

NOTICE OF OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET ACTION

Date 11/07/2006

Department of Commerce
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
FOR CERTIFYING OFFICIAL: Barry West
FOR CLEARANCE OFFICER: Diana Hynek

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, OMB has taken action on your request received 11/07/2006

ACTION REQUESTED: Revision of a currently approved collection
TYPE OF REVIEW REQUESTED: Regular
ICR REFERENCE NUMBER: 200611-0648-003
TITLE: Pacific Islands Region Permit Family of Forms
LIST OF INFORMATION COLLECTIONS: See next page

OMB ACTION: Approved without change
OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 0648-0490

The agency is required to display the OMB Control Number and inform respondents of its legal significance in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.5(b).

EXPIRATION DATE: 11/30/2009

DISCONTINUE DATE:

BURDEN:	RESPONSES	HOURS	COSTS
Previous	195	85	0
New	208	94	99
Difference			
Change due to New Statute	0	0	0
Change due to Agency Discretion	13	9	99
Change due to Agency Adjustment	0	0	0
Change Due to Potential Violation of the PRA	0	0	0

TERMS OF CLEARANCE:

OMB Authorizing Official:

John F. Morrall III
Acting Deputy Administrator,
Office Of Information And Regulatory Affairs

List of ICs

IC Title	Form No.	Form Name	CFR Citation
Pacific Islands Region Permit Family of Forms	NA	Pacific Islands Region NMFS Permit Application	

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT SUBMISSION

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

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

19. Certification for Paperwork Reduction Act Submissions

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

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

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

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

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

Signature of Senior Official or designee

Date

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

Signature

Date

Signature of NOAA Clearance Officer

Signature

Date

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

INTRODUCTION

This Supporting Statement describes one requirement to be added to the existing information collection under OMB Control No.: 0648-0490. The figures on OMB 83-I, blocks 13 and 14 are comprehensive for the collection. At this time, we are also changing the title from “Southwest Region Permit Family of Forms - Pacific” to “Pacific Islands Region Family of Forms”, to be consistent in reflecting the separation of the Pacific Islands into their own region.

A. JUSTIFICATION

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, such as the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (WPFMC), to develop fishery management plans (FMPs) for fisheries in the U.S. exclusive economic zone (EEZ). These plans, if approved by the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary), are implemented by Federal regulations and enforced by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and U.S. Coast Guard, in cooperation with State agencies to the extent possible. FMPs regulate fishing to ensure the long-term productivity and optimum yield of the resources for the benefit of the U.S.

The WPFMC has management jurisdiction over fisheries in federal waters of the Pacific Ocean seaward of American Samoa, Guam, Hawaii, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (NMI), and the Pacific remote island areas.¹ WPFMC has prepared, and the Secretary has approved and implemented through regulations, FMPs for crustacean, precious coral, pelagic, and bottomfish/seamount groundfish fisheries and coral reef ecosystems in the western Pacific region. Each of these FMPs contains a requirement that commercial fishery participants obtain Federal permits for the fishery. There are three types of permits: basic fishery permits (e.g., western Pacific general longline fishing and receiving permits, precious coral permits), limited access permits for selected fisheries (e.g., Hawaii-based pelagic longline fishery, American Samoa pelagic longline fishery), and experimental fishing permits.

This clearance request is for a revision to the currently approved collection of information under the Pacific Islands Region Permit Family of Forms (OMB Control No.: 0648-0490). It is necessitated by Amendment 9 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Bottomfish and Seamount Groundfish Fisheries of the Western Pacific Region: “Measures to limit large-vessel fishing effort in the bottomfish fishery in federal waters around Guam,” and Amendment 8 to the Bottomfish and Seamount Groundfish Fisheries Management Plan, Amendment 12 to the

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

Crustaceans Fisheries Management Plan, and Amendment 6 to the Precious Corals Fisheries Management Plan of the western Pacific region, entitled: “New Permit and Reporting Requirements Following the Inclusion of Fisheries under Federal Management Plans in the Western Pacific Region.” The latter three amendments are collectively referred to as the Omnibus amendment.

The objectives of Amendment 9 are to: ensure that adequate information is routinely collected on the bottomfish fishery taking place in federal waters around Guam, including the export-oriented activity targeting onaga (*Etelis coruscans*); maintain adequate opportunities for small-scale commercial, recreational, and subsistence bottomfish fishermen; provide for sustained community participation in the Guam bottomfish fishery; and encourage consistent availability of locally caught bottomfish products to Guam consumers. Clearance for reporting requirements collection of information is being submitted under a separate request for OMB Control No.: 0648-0214.

