted online. In addition, the EDRs are fillable and may be downloaded from Pacific States web site at <http://www.psmfc.org/goatrawl/index.html>, printed, and submitted by mail or fax to Pacific States.

4. Describe efforts to identify duplication.

None of the information collected as part of this information collection duplicates other collections. This information collection is part of a specialized and technical program that is unlike any other.

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

Two shorebased stationary floating processor entities are classified as small using Small Business Administration (SBA) guidelines. These processors meet the small entity criterion because of the number of employees worldwide. These processors also have no known cooperative affiliation. Approximately 17 unique shoreside plants meet the small entity criterion.

Two Western Alaska Community Development Quota (CDQ) groups own harvesting vessels that operate in the GOA groundfish fisheries that are considered small entities for purposes of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

There are 72 trawl catcher vessels that completed EDRs in 2016, with 26 vessels considered small business entities under SBA guidelines that are affected by this information collection.¹ The number of actual vessels fishing in 2016 was 72 and the number of entities filling out an EDR varies due to multiple LLPs being fished on the same vessel or an LLP holder complying with the EDR requirement in a year when they did not fish for groundfish in GOA. The SBA information reflects the number of vessels that actually fished, not individual LLP holders.

The collection of information was designed to collect information that was not already a collection.

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

The GOA Trawl EDR Program collects baseline information on the economic structure of the groundfish fishery before modifications to the fishery are implemented. This collection is a focused data collection program to provide data that are currently unavailable, can be collected with minimal burden on industry, and provide information that is of interest to a wide cross-section of stakeholders. If data are not collected prior to implementing changes to the fishery structure, it is not possible to quantitatively measure the impacts of specific changes.

Collecting data on utility usage is done to better understand the stresses that can be put on public utilities to meet peak demand during times where large volumes of fish are processed.

Management actions that affect the amount of processing activity affect the burden on community infrastructure and can help analysts estimate the impacts of proposed actions. Without collecting baseline information on the variation of utility usage by month and processor, those changes in demand for utilities as a result of processing activity will not be known.

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

Not applicable.

¹ Alaska Fisheries Information Network data, 2017.

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 on July 6, 2017 (82 FR 31305), to solicit public comment. The comment period ended on September 5, 2017. NMFS received three comments on the notice. Two comments addressed the GOA Trawl Catcher Vessel EDR and one comment addressed the GOA Trawl Processor EDR.

NMFS also solicited comments through a questionnaire emailed to stakeholders that filed an EDR in 2015, the most recent year that was completed. The questionnaires were sent to stakeholders that operate and represent the vessels and processing facilities that harvest and process groundfish. NMFS received six comments in total. Three were from two individuals that were familiar with the information collection, two stakeholders stated they had no comments regarding this information collection, and one comment addressed the GOA Trawl Processor EDR.

All of the comments are summarized below.

GOA Trawl Catcher Vessel EDR	
Does this information collection continue to be necessary?	
Comment 1: Yes Comment 2: No	NMFS Response: NMFS acknowledges the comments.
Is the information needed to complete the EDR readily available? If not, please explain.	
Comment 1: Yes	NMFS Response: NMFS acknowledges the comment.
What section of the form is the most complex to fill out?	
Comment 1: Table 3 (Harvest Crew Licenses/Permits) are the most difficult and time consuming.	NMFS Response: NMFS notes this response. The EDR was designed to collect standardized data and provide economic data to aid the Council, with a focus on collecting crew employment and compensation information.
Is our estimate of 15 hours to complete and submit this report accurate? If not, please explain.	
Comment 1: Depends on how detailed records are for the year prior, most take 1-3 hours, but can take up to 15 hours.	NMFS Response: Based on this comment, NMFS made no changes to the estimate of hours to complete this EDR.
Do you have additional comments related to this information collection?	
Three commenters suggested that information requested should be made clearer and to specify the consequences for failure of compliance.	NMFS response: NMFS will review the EDR instructions to determine if they could be clarified. Any changes to the EDR form would be implemented consistent with the recordkeeping and reporting requirements established by the PRA.

Additional comments offered suggestions for specific elements of the collection:

Comment 1: Two commenters recommended that NMFS discontinue collecting the information in Table 1 (Cost Estimates for Fuel and Fishing Gear) because these costs are not specific to GOA trawl groundfish.

Comment 2: Two commenters supported continued collection of the information in Table 2 (Labor Payments to Captains and Crew).

Comment 5: One commenter recommended that NMFS discontinue collecting the information in Table 3 (Harvest Crew Licenses/Permits).

NMFS has the flexibility to modify EDR data fields without a corresponding regulatory amendment. This approach allows NMFS to consult with EDR submitters and the Council, and based on consultation, amend, add, or remove specific data requests as needed. This approach ensures the EDRs are providing relevant data for conservation and management purposes. In response to the comments suggesting that NMFS discontinue collection of specific information, NMFS will evaluate how the information is being used and determine whether the collection should be modified in the future. NMFS also will review the EDR instructions and determine if they could be clarified. If NMFS determines that modifications to the collection are necessary, NMFS will consult with EDR submitters and the Council under the established process.

