

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

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**.

OMB 0648-0592 – Expiration Date 01/31/2015			Check if N/A []	
<u>Application for Transfer of a Charter Halibut Permit</u>				
	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.				

Application for a Military Charter Halibut Permit

	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.				

Application for Transfer (Lease) between Individual Fishing Quota(IFQ) and Guided Angler Fish (GAF)

	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.				