The objectives of the Omnibus amendment include: improving the database for future bottomfish management decisions through data reporting requirements and cooperative Federal, State, Territory data collection programs (Bottomfish FMP); to collect and analyze biological and economic information about lobster fisheries and improve the statistical base for conservation and management (Crustaceans FMP); and to encourage the acquisition and analysis of new information concerning the distribution, abundance, and ecology of precious corals (Precious Corals FMP). Clearance for reporting requirements collection of information is being submitted under a separate request for OMB Control No.: 0648-0214.

This collection of information is needed for permit issuance, to identify actual or potential participants in the fishery, 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 NMFS and fishermen.

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.

Information is collected via a permit application process. Any person who intends to target bottomfish management unit species (BMUS) outside the 50-mile closure of Guam, or transship BMUS from Guam, must have a Guam bottomfish large vessel fishing permit issued by NMFS under the Bottomfish and Seamount Groundfish FMP. Any person who intends to target crustacean or precious coral management unit species (MUS) in the NMI, must have a NMI lobster permit or a NMI precious corals permit issued by NMFS under the corresponding FMP. Any person who intends to target bottomfish or crustacean MUS in the PRIA, must have a PRIA bottomfish permit or a PRIA lobster permit issued by NMFS under the corresponding FMP. Permits are valid for one calendar year and may be renewed annually.

Importantly, the information from the permit application form will allow the NMFS, Pacific Islands Region, to determine whether the permit applicant qualifies for the permit. Vessel-related

information such as vessel size, name of the operator, vessel's insurer, etc., may be used by NMFS to determine whether the applicant is an owner of a U.S. documented/registered vessel. The information may also be used by NMFS enforcement, the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG), and the WPFMC.

This collection also includes information involving appeals of permit denials. The appellant must provide documentation to show why a permit should have been granted. The information is used by the NMFS Regional Administrator in making a final determination on permit issuance under the FMP. The frequency of appeals for permit denials is expected to be 1 per year, if any.

It is anticipated that the information collected will be disseminated to the public or used to support publicly disseminated information. As explained in the preceding paragraphs, the information gathered has utility. 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 response #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.

None of the federal permit application forms for western Pacific fisheries, including this collection, are currently submitted in electronic form although facsimile machines are used to a considerable extent. NMFS is developing a web based permits program that would allow applicants to apply for permits online. It is expected that such a program can be implemented during the next two years.

4. Describe efforts to identify duplication.

NMFS worked with the WPFMC and its fishermen advisors to craft a permit program with the intent to minimize duplication with respective information collections. It is not possible to rely on the Government of Guam's or the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Island's fishing permit programs because there is no comparable collection of information for the fisheries as requested in this submission.

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

All of the vessels in the western Pacific fisheries under the management purview of the WPFMC, including fishermen who harvest bottomfish, crustacean, and precious coral MUS, are small business entities of similar size and are affected comparably. No special measures are needed to accommodate different sized businesses. Only a minimum amount of data needed for permit issuance and consistent with this collection are sought in the permit application process.

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

If the permit application data are not available or are collected less frequently, NMFS will not be able to properly evaluate an application for a bottomfish, crustacean, or precious corals permit issued under the corresponding FMPs. Also, it would be difficult to monitor the fishery and its participants, determine entry and exit patterns, and provide information needed to ensure full impact analysis for the fisheries management programs. Fisheries enforcement agents will not be assured of being able to identify the current participants in each fishery for purposes of compliance monitoring and enforcement of the bottomfish, crustacean, and precious coral regulations. Contact between NMFS and fishermen will be less frequent; NMFS will be unable to consult with permit holders on bottomfish, crustacean, and precious coral fishery-related issues or advise them of regulatory changes.

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

The collection is consistent with the OMB Guidelines.

8. Provide a copy of 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.

During the proposed rule making process, public comment will be solicited on this revised collection to OMB Control No.: 0648-0490, under proposed rules RIN 0648-AT94 and RIN 0648-AT95. Comments will be sought on the proposed information collection on Guam bottomfish large vessel permits, the NMI crustacean and precious coral permits, and the PRIA bottomfish and crustacean permits.

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

No payments or gifts are involved in this program.

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

Under Section 402b of the Magnuson-Stevens Act and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Administrative Order 216-100, information submitted in accordance with regulatory requirements under the Act is confidential. Personal and proprietary information in this collection is not released to the public.

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 of a sensitive nature are asked.