GOA Annual Shoreside Processor EDR	
Does this information collection continue to be necessary?	
Comment 1: Yes	NMFS Response: NMFS acknowledges the comment.
Is the information needed to complete the EDR readily available? If not, please explain.	
Comment 1: Two commenters noted they were required to create a new report for Processing Labor Man-Hours and Processing Labor payment section to provide the requested information.	NMFS Response: NMFS acknowledges that portions of the EDR may compile data that is not readily available. The public burden hours have been increased to 15 hours.
What section of the form is the most complex to fill out?	
Comment 1: Two commenters specified that the Processing Labor Man-Hours and Processing Labor payment section was the most complex.	NMFS Response: NMFS notes this response. The design of the EDR was to collect standardized data and provide economic analysis to aid the Council, with a focus on collecting crew employment and compensation information.
Is our estimate of 3 hours to complete and submit this report accurate? If not, please explain.	
Comment: It took a couple of days to make the report for Processing Labor. It took only a couple of hours to complete other sections. Comment 2: Takes up to two working days so 15 hours is more accurate.	NMFS Response: NMFS acknowledges that the report for Processing Labor took longer than initially estimated. NMFS increased the burden hours estimate from 3 to 15 hours to reflect this comment.
Do you use the online access to submit the report? Please explain why or why not.	
Comment 1: Yes, we use the online access to submit the EDR since it is easier.	NMFS Response: NMFS acknowledges that online access is easier and more efficient.
Do you have additional comments related to this information collection?	
Comment 1: Our members believe that the instructions are clear. Comment 2: The introduction to the EDR should state that the form should be completed by the shoreside	NMFS response: NMFS will review the EDR instructions to determine if they could be clarified. Any changes to the EDR form would be implemented consistent with the recordkeeping and reporting

processor or floating processor and the consequences if they fail to comply.	requirements established by the PRA.
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9. Explain any decisions to provide payments or gifts to respondents, other than remuneration of contractors or grantees.

No payment or gift will be provided to respondents for the GOA Trawl EDR Program.

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

As stated on the forms, the information collected is confidential under section 402(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act (16 U.S.C. 1801, *et seq.*). It is also confidential under [NOAA Administrative Order 216-100](#), which sets forth procedures to protect confidentiality of fishery statistics.

This protection prevents the release of confidential data collected under this program through a Freedom of Information Act request. Data could still be released through an order from a Federal court but would only apply to specific observations relevant to the court proceedings.

All of the data collected is covered by the confidentiality requirements that define who has access to the disaggregated EDR data and how data must be aggregated prior to being publically released. Pacific States collects the data and assigns a unique identification number to each submission by the catcher vessels and processors. This number is held in confidence by Pacific States to provide an additional safeguard against the accidental release of confidential data by analysts working with the vessel/processor level data.

Pursuant to applicable regulations, data and identifiers reported may be used for program enforcement and determination of qualification for cooperative membership. Consequently, identifiers and data may be disclosed to NOAA Office of Law Enforcement, NOAA General Counsel, the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice, the Federal Trade Commission, and NOAA Restricted Access Management Division.

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

This information collection does not involve information of a sensitive nature.

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

Total estimated unique respondents: 120, increased from 88. Total estimated responses: 120, increased from 88. Total estimated time burden: 1,800 hr, increased from 1,104 hr.

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 #12 above).

Total estimated personnel cost: \$66,600, increased from \$40,848.

Total estimated miscellaneous costs: \$0, decreased from \$197.

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

Total costs to the Federal government: \$73,000, increased from \$45,000. The first estimate, for the then new collection, turned out to be much lower than the time it actually takes to review the reports.

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

NMFS made cost burden adjustments to both EDRs due to revisions in miscellaneous costs and the number of respondents and in response to public comments. The specific revisions are listed below. This includes a reduction in miscellaneous costs, with all submission on line at this point.

Trawl Catcher Vessel EDR

An increase of 32 in respondents, 102 instead of 70

An increase of 32 in responses, 102 instead of 70

An increase of 480 in burden hours, 1,530 hours instead of 1,050 hours

An increase of \$17,760 in personnel costs, \$56,610 instead of \$38,850

An decrease of \$197 in miscellaneous costs, \$0 instead of \$197

Shoreside Processor EDR

An increase of 216 in burden hours, 270 hours instead of 54 hours

An increase of \$7,992 in personnel costs, \$9,990 instead of \$1,998

A decrease of \$12 in miscellaneous costs, \$0 instead of \$12

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

The information collected will not be published. It is anticipated that the information collected will be disseminated in aggregated and non-confidential form to the public or used to support publicly disseminated information about the GOA Trawl EDR Program. The Council and NMFS will continue to use the aggregated and non-confidential information to inform management and policy decisions.

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

Not Applicable.

18. Explain each exception to the certification statement.

Not Applicable.

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TRAWL ECONOMIC DATA REPORT
OMB CONTROL NO. 0648-0700**

B. COLLECTIONS OF INFORMATION EMPLOYING STATISTICAL METHODS

1. Describe (including a numerical estimate) the potential respondent universe and any sampling or other respondent selection method to be used. Data on the number of entities (e.g., establishments, State and local governmental units, households, or persons) in the universe and the corresponding sample are to be provided in tabular form. The tabulation must also include expected response rates for the collection as a whole. If the collection has been conducted before, provide the actual response rate achieved.

In determining the scope or “universe” of the entities to be considered, NMFS generally includes only those entities that can reasonably be expected to be directly regulated by the action. Based on most recent EDR submissions, there were 120 entities impacted by this EDR collection. The number of participants fluctuates annually.

