

- Daily logbooks provide data about the location and timing of fishing effort, as well as discard information of prohibited species. NOAA Office for Law Enforcement (OLE) and the United States Coast Guard (USCG) use logbook information during vessel boardings and site visits to ensure conservation of groundfish, compliance with regulations, and reporting accuracy by the fishing industry. The logbooks are also an important source of information for NMFS to determine where and when fishing activity occurs and the number of sets and hauls.

- Vessel activity reports provide information about fish or fish product on board a vessel when it crosses the boundary of the EEZ off Alaska or crosses the U.S.—Canada international boundary between Alaska and British Columbia. NOAA OLE and USCG boarding officers use this information to audit and separate product inventory when boarding a vessel.

- Check-in/check-out reports provide information on participation by processors and motherships in the groundfish fisheries. The check-in/check-out information is used by NMFS in-season managers to monitor the fishing capacity and effort in fishery allocations and quotas. Additionally, NOAA OLE agents use this information to track commercial business activity and ensure accurate accountability and proper reporting is being performed.

- Product transfer reports provide information on the volume of groundfish disposed of by persons buying it from the harvesters. The product transfer report is an important enforcement document and provides an important check on buyer purchase reports. Information collected on product transfer reports is used by NOAA OLE to verify the accuracy of reported shipments through physical inspections. NOAA OLE uses the product transfer report to monitor movement of product in and out of the processor on a timely basis.

## II. Method of Collection

Paper logbooks are submitted by mail or delivery. The Vessel Activity Report, Product Transfer Report, and Check-in/Check-out Reports are submitted by email or fax.

## III. Data

*OMB Control Number:* 0648–0213.

*Form Number(s):* None.

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

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

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 289.

*Estimated Time per Response:* Catcher Vessel Trawl DFL: 18 minutes; Catcher Vessel Longline/Pot DFL: 35 minutes; Catcher/Processor Longline/Pot DCPL: 50 minutes; Shoreside Processor Check-in/Check-out Report: 5 minutes; Mothership Check-in/Check-out Report: 7 minutes; Product Transfer Report: 20 minutes; Vessel Activity Report: 14 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 13,706 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$5,875 in recordkeeping and reporting costs.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Mandatory.

*Legal Authority:* Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act.

## IV. Request for Comments

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department/Bureau to: (a) Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) Evaluate ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Processed Products Family of Forms

The Department of Commerce will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. We invite the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on July 26, 2023 during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

*Agency:* National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

*Title:* Processed Products Family of Forms.

*OMB Control Number:* 0648–0018.

*Form Number(s):* NOAA Forms 88–13, 88–13C.

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

*Number of Respondents:* 240.

*Average Hours per Response:* 30 minutes per response (0.5 hours).

*Total Annual Burden Hours:* 135.

*Needs and Uses:* This request is for extension of a currently approved information collection. This family of surveys provides necessary information on the seafood processing sector including volume of seafood products produced and their value. This data aids in gauging the industry and provides the basis for economic and scientific analyses.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations.

*Frequency:* Form 88–13—Annual; Form 88–13c—Monthly.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Mandatory for some Federal Permit holders, otherwise voluntary.

*Legal Authority:* Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act.

This information collection request may be viewed at [www.reginfo.gov](http://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](http://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 0648–0018.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; West Coast Groundfish Trawl Economic Data

The Department of Commerce will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. We invite the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public’s reporting burden. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on March 23, 2023 during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

*Agency:* National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

*Title:* West Coast Groundfish Trawl Economic Data.

*OMB Control Number:* 0648–0618.

*Form Number(s):* None.

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

*Number of Respondents:* 361.

*Average Hours per Response:* 8 hours for catcher processors, catcher vessels, and motherships, 1 hour for quota share

permit owners, and 20 hours for first receivers and shore-based processors.

*Total Annual Burden Hours:* 2,236.

*Needs and Uses:* This request is for revision and renewal of a currently approved information collection. This information collection is needed in order to meet the monitoring requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Act (MSA). In particular, the Northwest Fisheries Science Center (NWFSC) needs economic data on all harvesters, quota share permit owners, first receivers, shore-based processors, catcher processors, and motherships participating in the West Coast groundfish trawl fishery. Data will be collected from all catcher vessels registered to a limited entry trawl endorsed permit, quota share permit owners, catcher processors registered to catcher processor permits, motherships registered to mothership permits, first receivers, and shore based processors that received round or head-and-gutted IFQ groundfish or whiting from a first receiver to provide the necessary information for analyzing the effects of the West Coast Groundfish Trawl Catch Share Program.

Changes are being proposed to three forms: the quota share owner form, the first receiver and shore-based processor form, and the catcher vessel form. Two changes are proposed for the quota share owner form. First, the question “Is this permit owned solely by a non-profit?” will be removed from the survey as it was determined that sufficient information is available from other sources to make this question redundant. The second proposed change is to replace the survey’s third question with a series of shorter questions guiding the participant to provide the correct information. This change will clarify which information should be reported for each type of respondent and will reduce the need for lengthy instructions section describing how the participant should answer. The series of questions are:

A. “Which types of quota transactions were associated with QSXXXX in 20XX? Check all that apply” This question helps the participant determine whether any earnings need to be reported on the survey. If appropriate categories are checked, they will be asked question B.

B. “How much did this quota share account earn from leasing quota in year 20XX?” Participants will answer this question with a dollar amount. To ensure there is no duplicate reporting, participants will be asked question C:

C. “Did you record any earnings from 20XX quota leasing on an EDC form?” If participants answer “No,” they will be prompted to affirm that their

response to question B was correct and submit the survey. If they answer “Yes,” they will be asked to respond to question D.

D. “How much in quota lease earnings did you record on your EDC form(s)? Participants will answer with a numerical value and proceed to question E.

E. “Please confirm your total quota lease earnings in 20XX was ‘Response to question B + ‘Response to question D.’ After confirming, participants will then submit the survey.

We anticipate no additional burden with this change because the new structure of the survey will generate fewer incorrect responses and survey administrators will no longer need to contact participants outside of the survey to confirm that they did not provide duplicate responses across survey forms.

First receiver and shore-based processor form changes are more extensive. The purpose of the changes is fivefold: remove requests for information that are not used in development of a Pacific Fishery Management Council Fishery Management Plan, consolidate questions where additional detail is no longer required, clarify handling of intercompany transfers and inventory, collect more accurate information about hourly wages, obtain information about services provided by first receivers to vessels.

First, we propose a complete removal of Question 18: “Provide the following information about the landing origin of groundfish received at this facility.” Throughout the eleven years of the program, these data have not been used in the Council process and we do not anticipate using this information in the future.

Second, we propose consolidating the fishery-level detail requests from Question 19: “Fish Received. In the table below provide the weight and cost of fish received.” For groundfish species, the existing form requests weight not paid for, weight paid for, and cost of fish by species group for three fisheries (LE Trawl, LE Fixed Gear, and Other) as well as Non-vessel sources. In the revised form, the table will be consolidated to only request Vessel sources and Non-vessel sources. This will be a net reduction of 72 data entry cells on the form (12 species groups × removal of 2 fisheries × 3 fields). We will no longer request this information because fishery-detail information can be obtained from other sources.

Third, we propose revising how intercompany transfers and inventory are reported on the form. Similar to the