

**JUSTIFICATION FOR CHANGE
PACIFIC ISLANDS REGION PERMIT FAMILY OF FORMS
OMB CONTROL NO. 0648-0490**

The check boxes for applying for lobster permits on the Western Pacific (WP) Federal Fisheries Permit application form under OMB Control No. 0648-0490 were removed because the recently approved Western Pacific Crustacean Permit application form under Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Control No. 0648-0586 replaces the 0648-0490 form for those fisheries. No new fields for collection were added to the WP Federal Fisheries Permit application form.

Explanatory text was added to this form, directing applicants to the appropriate forms for Western Pacific Crustacean or Northern Mariana Islands Bottomfish permits (OMB Control No. 0648-0584).

The burden for completing the WP Federal Fisheries Permit application form will not change. The burden for crustacean and bottomfish permits has already been accounted for under OMB Control No. 0648-0586 and 0648-0584, respectively.