Entity Type	Sample Size
15 shoreside processors	100%
2 stationary floating processors	100%
1 fish meal processor	100%
102 catcher vessels	100%

Groundfish harvest includes both the GOA and BSAI; therefore, groundfish activity from both areas is included. The owner or leaseholder of a catcher vessel with an LLP license endorsed for catcher vessel operation type, and for trawl gear in the Western or Central GOA reporting area during a calendar year must submit an Annual Trawl Catcher Vessel Economic Data Report (EDR) for that calendar year.

The owner or leaseholder of a shoreside processor or stationary floating processor with a Federal Processor Permit that processes groundfish caught by vessels fishing with trawl gear in the Western and Central GOA reporting area must submit an Annual Shoreside Processor Economic Data Report (EDR) for that calendar year.

2. Describe the procedures for the collection, including: the statistical methodology for stratification and sample selection; the estimation procedure; the degree of accuracy needed for the purpose described in the justification; any unusual problems requiring specialized sampling procedures; and any use of periodic (less frequent than annual) data collection cycles to reduce burden.

The sample selection method is an annual census of all respondents, as any other sampling methodology would produce too few observations to estimate representative levels of cost,

earnings, and other outputs required for this collection. As this program is a mandatory collection, and valuable fishing and processing privileges could be withheld if an EDR is not submitted, we anticipate a 100 percent response rate from the respondents.

Given that approximately 100 to 120 respondents each year will be participating in this fishery, it is not feasible to generate enough observations on any one of the variables without applying this collection annually. And, random sampling from this population is not a viable option for statistical reasons. Based on the degrees of freedom and number of observations required for estimating the statistical relationship among the variables in this collection, data may be separately pooled to create a time-series of cross-sectional data in order to generate sufficient observations for economic and statistical analysis. The strata used in preparing analyses (either deterministic or statistical) of management actions for this group will depend on the specific questions of interest.

3. Describe the methods used to maximize response rates and to deal with non-response. The accuracy and reliability of the information collected must be shown to be adequate for the intended uses. For collections based on sampling, a special justification must be provided if they will not yield "reliable" data that can be generalized to the universe studied.

Each of the owners and leaseholders in the catcher vessel, shoreside processor, and stationary floating processor sectors is required to submit an annual EDR. Therefore, the response to mandatory data requirements should be very high. Those individuals who do not submit their EDR by the submission date will receive a follow-up phone call from Pacific States. If a solution cannot be reached at that point, their information will be referred to the NOAA Office of Law Enforcement. Therefore, we anticipate response rates of 95 to 100 percent.

NMFS has established different enforcement procedures for the GOA Trawl EDR Program than those used to ensure that accurate fisheries landings are reported. The economic data are not used for in-season management as landings data are, therefore persons submitting EDR data are given an opportunity to correct omissions and errors before any enforcement action is taken.

This approach is important to ensure that accurate EDR data are collected without being overly burdensome on industry for unintended errors. Only if the agency and the person submitting the data cannot reach a solution will the enforcement agency be contacted.

4. Describe any tests of procedures or methods to be undertaken. Tests are encouraged as effective means to refine collections, but if ten or more test respondents are involved OMB must give prior approval.

There have not been tests of procedures or methods undertaken recently. The collection has only been in place since 2015, and the statistical design team will consider tests of procedure when deemed appropriate.

5. Provide the name and telephone number of individuals consulted on the statistical aspects of the design, and the name of the agency unit, contractor(s), grantee(s), or other person(s) who will actually collect and/or analyze the information for the agency.

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Routine Uses: The Department will use this information to identify fishery participants and assess management impacts on harvesters, processors, and the surrounding communities. 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-16](#), Economic Data Reports for Alaska Federally Regulated Fisheries off the Coast of Alaska.

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Annual Shoreside Processor EDR
Calendar Year January 1 – December 31, 2017

Introduction

This report collects information on shoreside processor and stationary floating processor (SFP) operations that process groundfish from Gulf of Alaska (GOA) groundfish trawl fisheries. Each owner or leaseholder of a shoreside processor or SFP with a Federal Processor Permit (FPP) that receives delivery of groundfish from vessels fishing with trawl gear in the GOA must submit an Annual Shoreside Processor EDR form for that calendar year.

A completed EDR must be submitted for each calendar year on or before June 1 of the following year. An EDR must be timely and all information fields must be accurately completed according to instructions in this form.

All required reports must be submitted to the NMFS Data Collection Agent, Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission electronically or by mail at the address provided below.

EDR Validation

To make sure that each company is consistently and accurately completing the EDR, an audit may be performed by a qualified accountant for the purpose of validating the data reported in this form. This step will ensure that the data can be relied upon to produce accurate and reliable information for the Alaska groundfish trawl fisheries.

If selected for validation, auditors will verify the data report by comparing specific elements of the report with your accounting records. To make this process as efficient and non-intrusive as possible, we suggest that you:

1. Keep a copy of the completed EDR or certification pages you submit. Copy and attach extra sheets as needed.
2. Keep a file that has all of the supporting information used in the preparation of the EDR.
3. Make sure that the EDR agrees to the company's highest level of financial information. For this purpose, the highest level of financial information is defined in order as:
 - a. Audited financial statements
 - b. Reviewed financial statements
 - c. Compiled financial statements
 - d. Tax returns.

Instructions for completing this EDR Form

- Provide all information requested in each section.
- Record only whole numbers. Round up dollar figures to the next whole dollar.
- Record a zero (0) or not applicable (N/A) where appropriate, and do not skip any questions or leave any data entry cells blank.
- All information reported must be current and complete as of the date of submission, including post-season adjustments and settlements.

