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Agency: National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

Title: Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Program Application Cover Sheet.

OMB Control Number 0693–0072.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Request: Revision and extension of a current information collection.

Number of Respondents: 100.

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Needs and Uses: The information collected in the Cover Sheet provides identifying information and demographic data for use in NIST's annual report to the SBA on the program. The technical abstract is used in prevention of fraud, waste, and abuse by providing a method to compare similar applications to other agency SBIR programs. The abstract and potential commercial applications of successful applicants are posted on the agency website.

Affected Public: Applicants to the NIST SBIR Program.

Frequency: Annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority:

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

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function and entering either the title of the collection or the OMB Control Number 0693–0072.

Sheleen Dumas,

Department PRA Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Commerce Department.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648–XA580]

Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; North Pacific Halibut and Sablefish Individual Fishing Quota Cost Recovery Programs

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

ACTION: Notice of standard prices and fee percentage.

SUMMARY: NMFS publishes the individual fishing quota (IFQ) standard prices and fee percentage for cost recovery for the IFQ Program for the halibut and sablefish fisheries of the North Pacific (IFQ Program). The fee percentage for 2020 is 3.0 percent. This action is intended to provide holders of halibut and sablefish IFQ permits with the 2020 standard prices and fee percentage to calculate the required payment for IFQ cost recovery fees due by January 31, 2021.

DATES: The standard prices and fee percentages are valid on December 18, 2020.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Charmaine Weeks, Fee Coordinator, 907–586–7231.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

NMFS Alaska Region administers the IFQ Program in the North Pacific. The IFQ Program is a limited access system authorized by the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act) and the Northern Pacific Halibut Act of 1982. Fishing under the IFQ Program began in March 1995. Regulations implementing the IFQ Program are set forth at 50 CFR part 679.

In 1996, the Magnuson-Stevens Act was amended to, among other purposes, require the Secretary of Commerce to "collect a fee to recover the actual costs directly related to the management and enforcement of any . . . individual quota program." This requirement was further amended in 2006 to include collection of the actual costs of data collection, and to replace the reference to "individual quota program" with a more general reference to "limited access privilege program" at § 304(d)(2)(A). Section 304(d)(2) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act also specifies an upper limit on these fees, when the fees must be collected, and where the fees must be deposited.

On March 20, 2000, NMFS published regulations at § 679.45 implementing cost recovery for the IFQ Program (65 FR 14919). Under the regulations, an IFQ permit holder must pay a cost recovery fee for every pound of IFQ halibut and IFQ sablefish that is landed on their IFQ permit(s). The IFQ permit holder is responsible for self-collecting the fee for all IFQ halibut and IFQ sablefish landings on their permit(s). The IFQ permit holder is also responsible for submitting IFQ fee payment(s) to NMFS on or before the due date of January 31 of the year following the year in which the IFQ landings were made. The total dollar amount of the fee due is determined by multiplying the NMFS published fee percentage by the ex-vessel value of all IFQ landings made on the permit(s) during the IFQ fishing year. As required by § 679.45(d)(1) and (d)(3)(i), NMFS publishes this notice of the fee percentage for the halibut and sablefish IFQ fisheries in the **Federal Register** during or before the last quarter of each year.

Standard Prices

The fee is based on the sum of all payments made to fishermen for the sale of the fish during the year. This includes any retro-payments (*e.g.*, bonuses, delayed partial payments, post-season payments) made to the IFQ permit holder for previously landed IFQ halibut or sablefish.

For purposes of calculating IFQ cost recovery fees, NMFS distinguishes between two types of ex-vessel value: Actual and standard. Actual ex-vessel value is the amount of all compensation, monetary or non-monetary, that an IFQ permit holder received as payment for his or her IFQ fish sold. Standard ex-vessel value is the default value used to calculate the fee. IFQ permit holders have the option of using actual ex-vessel value if they can satisfactorily document it; otherwise, the standard ex-vessel value is used.