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

Thirteen respondents will be added to the current 187 respondents, bringing the total to 200. The current number of responses per year is 195 for permits. An addition of 13 responses per year will be added, bringing the total to 208.

For 13 vessels x 30 minutes per permit, the annual additional burden will be 6.5 or 7 hours. Including one permit appeal process per year (1 appeal x 2 hours per appeal) brings the total annualized burden from 85 to 94 hours.

Estimate of Permit Burden Hours

	Number of Permits	Hours per Permit	Burden Hours
Guam/Bottomfish	5	0.5	2.5
NMI/Crustaceans	1	0.5	0.5
NMI/Precious Corals	1	0.5	0.5
PRIA/Bottomfish	5	0.5	2.5
PRIA/Crustaceans	1	0.5	0.5
Subtotal	13		6.5
	Number of Appeals	Hours per Appeal	Burden Hours
Permit Appeals	1	2	2
Total			8.5

The total annual cost to respondents for personnel time is estimated at \$180 per year. This was derived by multiplying the number of hours of burden each year (9 hours) times an hourly cost rate of \$20 (estimated rate of a vessel operator or designated agent of a vessel owner).

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).

There is no “start up” capital cost for complying with this requirement. The estimated cost to respondents to mail (i.e., postage) and make file copies of the application form, permit, appeal documents, etc. is \$100 per year.

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

The estimated cost of this collection to the Federal government is about \$70 per permit or appeal

action. This entails reviewing the application/appeal, determining sufficiency of respondents' documents, awarding the permit, coordinating appeal actions, organizing application and appeal-related information, sending out permit renewal timing notices, responding to inquiries, etc. The total Federal cost is estimated at \$910 per year (for 13 permits).

15. Explain the reasons for any program changes or adjustments reported in Items 13 or 14 of the OMB 83-I.

This is a revision to a currently approved information collection (OMB Control No.: 0648-0490).

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

No publication based solely on this collection of information is planned at this time. However, the information contained in the permit application will be analyzed by NMFS to determine eligibility for permit issuance and the need for management changes to conserve bottomfish, crustacean, and precious coral stocks and protect endangered or threatened marine animals and their habitats. These analyses will be included in annual stock assessment and fishery evaluation reports as required under these FMPs. The information from this collection may ultimately be published in scientific journals.

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

The expiration date is displayed.

18. Explain each exception to the certification statement identified in Item 19 of the OMB 83-I.

No exceptions are proposed.

B. COLLECTIONS OF INFORMATION EMPLOYING STATISTICAL METHODS

This collection does not employ statistical methods.

FEDERAL FISHERIES PERMIT APPLICATION FORM
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE
PACIFIC ISLANDS REGION

OMB Control No.: 0648-0490
Expiration Date: 12/31/2006

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Mail or deliver this application to:

NMFS Pacific Islands Regional Office
1601 Kapiolani Blvd., Suite 1110
Honolulu, Hawaii 96814-4700
Tel: (808) 944-2200 Fax: (808) 973-2941

(Check appropriate circle or circles for type of permit application)

1. **LOONGLINE** - Hawaii Limited Entry Permit Application Processing Fee: \$48.00
(Make checks or money orders payable to: Dept. Of Commerce, NOAA)
General Longline Permit (Western Pacific)
Receiving Vessel Permit
Hawaii Closed Area Exemption (see reverse side of this page)
Pacific Remote Island Areas Troll & Handline
2. **LOBSTER** - Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Limited Entry (see reverse side of this page)
Main Hawaiian Islands American Samoa Guam Northern Mariana Islands
Pacific Remote Island Areas (PRIA)
3. **BOTTOMFISH** - Hoomalu Zone: Mau Zone: Mau Zone Application Processing Fee \$65.00
(Submit supplementary info sheet)
Guam Large Vessel Northern Mariana Islands (NMI) Pacific Remote Island Areas
4. **PRECIOUS CORAL** Permit Area: _____

VESSEL NAME: _____ **VESSEL OFFICIAL NUMBER:** _____

VESSEL OWNER: _____
First & Last Name Social Security Number

Privacy Act Statement: Federal Regulations (at 50 CFR Part 660) authorize collection of this information. This information is used to verify the identity of the applicant(s) and to accurately retrieve confidential records related to federal commercial fishery permits. Where the requested information is a Social Security Number, disclosure is mandatory in accordance with the Debt Collection Act (31 U.S.C. 7701).