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If YOUR label address is incorrect or missing, please correct the error on the label or print your permanent name and address here.

Processor Name
Company Name
Street address or P.O. Box Number
City, State, and Zip Code

NOTE:

Definition of "Leaseholder": For the purpose of defining the persons responsible for submitting the EDR, a Leaseholder is a person, other than the owner of the processor for which the EDR is required, who was identified as the leaseholder, in a written lease, of the processor, OR paid expenses of the processor, OR claimed expenses for the processor as a business expense on schedule C of his/her Federal Income Tax Return, or on a State Income Tax Return.

The due date for EDR Submissions is June 1, 2018

EDR submitters are encouraged to complete the form online at <https://survey.psmfc.org>.

If you have not received instructions for accessing the online EDR form by mail, please contact Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission at 1-877-741-8913 or by email at EDR@psmfc.org

If not submitting the EDR form online, mail or FAX the completed EDR form by June 1, 2018 to:

Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission NMFS Economic Data Reports 205 SE Spokane, Suite 100 Portland, OR 97202 FAX No. 503-595-3450

For more information, or if you have questions, please call toll free 1-877-741-8913

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Table A: GROUND FISH SPECIES CODES			
110 – Pacific Cod	141 – Pacific Ocean Perch	173 – Dark Rockfish	216 – Lump sucker
112 – Pacific hake	142 – Black Rockfish	175 – Yellowmouth Rockfish	220 – Pacific Saury
116 – Bering Flounder	143 – Thornyheads (Idiots)	176 – Harlequin Rockfish	250 – Pacific Tomcod
117- Flounder, Kamchatka	145 – Yelloweye (Red Snapper)	177 – Blackgill Rockfish	260 – Pacific Flatnose
121 – Arrowtooth Flounder	146 – Canary Rockfish	178 – Chilipepper Rockfish	270 – Pollock, Walleye
122 – Flathead Sole	147 – Quillback Rockfish	179 – Pygmy Rockfish	600 – Lamprey, Pacific
123 – Rock Sole	148 – Tiger Rockfish	180 – Shad	689 – Other Shark
124 – Dover Sole	149 – China Rockfish	181 – Shortbelly Rockfish	690 – Salmon Shark
125 – Rex Sole	150 – Rosethorn Rockfish	182 – Splitnose Rockfish	691 – Spiny Dogfish Shark
126 – Butter Sole	151 – Roughey Rockfish	183 – Stripetail Rockfish	692 – Pacific Sleeper Shark
127 – Yellowfin Sole	152 – Shortraker Rockfish	184 – Vermilion Rockfish	700 – Other Skate
128 – English Sole	153 – Redbanded Rockfish	185 – Aurora Rockfish	701 – Longnose Skate
129 – Starry Flounder	155 – Yellowtail Rockfish	191 – Rock Greenling	702 – Big Skate
130 – Lingcod	156 – Widow Rockfish	192 – Whitespot Greenling	703-Skate-Alaska
131 – Petrale Sole	157 – Silvergray Rockfish	193 – Atka Mackerel	704-Skate-Aleutian
132 – Sand Sole	158 – Redstripe Rockfish	194 – Kelp Greenling	705-Skate, Whiteblotched
133 – Alaska Plaice	159 – Darkblotched Rockfish	210 – Eels & Eel-like Fishes	710 – Sablefish (Blackcod)
134 – Greenland Turbot	160 – Sculpins, general	211 – Wrymouths	714 – Ratfish
135 – Greenstripe Rockfish	166 – Sharpchin Rockfish	212 – Pacific Hagfish	715 - Skilfish
136 – Northern Rockfish	167 – Blue Rockfish	213 – Rattail Grenadier	
137 – Bocaccio	170 – Pacific Sardine (Pilchard)	214 – Giant Grenadier	
138 – Copper Rockfish	172 – Dusky Rockfish	215 – Prowfish	

CERTIFICATION PAGE – 1 of 2

This is a **required form**. Provide all information requested below.

Shoreside Processor Information	
Shoreside Processor Name	
Federal Processor Permit Number	ADF&G Processor Code
Physical Location of Land-based Plant (street address, city, state, zip code)	
Borough Assessed Value of Plant and Equipment (\$)Year Assessed:	Current Estimated Value of Plant and Equipment (\$)

Stationary Floating Processor (SFP) Information	
Stationary Floating Processor Name	
Federal Processor Permit Number	ADF&G Processor Code
USCG Documentation Number	
Current Estimated Market Value of SFP and Equipment (\$)	Current Estimated Replacement Value of SFP and Equipment (\$)

Owner Information	
Name of company, partnership, or sole proprietorship	
Business Telephone Number	Business FAX Number
Business E-mail address, if available	

NOTE: Any owner or leaseholder may appoint a designated representative to respond to questions in the EDR. The designated representative is the primary contact person for the DCA on issues relating to data required in the EDR.

Person Completing this Report (check one)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Owner (If your name and address are the same name and address provided in the Owner Information block above, the information does not need to be repeated here)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Leaseholder (If your name and address are the same name and address provided in the Leaseholder Information block above, the information does not need to be repeated here)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Designated Representative (complete information below)	
Name	Title
Business Number Telephone	Business FAX Number

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Business E-mail address (if available)

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Select one of the following statements and provide any requested information. Check one box below.