Section 679.45(b)(3)(iii) requires the Regional Administrator to publish IFQ standard prices during the last quarter of each calendar year. These standard prices are used, along with estimates of IFQ halibut and IFQ sablefish landings, to calculate standard ex-vessel values. The standard prices are described in U.S. dollars per IFQ equivalent pound for IFQ halibut and IFQ sablefish landings made during the year. According to § 679.2, IFQ equivalent pound(s) means the weight amount, recorded in pounds, and calculated as round weight for sablefish and headed and gutted weight for halibut, for an IFQ landing. The weight of halibut in

pounds landed as guided angler fish is converted to IFQ equivalent pound(s) as specified in § 300.65(c)(5)(ii)(E) of this title. NMFS calculates the standard prices to closely reflect the variations in the actual ex-vessel values of IFQ halibut and IFQ sablefish landings by month and port or port-group. The standard prices for IFQ halibut and IFQ sablefish are listed in the tables that follow the next section. Data from ports are combined as necessary to protect confidentiality.

Fee Percentage

NMFS calculates the fee percentage each year according to the factors and methods described at § 679.45(d)(2). NMFS determines the fee percentage that applies to landings made in the previous year by dividing the total costs directly related to the management, data collection, and enforcement of the IFQ Program (management costs) during the previous year by the total standard ex-vessel value of IFQ halibut and IFQ sablefish landings made during the previous year (fishery value). NMFS

captures the actual management costs associated with certain management, data collection, and enforcement functions through an established accounting system that allows staff to track labor, travel, contracts, rent, and procurement. NMFS calculates the fishery value as described under the section, Standard Prices.

Using the fee percentage formula described above, the estimated percentage of management costs to fishery value for the 2020 calendar year is 4.3 percent of the standard ex-vessel value; however, the fee percentage must not exceed 3.0 percent pursuant to § 304(d)(2)(B) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act. Therefore, the 2020 fee percentage is set at 3.0 percent. An IFQ permit holder is to use the fee percentage of 3.0 percent to calculate his or her fee for IFQ equivalent pound(s) landed during the 2020 halibut and sablefish IFQ fishing season. An IFQ permit holder is responsible for submitting the 2020 IFQ fee payment to NMFS on or before January 31, 2021. Payment must be made in accordance with the payment

methods set forth in § 679.45(a)(4). NMFS no longer accepts credit card information by phone or in-person for fee payments. NMFS has determined that the practice of accepting credit card information by phone or in-person no longer meets agency standards for protection of personal financial information (81 FR 23645, April 22, 2016).

The 2020 fee percentage of 3.0 percent is the same as the 2019 fee percentage of 3.0 percent (84 FR 70153, December 20, 2019). Between 2019 and 2020 there was a net 1.6 percent decrease in management costs; however, the decrease in costs was offset by a 31.3 percent drop in the value of the halibut and sablefish harvests over the same time period. The drop in value was primarily due to low ex-vessel prices in both the sablefish and halibut fisheries in 2020. The drop in value, despite the decrease in management costs, impacted the fee percentage to raise it to its actual value of 4.3 percent. As noted above, however, the fee percentage is capped at 3.0 percent for the IFQ program.

TABLE 1—REGISTERED BUYER STANDARD EX-VESSEL PRICES BY LANDING LOCATION FOR THE 2020 IFQ SEASON ¹

Landing location	Period ending	Halibut standard ex vessel price	Sablefish standard ex vessel price
CORDOVA	March 31		
	April 30		
	May 31		
	June 30	4.16	
	July 31	3.89	
	August 31	2.78	
	September 30	4.12	1.89
	October 31	4.12	1.89
	November 30	4.12	1.89
	HOMER	March 31	
April 30			
May 31		4.2	1.44
June 30		4.46	1.69
July 31		4.57	
August 31		4.38	1.94
September 30		4.21	
October 31		4.21	
30-Nov		4.21	
KETCHIKAN		March 31	
	April 30		
	May 31	3.81	
	June 30	4.07	
	July 31	4.18	
	August 31	4.69	
	September 30	4.8	
	October 31	4.8	
	November 30	4.8	
	KODIAK	March 31	
April 30		3.93	1.39
May 31		3.75	1.31
June 30		3.83	1.57
July 31		4.14	1.35
August 31		4.19	1.73
September 30		4.1	1.57
October 31		4.1	1.57
November 30		4.1	1.57
PETERSBURG		March 31	
	April 30		
	May 31		

