

**SUPPORTING STATEMENT  
PACIFIC ALBACORE LOGBOOK  
OMB CONTROL NO.: 0648-0223**

**B. COLLECTION 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.**

The respondent universe consists of all U.S. participants in the Pacific albacore fishery. Responses can vary from year to year, based on the success of the fishery and associated fisheries. Since 2005, the response rate is close to 100% due to the requirements of the HMS FMP.

**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.**

All participants obtaining permits must submit logbooks as a requirement of the permit. Statistical procedures are therefore not used. Coverage is 100%.

**3. Describe the methods used to maximize response rates and to deal with nonresponse. 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.**

If respondents do not return a logbook, they are contacted by the Regional Office for enforcement action. Continued non-response will result in the revoking of the permit. Data are checked for accuracy and returned to the respondent for corrections. Failure to submit correct information can also result in the revoking of the permit.

**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.**

WFOA and its members recommend changes in the logbook collection as part of their annual meeting. These recommendations are forwarded to NMFS. NMFS does not conduct tests with the respondents but reviews the collection methods annually in-house.

**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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