1. You are the Shoreside Processor or Stationary Floating Processor owner or leaseholder, and you processed trawl groundfish caught in the GOA in the above described plant during the 2017 calendar year.

⇒ **Complete and submit Entire EDR for the 2017 calendar year.**

2. You are the Shoreside Processor or Stationary Floating Processor owner or leaseholder, and no one processed trawl groundfish caught in the GOA in the above described plant during the 2017 calendar year.

⇒ **Complete and submit the EDR Certification Pages only.**

You are the Shoreside Processor or Stationary Floating Processor owner, you leased or sold the above described facility to another party, and did not process trawl groundfish caught in the GOA during the 2017 calendar year (provide the name, address, and telephone number of the person to whom you leased or sold the plant during the 2017 calendar year below).

OR

You are the Shoreside Processor or Stationary Floating Processor owner and the facility was rendered permanently inoperable due to accident, and processed no trawl groundfish caught in the GOA during the 2017 calendar year.

⇒ **Complete and submit the EDR Certification Pages only.**

Buyer or Leaseholder Information (if applicable)

Buyer/Leaseholder Name

Business address

Telephone No (include area code)

Date of Sale or Lease (day/month/year)

Certification Statement

Read the following statement, and sign and date the box below:

I certify under penalty of perjury that I have reviewed all the information in this report and that it is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature

Date signed

Printed Name of Processor Owner (or Designated Representative)

Table 1: Groundfish Processing Employment and Labor Cost

In the table below, record the following information about employment and labor costs associated with groundfish processing during the 2017 calendar year. Include dock, maintenance, quality-control, packing, and other hourly labor that is part of groundfish processing operations, for all groundfish species and fisheries (refer to Table A on page 4 for groundfish species and codes). Do not include labor information associated with salmon, shellfish, or other non-groundfish production. Do not include information for salaried employees or hourly non-processing (managerial or administrative) employees - this information is requested on the next page.

Number of Groundfish Processing Employees, by month: report the number of individuals on payroll employed as processing labor on groundfish processing line(s), by month.

Total Man-Hours, by month and housing status: Record the sum of all payroll hours for groundfish processing labor, by month. Report total hours for workers that were provided employee housing separately from total hours for employees that provided their own housing.

Total Labor Payment, by month and housing status: Record the total gross wages paid for groundfish processing labor, by month. Report total payments to workers that were provided employee housing separately from payments to employees that provided their own housing.

Month	Groundfish Processing Labor				
	Processing Employees	Processing Labor Man-Hours		Processing Labor Payment	
		Housed	Not Housed	Housed	Not Housed
January					
February					
March					
April					
May					
June					
July					
August					
September					
October					
November					
December					

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Table 2: General Non-processing Labor Expenses, Annual

In the table below, record the total employment and wage and salary costs for foremen, managers, administrative and other personnel not primarily employed as hourly processing labor during the 2017 calendar year. For all non-processing personnel employed during the year, report the following:

Number of Employees: Report the number persons employed in non-processing positions at the processing facility during the year.

Salaries and wages: Total calendar year gross wage and salary costs for non-processing employees as described above. Exclude non-wage expenses such as payroll taxes, unemployment insurance, workmen's compensation, or non-wage benefits such as paid travel, health insurance, or retirement.

Number Of Non-Processing Employees	Total Wages And Salaries
	\$

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Table 3: Kodiak Processor Utility Consumption and Cost, by Month

In the table below, record the following information about utility consumption and costs associated with operation of this processing plant, by month. Leave this section blank if the processing plant is not located in Kodiak. If not applicable, enter “NA” in the first row of the table.

Water Purchased from Community Provider, Gallons and Cost, by Month: Record the total quantity of water purchased from local providers in Kodiak, and purchase cost, by month.

Electricity Purchased from Community Provider, Kilowatt Hours and Cost, by Month: Record the total quantity of electricity purchased from local providers in Kodiak, in kilowatt hours, and purchase cost, by month. Do not include fuel oil, propane, or other energy supplies that were not purchased directly from the supplier in the form of kilowatt hours of electricity.

Month	Water		Electricity	
	Gallons	Cost	KW Hours	Cost
January	gal	\$	kwh	\$
February	gal	\$	kwh	\$
March	gal	\$	kwh	\$
April	gal	\$	kwh	\$
May	gal	\$	kwh	\$
June	gal	\$	kwh	\$
July	gal	\$	kwh	\$
August	gal	\$	kwh	\$
September	gal	\$	kwh	\$
October	gal	\$	kwh	\$
November	gal	\$	kwh	\$
December	gal		kwh	\$

NOTES

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Introduction

This report collects information on Gulf of Alaska Management Area (GOA) groundfish trawl operations. Each owner or leaseholder of a vessel named on a Limited License Program (LLP) groundfish license with catcher vessel and trawl gear designations and endorsed for the Gulf of Alaska (GOA) during a calendar year must submit an Annual Trawl Catcher Vessel EDR for that vessel.

A completed EDR must be submitted for each calendar year on or before June 1 of the following year. An EDR must be timely and all information fields must be accurately completed according to instructions in this form.

All required reports must be submitted to the NMFS Data Collection Agent, Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission (PSMFC) electronically or by mail at the address provided below.

EDR Validation

To make sure that each vessel owner or leaseholder is consistently and accurately completing the EDR, an audit may be performed by a qualified accountant for the purpose of validating the data reported in this form. This step will ensure that the data can be relied upon to produce accurate and reliable information for the Alaska groundfish trawl fisheries.