TABLE 1—REGISTERED BUYER STANDARD EX-VESSEL PRICES BY LANDING LOCATION FOR THE 2020 IFQ SEASON 1—
Continued

Landing location	Period ending	Halibut standard ex vessel price	Sablefish standard ex vessel price
SEWARD	June 30	3.97 .....	.....
	July 31	4.47 .....	.....
	August 31	4.39 .....	.....
	September 30	4.15 .....	.....
	October 31	4.15 .....	.....
	November 30	4.15 .....	.....

SITKA	March 31 .....	.....	.....
	April 30 .....	.....	.....
	May 31 .....	.....	.....
	June 30 .....	.....	.....
	July 31	4.75	1.63
	August 31	4.37	1.63
	September 30 .....	.....	.....
	October 31 .....	.....	.....
	November 30 .....	.....	.....

YAKUTAT	March 31	3.97 .....	.....
	April 30	3.76	2.06
	May 31	4.03	1.85
	June 30	4.24	2.11
	July 31	4.28	2.24
	August 31 .....	.....	.....
	September 30	4.17	1.92
	October 31	4.17	1.92
	November 30	4.17	1.92

PORT GROUP BERING SEA ²	March 31 .....	.....	.....
	April 30 .....	.....	.....
	May 31 .....	.....	.....
	June 30	4.3 .....	.....
	July 31	4.68 .....	.....
	August 31	4.34 .....	.....
	September 30	4.28 .....	.....
	October 31	4.28 .....	.....
	November 30	4.28 .....	.....

PORT GROUP CENTRAL GOA ³	March 31 .....	.....	.....
	April 30 .....	.....	.....
	May 31	3.41	1.65
	June 30	3.53	1.56
	July 31	3.61 .....	.....
	August 31	3.87	1.93
	September 30	3.88	1.3
	October 31	3.88	1.3
	November 30	3.88	1.3

PORT GROUP SE ALASKA ⁴	March 31	4.16	1.92
	April 30	3.94	2
	May 31	4	2
	June 30	4.23	2.14
	July 31	4.36	1.64
	August 31	4.18	1.76
	September 30	4.13	1.61
	October 31	4.13	1.61
	November 30	4.13	1.61

ALL-ALASKA ⁵	March 31	4.41	2.28
	April 30	3.96	2.02
	May 31	4.03	1.94
	June 30	4.17	2.03
	July 31	4.25	1.97
	August 31	4.44	2.14
	September 30	4.36	2.07
	October 31	4.36	2.07
	November 30	4.36	2.07

ALL ⁵	March 31	4.34	2.16
	April 30	3.92	1.97
	May 31	3.98	1.92
	June 30	4.1	1.98
	July 31	4.19	1.77
	August 31	4.15	1.85
	September 30	4.13	1.8
	October 31	4.13	1.8
	November 30	4.13	1.8

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TABLE 1—REGISTERED BUYER STANDARD EX-VESSEL PRICES BY LANDING LOCATION FOR THE 2020 IFQ SEASON¹—
Continued

Landing location	Period ending	Halibut standard ex vessel price	Sablefish standard ex vessel price
	April 30	3.92	1.97
	May 31	3.98	1.92
	June 30	4.1	1.98
	July 31	4.19	1.77
	August 31	4.15	1.85
	September 30	4.13	1.8
	October 31	4.13	1.8
	November 30	4.13	1.8

¹ Note: In many instances, prices are not shown in order to comply with confidentiality guidelines when there are fewer than three processors operating in a location during a month.

