**SURVEY**

**WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THE**

**ALASKA PACIFIC HALIBUT FISHERIES: CHARTER PERMITS COLLECTION?**

**OMB Control No. 0648-0592**

December, 2014

When renewing an Office of Management and Budget (OMB) information collection, NMFS Alaska Region is required to ask for comments from non-agency stakeholders and participants in each collection of information -- with the goal of minimizing burden. The Halibut Charter Permits collection is described at <http://www.alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/notice/79fr44161.pdf>.

OMB requires NMFS to ask participants for comments on:

 ♦ Availability of data

 ♦ Frequency of collection

 ♦ Clarity of instructions and record keeping

 ♦ Disclosure

 ♦ Reporting format

 ♦ Data elements to be recorded, disclosed, or reported, and

 ♦ Accuracy of estimated burden.

As a participant in the Alaska Halibut Charter Permits Program identified as OMB Control Number 0648-0592, please take a moment to answer the following questions. The comments you provide will help NMFS improve this collection of information. Please e-mail your responses to me at patsy.bearden@noaa.gov by **January 6, 2015**.

Thank you in advance. If you have questions or need additional information, please call me at 907-586-7008.

Respectfully,

Patsy A. Bearden

Sustainable Fisheries Division

NMFS Alaska Region

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Respond to questions resulting in **YES** or **NO** or **NO COMMENT** with an “X” in the appropriate column. Please explain your comment in the space provided. If you do not use an item, check **NOT APPLICABLE**, **N/A.**

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| **OMB 0648-0592 – Expiration Date 01/31/2015 Check if N/A [ ]**[**Application for Transfer of a Charter Halibut Permit**](http://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/ram/charter/transfer_app.pdf) |
|  | YES  | NO  | COMMENTS | No Comment  |
| 1. Is the data requested easily available?  |   |  |  |  |
| 2. Is this process easy to understand and to apply for? |  |  |  |  |
| 3. We estimate it takes 2 hours for your office personnel to complete this application. Is this time accurate and reasonable? |   |  |  |  |
| 4. We estimate that personnel costs to complete and submit the application are $37/hour. Is this cost accurate and reasonable? |  |  |  |  |
| 5. Does someone other than your office personnel complete the application?  |  |   |  |  |
| 6. We estimate that miscellaneous costs include $6 to notarize and submit by mail and $1 to copy the application. Do you agree?  |  |  |  |  |
| 7. Do you agree with the frequency of collection, which is as needed? |  |  |  |  |
| 8. Are the instructions for completion of the application clear? |  |  |  |  |
| 9. Do you agree with the reporting format, which is a form?  |  |  |  |  |
| 10. Are the required data elements reasonable and necessary? |  |  |  |  |
| 11. Do you believe that this application has practical utility? |  |  |  |  |
| 12. Do you have suggestions to enhance the quality and clarity of the information to be collected?  |  |  |  |  |
| 13. Do you have suggestions to minimize the burden of completing this application?  |  |  |  |  |
| 14. Please provide any additional comments on any aspect of the Halibut Charter Program. |  |  |  |  |

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| **OMB 0648-0592 – Expiration Date 01/31/2015 Check if N/A [ ]**[**Application for a Military Charter Halibut Permit**](http://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/ram/charter/military_permitapp.pdf) |
|  | YES  | NO  | COMMENTS | No Comment  |
| 1. Is the data requested easily available?  |   |  |  |  |
| 2. Is this process easy to understand and to apply for? |  |  |  |  |
| 3. We estimate it takes 1 hour for your office personnel to complete this application. Is this time accurate and reasonable? |   |  |  |  |
| 4. We estimate that personnel costs to complete and submit the application are $37/hour. Is this cost accurate and reasonable? |  |  |  |  |
| 5. Does someone other than your office personnel complete the application?  |  |   |  |  |
| 6. We estimate that miscellaneous costs include $6 to submit by mail or fax and $1 to copy the application. Do you agree?  |  |  |  |  |
| 7. Do you agree with the frequency of collection, which is as needed? |  |  |  |  |
| 8. Are the instructions for completion of the application clear? |  |  |  |  |
| 9. Do you agree with the reporting format, which is a form?  |  |  |  |  |
| 10. Are the required data elements reasonable and necessary? |  |  |  |  |
| 11. Do you believe that this application has practical utility? |  |  |  |  |
| 12. Do you have suggestions to enhance the quality and clarity of the information to be collected?  |  |  |  |  |
| 13. Do you have suggestions to minimize the burden of completing this application?  |  |  |  |  |
| 14. Please provide any additional comments on any aspect of the Halibut Charter Program. |  |  |  |  |

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| **OMB 0648-0592 – Expiration Date 01/31/2015 Check if N/A [ ]**[**Application for Transfer (Lease) between Individual Fishing Quota(IFQ) and Guided Angler Fish (GAF)**](http://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/ram/charter/transferifqgaf.pdf) |
|  | YES  | NO  | COMMENTS | No Comment  |
| 1. Is the data requested easily available?  |   |  |  |  |
| 2. Is this process easy to understand and to apply for? |  |  |  |  |
| 3. We estimate it takes 90 minutes for your office personnel to complete this application. Is this time accurate and reasonable? |   |  |  |  |
| 4. We estimate that personnel costs to complete and submit the application are $37/hour. Is this cost accurate and reasonable? |  |  |  |  |
| 5. Does someone other than your office personnel complete the application?  |  |   |  |  |
| 6. We estimate that miscellaneous costs include $7 to submit by mail or fax and $1 to copy the application. Do you agree?  |  |  |  |  |
| 7. Do you agree with the frequency of collection, which is as needed? |  |  |  |  |
| 8. Are the instructions for completion of the application clear? |  |  |  |  |
| 9. Do you agree with the reporting format, which is a form?  |  |  |  |  |
| 10. Are the required data elements reasonable and necessary? |  |  |  |  |
| 11. Do you believe that this application has practical utility? |  |  |  |  |
| 12. Do you have suggestions to enhance the quality and clarity of the information to be collected?  |  |  |  |  |
| 13. Do you have suggestions to minimize the burden of completing this application?  |  |  |  |  |
| 14. Please provide any additional comments on any aspect of the Halibut Charter Program. |  |  |  |  |