If selected for validation, auditors will verify the data report by comparing specific elements of the report with your accounting records. To make this process as efficient and non-intrusive as possible, we suggest that you:

1. Keep a copy of the completed EDR and/or certification pages you submit. Copy and attach extra sheets as needed.
2. Keep a file that has all of the supporting information used in the preparation of the EDR.
3. Make sure that the EDR agrees to the company's highest level of financial information. For this purpose, the highest level of financial information is defined in order as:
 - a. Audited financial statements
 - b. Reviewed financial statements
 - c. Compiled financial statements
 - d. Tax returns.

Instructions for completing this EDR Form

- Provide all information requested in each section.
- Record only whole numbers. Round up dollar figures to the next whole dollar.
- Record a zero (0) or not applicable (N/A) where appropriate, and do not skip any questions or leave any data entry cells blank.
- All information reported must be current and complete as of the date of submission, including post-season adjustments and settlements.

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If YOUR label address is incorrect or missing, please correct the error on the label or print your permanent name and address here.

Vessel Name
Company Name
Street address or P.O. Box Number
City, State, and Zip Code

NOTE:

Definition of "Leaseholder": For the purpose of defining the persons responsible for submitting the EDR, a vessel leaseholder is a person, other than the owner of the vessel for which the EDR is required, who: was identified as the leaseholder in a written lease of the vessel, OR paid expenses of the catcher vessel, OR claimed expenses for the catcher vessel as a business expense on schedule C of his/her Federal Income Tax Return, or on a State Income Tax Return.

The due date for EDR Submissions is June 1, 2018

EDR submitters are encouraged to complete the form online at <https://survey.psmfc.org>.

If you have not received instructions for accessing the online EDR form by mail, please contact Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission at 1-877-741-8913 or by email at EDR@psmfc.org

If not submitting the EDR form online, mail or FAX the completed EDR form by June 1, 2017 to:

Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission
NMFS Economic Data Reports
205 SE Spokane, Suite 100
Portland, OR 97202
FAX No. 503-595-3450

For more information, or if you have questions,
please call toll free 1-877-741-8913

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This is a required form. Provide all information requested below.

Catcher Vessel Information	
Vessel Name	ADF&G Vessel Registration Number
	Groundfish License Limitation Permit Number(s)
	USCG Documentation Number
Current Estimated Market Value of Vessel and Equipment (\$)	Replacement Value of Vessel and Equipment (\$)

Vessel Owner Information	
Name of company, partnership, or sole proprietorship	
Business Telephone Number	Business Fax Number
Business E-mail address, if available	

Vessel Leaseholder Information (if applicable)	
Name of company, partnership, or sole proprietorship	
Business Telephone Number	Business Fax Number
Business E-mail address, if available	

NOTE: Any owner or leaseholder may appoint a designated representative to respond to questions in the EDR. The designated representative is the primary contact person for Pacific States on issues relating to data required in the EDR.

Person Completing this Report (check one)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Owner (If your name and address are the same name and address provided in the Owner Information block above, the information does not need to be repeated here)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Leaseholder (If your name and address are the same name and address provided in the Leaseholder Information block above, the information does not need to be repeated here)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Designated Representative (complete information below)	
Name	Title
Business Telephone Number	Business Fax Number
Business E-mail address, if available	

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Select one of the following statements and provide any requested information. Check one box below. Note: The descriptions below refer to leasing of the vessel. Do not provide information regarding any fishing quota leasing here.

<input type="checkbox"/> You are the catcher vessel owner or leaseholder, and you harvested groundfish (including rockfish) in the GOA in the above described vessel during the 2017 calendar year. ⇒ Complete and submit entire EDR for the 2017 calendar year.	
<input type="checkbox"/> You are the catcher vessel owner, you leased or sold the above described vessel to another party, and did not harvest groundfish in the GOA in the above described vessel during the 2017 calendar year (provide the name, address, and telephone number of the person to whom you leased or sold the vessel during the 2017 calendar year below). OR You are the catcher vessel owner and the vessel was lost or rendered permanently inoperable due to accident, and harvested no groundfish in the GOA during the 2017 calendar year. ⇒ Complete and submit the EDR Certification Pages only .	
<input type="checkbox"/> You are the catcher vessel owner or leaseholder, and no one harvested groundfish in the GOA in the above described catcher vessel during the 2017 calendar year. ⇒ Complete and submit the EDR Certification Pages only .	
Buyer/Leaseholder Information (if applicable)	
Buyer/Leaseholder Name	
Business address	
Telephone No (include area code)	Date of Sale or Lease (day/month/XXXX)

Certification Statement

Read the following statement, and sign and date the box below:

I certify under penalty of perjury that I have reviewed all the information in this report and that it is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.	
Signature	Date signed
Printed Name of Vessel Owner (or Designated Representative)	

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Table 1: Vessel Expenses, Annual

In the table below, report the total direct expenditures during the 2017 calendar year for the following vessel costs. Report the total amount for the calendar year, not limited to GOA groundfish trawl activities.

Fuel and Fluids Purchased, Quantity and Cost

Gallons: Record the total quantity of fuel purchased for the vessel during the previous calendar year, in gallons. Include all fuel purchased during the calendar year for fishing and non-fishing use of the vessel. Do not include the quantity of fluids other than fuel.