² Landing Locations Within Port Group—Bering Sea: Adak, Akutan, Akutan Bay, Atka, Bristol Bay, Chefornek, Dillingham, Captains Bay, Dutch Harbor, Egegik, Ikatan Bay, Hooper Bay, King Cove, King Salmon, Kipnuk, Mekoryuk, Naknek, Nome, Quinhagak, Savoonga, St. George, St. Lawrence, St. Paul, Togiak, Toksook Bay, Tununak, Beaver Inlet, Ugadaga Bay, Unalaska.

³ Landing Locations Within Port Group—Central Gulf of Alaska: Anchor Point, Anchorage, Alitak, Chignik, Cordova, Eagle River, False Pass, West Anchor Cove, Girdwood, Chinitna Bay, Halibut Cove, Homer, Kasilof, Kenai, Kenai River, Alitak, Kodiak, Port Bailey, Nikiski, Ninilchik, Old Harbor, Palmer, Sand Point, Seldovia, Resurrection Bay, Seward, Valdez, Whittier.

⁴ Landing Locations Within Port Group—Southeast Alaska: Angoon, Baranof Warm Springs, Craig, Edna Bay, Elfin Cove, Excursion Inlet, Gustavus, Haines, Hollis, Hoonah, Hyder, Auke Bay, Douglas, Tee Harbor, Juneau, Kake, Ketchikan, Klawock, Metlakatla, Pelican, Petersburg, Portage Bay, Port Alexander, Port Graham, Port Protection, Point Baker, Sitka, Skagway, Tenakee Springs, Thorne Bay, Wrangell, Yakutat.

⁵ Landing Locations Within Port Group—All: For Alaska: All landing locations included in 2, 3, and 4. For California: Eureka, Fort Bragg, other California. For Oregon: Astoria, Aurora, Lincoln City, Newport, Warrenton, other Oregon. For Washington: Anacortes, Bellevue, Bellingham, Nagai Island, Edmonds, Everett, Granite Falls, Ilwaco, La Conner, Port Angeles, Port Orchard, Port Townsend, Rainier, Fox Island, Mercer Island, Seattle, Standwood, other Washington. For Canada: Port Hardy, Port Edward, Prince Rupert, Vancouver, Haines Junction, other Canada.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: December 14, 2020.

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Kleinschmidt (kris.kleinschmidt@noaa.gov) or contact him at (503) 820-2412 for technical assistance

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Robin Ehlke, Pacific Council; telephone: (503) 820-2426.

(503) 820-2412 at least 10 business days prior to the meeting date.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: December 15, 2020.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648-XA704]

Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting.

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

ACTION: Notice; public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council’s (Pacific Council) will host an online meeting of the Area 2A Pacific halibut governmental management entities, that is open to the public.

DATES: The meeting will be held Monday, January 4, 2021, from 10:30 a.m. until 2 p.m., Pacific Standard Time, or until business for the day has been completed.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held online. Specific meeting information, including directions on how to join the meeting and system requirements will be provided in the meeting announcement on the Pacific Council’s website (see www.pcouncil.org). You may send an email to Mr. Kris

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The primary purpose of the online meeting is to prepare and develop recommendations for the 2021 International Pacific Halibut Commission’s (IPHC) annual meeting held online from January 25 through January 29, 2021. Recommendations generated from the 2A managers meeting will be communicated to the IPHC by the Pacific Council’s representatives. Attendees may also address other topics relating to Pacific halibut management.

Although nonemergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may be discussed, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this document and any issues arising after publication of this document that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

Requests for auxiliary aids should be directed to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt at

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648-XA705]

Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council’s (Pacific Council) Ad Hoc Ecosystem Workgroup (EWG) will hold an online meeting, which is open to the public.

DATES: The online meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 5, 2021, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Pacific Standard Time or until business is completed.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held online. Specific meeting information, including directions on how to join the meeting and system requirements will be provided in the meeting announcement on the Pacific Council’s website (see www.pcouncil.org). You may send an email to Mr. Kris