



## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMISSION OF INTENT TO SEEK AUTHORIZATION FOR U.S. PURSE SEINE VESSEL TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WESTERN AND CENTRAL PACIFIC OCEAN PURSE SEINE FISHERY**

For any individual or company that plans or intends to seek authorization for a purse seine vessel more than 24 meters in length with freezing capacity to participate in the western and central Pacific Ocean (WCPO) purse seine fishery (and that is not currently authorized to participate in the fishery), the below requested information should be submitted to the NMFS Pacific Island's Regional Administrator by either of the following methods:

- **Electronic Mail:** Submit written information via email to: [email address]
- **Mail:** Submit written information by mail to: Michael D. Tosatto, Regional Administrator, NMFS, Pacific Islands Regional Office (PIRO), 1845 Wasp Blvd., Building 176, Honolulu, HI 96816

The following information should be submitted:

- (1) Whether the vessel is already built, under construction, or not yet under construction;
- (2) If not yet under construction, whether an agreement has been reached with a builder concerning its construction, and if so, the date of the agreement;
- (3) The name of the vessel, if known;
- (4) The U.S. Coast Guard Certificate of Documentation number of the vessel, if assigned;
- (5) The international radio call sign of the vessel, if assigned;
- (6) The vessel's length, if known;
- (7) The approximate date of fishing authorization that will be sought, if known;
- (8) The name and contact information of the individual or company most likely to seek authorization for the vessel to participate in the WCPO purse seine fishery; and
- (9) The name(s) of currently authorized purse seine vessel(s) that that person or company intends to remove from the WCPO purse seine fishery coincident with the entry of the subject vessel, if any.

Responses for a plan or intent for a prospective purse seine vessel should be submitted in writing by **[insert date 30 days after date of publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

Please do not submit information of a confidential nature, such as sensitive personal information or proprietary information, as all submitted information will be made publicly available.

For further detail on this information request, see the Federal Register Notice **[insert link to FR Notice]**.