NAME OF CORPORATION OR PARTNERSHIP THAT OWNS VESSEL: _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS: _____
Street City State Zip Code

EMAIL: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____
Street City State Zip Code

BUSINESS PHONE: (____) _____ **HOME PHONE:** (____) _____ **FAX:** (____) _____

VESSEL CAPTAIN: _____
First & Last Name Social Security Number

CAPTAIN'S MAILING ADDRESS: If same as owner's business address, check here:

Street City State Zip Code

APPLICANT: _____ **DATE:** _____
Print Name & Signature of Vessel Owner

PERMIT TRANSFEROR: _____ **DATE:** _____
Print Name & Signature of Permit Owner Transferring Permit

Permit Number of Transferred Permit: _____

You must submit a copy of the vessel's current U.S. Coast Guard Certificate of Documentation (documented vessel) or registration certificate from state/territorial agency (for undocumented vessel) with this application form.

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Federal Fisheries Application Form - Pacific Islands Region
SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION FOR:

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

VESSEL: _____ **VESSEL OFFICIAL NUMBER:** _____

Basis for Exemption Eligibility (all boxes must be checked to be eligible):

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

Attach document(s) demonstrating exemption eligibility (check as many boxes as may apply):

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

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: _____

******* NORTHWESTERN HAWAIIAN ISLANDS LOBSTER LIMITED ENTRY PERMIT *******

If the application is being submitted on behalf of a partnership or corporation, indicate the names of all the owners and their respective percentage of ownership in the partnership or corporation:

VESSEL: _____ **VESSEL OFFICIAL NUMBER:** _____

Name of Shareholder:	Percent (%) of Ownership	Business Address:
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: _____

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT INFORMATION

Public reporting burden for this collection is estimated as follows: 30 minutes for Hawaii longline limited access permit renewal/transfer, longline general permit initial issuance/renewal, and receiving vessel permit initial issuance/renewal; 120 minutes for main Hawaiian Islands longline fishing prohibited area exemption; 30 minutes for Northwestern Hawaiian Islands crustaceans limited access permit transfer, main Hawaiian Islands, American Samoa, Guam, NMI and PRIA crustacean permits; 30 minutes for Guam bottomfish large vessel and NMI bottomfish permits; 30 minutes for precious coral permit initial/re-issuance (established, conditional, refugia, exploratory areas), Pacific remote island areas troll and handline, bottomfish, and crustacean permits; 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, 1601 Kapiolani Blvd. Suite 1110, Honolulu, Hawaii 96814-4700.

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 660.13). 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.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FOR:

**Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Bottomfish Fishery:
Ho'omalulu Zone Limited Access Permit Application
Mau Zone Limited Access Permit Application**

VESSEL OWNER NAME: _____

VESSEL NAME: _____ OFFICIAL NO: _____

HO'OMALU ZONE PERMIT APPLICATION:

Place a check (✓) mark alongside the criterion which provides the basis for your application.

1. New permit under historic participation or investment criteria

- _____ Owner of vessel which made at least one landing of NWHI bottomfish on or before 8/7/85; if permits are being requested for two or more vessels, documentation must show that each vessel made at least one landing of NWHI bottomfish each year in 1986 and 1987
- _____ Previously non-owner skipper of vessel which landed NWHI bottomfish on or before 8/7/85 and now owner (50% or greater interest) of vessel for bottomfish fishery
- _____ Incurred substantial expenditure, or received written commitment for loan, on or before 8/7/85, to obtain vessel for NWHI bottomfish fishery
- _____ Made an offer on or before 8/7/85 to purchase a vessel for use in the NWHI bottomfish fishery
- _____ Owner of vessel which qualified for Ho'omalulu Zone permit which was voluntarily surrendered by the owner to the Regional Administrator

2. New permit based on eligibility point system

- _____ Owner of 25% or greater interest in a vessel which may qualify on the basis of points earned through landings of bottomfish from the NWHI or main Hawaiian Islands

HO'OMALU ZONE OR MAU ZONE PERMIT APPLICATION

If this permit application is file by a partnership or corporation, indicate the names of all the owners and their respective percentage of ownership of the partnership or corporation.

Name of Owner (Shareholder):	Percent (%) of Ownership:
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Signature of Vessel Owner or Designee: _____

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Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Bottomfish Fishery: Ho'omalulu Zone Limited Access Permit and Mau Zone Limited Access Permit

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT INFORMATION

Public reporting burden for this collection is estimated as follows: 1 hour for initial issuance, renewal, and landing waiver requests for the Hoomalulu and Mau Zones limited access permits; 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 the is burden estimate any other aspects of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to NMFS Pacific Islands Regional Administrator, 1601 Kapiolani Blvd. Suite 1110, Honolulu, Hawaii 96814-4700.

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