Cost: Record the total payment for fuel and fluids purchased for the vessel during the calendar year, including all sales taxes and surcharges. Include the cost of lubrication and other fluids added by fuel suppliers while fueling the vessel, but do not include costs of fluids added during vessel maintenance other than fueling.

Fishing Gear Costs

Excluder Device Cost: Record the total direct expenditures for lease, purchase, installation, and/or repair of excluder devices for salmon and halibut during the calendar year. Report all direct expenditures, including the cost for capitalized investment purchases as well as purchases that were fully expensed for the year. Exclude finance costs associated with purchases, such as lender fees or interest payments. Report costs for any excluder devices other than those intended to reduce salmon or halibut bycatch with other trawl gear costs below.

Trawl Gear Cost: Record the total direct expenditures for lease, purchase, installation, and/or repair of trawl fishing gear. Include costs for all nets, doors, rollers, cables, excluder devices other than salmon and halibut excluders, and other associated items during the calendar year. Report all direct expenditures, including the cost for capitalized investment purchases as well as purchases that were fully expensed for the year. Exclude finance costs associated with purchases, such as lender fees or interest payments.

Fuel		Fishing Gear Costs	
Gallons	Cost	Salmon/Halibut Excluder Gear	Trawl Gear
gal	\$	\$	\$

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Table 2: Labor Payments to Captains and Crew

In the table below, report the total direct payment to vessel crew and captains for labor performed in GOA groundfish (including rockfish) trawl fisheries during the 2017 calendar year.

Number of Paid Fishing Crew Members (excluding captains): Record the total number of crew aboard the vessel who provided fishing labor during GOA groundfish trawl fisheries. Do not include any person that worked as captain of the vessel in the total.

Labor Payment to Fishing Crew (excluding captains)

Record the total payment made to fishing crew for their labor during GOA groundfish trawl fisheries. List the amount actually paid to crew in their settlement, *not* their earnings before fishing expenses were deducted, such as costs of fuel, bait, or food and provisions. Exclude any payments for labor provided before or after groundfish fishing seasons. Exclude non-wage expenses such as payroll taxes, unemployment insurance, workmen's compensation, or non-wage benefits such as paid travel, health insurance, or retirement. Report payments to captains below, and do not include captains' pay in the crew payment total.

Captain Labor Payment

Record the total payment made to all persons who worked as captain of the vessel during GOA trawl fisheries. List the amount actually paid to captains, *not* their earnings before fishing expenses were deducted, such as costs of fuel, bait, or food and provisions.

Crew		Captain
Number of Paid Harvest Crew Members	Total Labor Payment to Harvest Crew	Total Labor Payment to Captains
	\$	\$

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Table 3: Harvest Crew Licenses/Permits

In the table below, record either the Alaska Commercial Crew license number or a State of Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC) gear operator permit number for each individual who worked on the vessel as a captain or fishing crew member in GOA groundfish (including rockfish) trawl fisheries during the 2017 calendar year. Include every individual that worked on the vessel as a captain or crewmember during GOA trawl fisheries, but do not record more than one license/permit number for any individual.

For ADF&G Commercial Crew Licenses, report the full 7-digit license number. For CFEC Gear Operator Permits, include the fishery code and permit number (e.g., M71B25321N). Indicate if the number reported is an ADF&G Crew License or a CFEC Gear Operator Permit in the appropriate checkbox.

Crewmember	License/Permit Number	Check One		Crewmember	License/Permit Number	Check One	
		ADF&G Crew License	CFEC Gear Operator Permit			ADF&G Crew License	CFEC Gear Operator Permit
1		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	15		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	16		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	17		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	18		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	19		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	20		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	21		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	22		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	23		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	24		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	25		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	26		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	27		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	28		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Note: Commercial fishing license and permit information is public record. A vessel master has the right to record the crew member's license number or permit ID and no release is necessary to report the information here. EDR submitters can contact ADF&G or CFEC to request license or permit numbers by crewmember name at the contacts below:

ADF&G – Commercial Crew License Licensing Questions (907) 465-2376 Licensing FAX (907) 465-2440 Licensing Email licensehelp@fishgame.state.ak.us	CFEC - Gear Operator Permit Phone: (907) 790-6921 Email: dfg.cfec.questions@alaska.gov Website: http://www.cfec.state.ak.us/publook/publook.jsp
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Dated: June 29, 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 Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: Economic Surveys of American Samoa, Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Small Boat-based Fisheries.

OMB Control Number: 0648-0635.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Request: Regular (extension of a currently approved information collection).

Number of Respondents: 245.

Average Hours per Response: 10 minutes.

Burden Hours: 100.

Needs and Uses: This request is for extension of a currently approved information collection.

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) collects information about fishing expenses in the American Samoa, Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) boat-based reef fish, bottomfish, and pelagics fisheries with which to conduct economic analyses that will improve fishery management in those fisheries; satisfy NMFS' legal mandates under Executive Order 12866, the Magnuson-Steven Fishery Conservation and Management Act (U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*), the Regulatory Flexibility Act, the Endangered Species Act, and the National Environmental Policy Act; and quantify achievement of the performances measures in the NMFS Strategic Operating Plans. An example of these performance measures: the economic data collected will allow quantitative assessment of the fisheries sector's social and economic contribution, linkages and impacts of the fisheries sector to the overall economy through Input-output (I-O) models analyses. Results from I-O analyses will not only provide indicators of social-economic benefits of

the marine ecosystem, a performance measure in the NMFS Strategic Operating Plans, but also be used to assess how fishermen and economy will be impacted by and respond to regulations likely to be considered by fishery managers. These data are collected in conjunction with catch and effort data already being collected in this fishery as part of its creel survey program. The creel survey program is one of the major data collection systems to monitor fisheries resources in these three geographic areas. The survey monitors the islands' fishing activities and interviews returning fishermen at the most active launching ramps/docks during selected time periods on the islands. Participation in the economic data collection is voluntary.

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

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

This information collection request may be viewed at *reginfo.gov*. Follow the instructions to view Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to *OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov* or fax to (202) 395-5806.

Dated: June 29, 2017.

Sarah Brabson,

NOAA PRA Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XF497

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

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

ACTION: Notice of scoping meetings; correction.

SUMMARY: The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council is holding public scoping meetings to gather input on the development of the Excessive Shares Amendment to the Surfclam and Ocean Quahog FMP. Input obtained from these meetings will be considered by the Council when developing this Amendment.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Correction

In the **Federal Register** on June 23, 2017, in FR Doc. 2017-13152, on page 28643, in the first column, the **SUMMARY** is corrected as set forth above.

Dated: June 30, 2017.

Tracey L. Thompson,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Gulf of Alaska Catcher Vessel and Processor Trawl Economic Data Report

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 September 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 Stephanie Warpinski, (907) 586-7228.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This request is for extension of a current information collection.

The Gulf of Alaska Trawl Groundfish Economic Data Report Program evaluates the economic effects of current and future groundfish

management measures for Gulf of Alaska (GOA) trawl fisheries. This program provides the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and the North Pacific Fishery Management Council with baseline information on affected harvesters, crew, processors, and communities in the GOA. Data collected through the economic data reports (EDRs) include labor information, revenues received, capital and operational expenses, and other operational or financial data. This information is used to assess the impacts of major changes in the groundfish management regime, including catch share program implementation.

The Catcher Vessel GOA Trawl EDR is submitted by owners or leaseholders of catcher vessels that harvest groundfish using trawl gear from the GOA or parallel fisheries. The Processor GOA Trawl EDR is submitted by owners or leaseholders of shoreside processors or stationary floating processors that receive deliveries from vessels that harvest groundfish using trawl gear from the GOA or parallel fisheries. Annual submission of these EDRs is mandatory.

II. Method of Collection

The EDRs may be submitted online, or by mail or facsimile transmission of paper forms. Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission (PSMFC) has been designated by NMFS as the Data Collection Agent for the GOA Trawl EDR Program. PSMFC mails EDR announcements and filing instructions to respondents by April 1 of each year. Respondents are encouraged to complete the forms online on the PSMFC Web site at <https://survey.psmfc.org>. EDR forms are also available in fillable PDF format on the PSMFC Web site at <http://www.psmfc.org/goatrawl/>.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648–0700.

Form Number(s): None.

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

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations; Individuals or households; not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 88.

Estimated Time per Response: Catcher Vessel GOA Trawl EDR, 15 hours; Processor GOA Trawl EDR, 3 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,104 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$197 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: June 29, 2017.

Sarah Brabson,

NOAA PRA Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648–XF489

Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Commercial Fireworks Displays in the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary

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

ACTION: Notice of issuance of a Letter of Authorization.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), as amended, and implementing regulations, notification is hereby given that a Letter of Authorization (LOA) has been issued to the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary (MBNMS), for the take of marine mammals incidental to commercial fireworks displays in the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary (Sanctuary), California.

DATES: Effective from June 29, 2017 to June 28, 2022.

ADDRESSES: The LOA and supporting documents may be obtained online at www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/permits/incidental/research.htm. In case of

problems accessing these documents, please call the contact listed below (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Laura McCue, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 301–427–8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Sections 101(a)(5)(A) and (D) of the MMPA (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) direct the Secretary of Commerce to allow, upon request, the incidental, but not intentional, taking of small numbers of marine mammals by U.S. citizens who engage in a specified activity (other than commercial fishing) within a specified geographical region if certain findings are made and either regulations are issued or, if the taking is limited to harassment, a notice of a proposed authorization is provided to the public for review.

An authorization for incidental takings shall be granted if NMFS finds that the taking will have a negligible impact on the species or stock(s), will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of the species or stock(s) for subsistence uses (where relevant), and if the permissible methods of taking and requirements pertaining to the mitigation, monitoring and reporting of such takings are set forth. NMFS has defined “negligible impact” in 50 CFR 216.103 as an impact resulting from the specified activity that cannot be reasonably expected to, and is not reasonably likely to, adversely affect the species or stock through effects on annual rates of recruitment or survival.

NMFS has defined “unmitigable adverse impact” in 50 CFR 216.103 as an impact resulting from the specified activity:

(1) That is likely to reduce the availability of the species to a level insufficient for a harvest to meet subsistence needs by: (i) Causing the marine mammals to abandon or avoid hunting areas; (ii) directly displacing subsistence users; or (iii) placing physical barriers between the marine mammals and the subsistence hunters; and

(2) That cannot be sufficiently mitigated by other measures to increase the availability of marine mammals to allow subsistence needs to be met.

Except with respect to certain activities not pertinent here, section 3(18) of the MMPA defines “harassment” as: any act of pursuit, torment, or annoyance which (i) has the potential to injure a marine mammal or marine mammal stock in the wild (Level A harassment); or (ii) has the potential to disturb a marine mammal or marine