



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
 NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC  
 ADMINISTRATION NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE  
 PERMITS OFFICE  
 501 WEST OCEAN BLVD, SUITE 4200  
 LONG BEACH, CA 90802

OMB#: 0648-0204  
 APPROVAL EXPIRES: xx/xx/xxxx

**Permit Application Fee: \$30**

**Pacific Highly Migratory Species  
 Vessel Permit Application**

**SECTION 1 VESSEL INFORMATION (please print legibly or type)**

USCG DOC. OR STATE REGISTRATION NUMBER		VESSEL NAME		
HOME PORT AND STATE		USCG DOCUMENTED HAIL PORT AND STATE		
RADIO CALL SIGN		DOES THIS VESSEL HAVE AN OPERATIONAL VMS? YES _____ NO _____		
REGISTERED LENGTH (FT.)	REGISTERED BREADTH (FT.)	REGISTERED DEPTH (FT.)	GROSS TONS	NET TONS
HOLD CAPACITY (SHORT TONS, 1 ST=2,000 LBs)		REFRIGERATION TYPE ICE _____ BRINE _____ SPRAY BRINE _____ BLOWER/BLAST _____ OTHER _____		
PROPULSION TYPE GAS _____ DIESEL _____ OTHER _____		HORSEPOWER		HULL MATERIAL
YEAR BUILT	LOCATION BUILT		CREW SIZE (INCLUDING OFFICERS)	
PREVIOUS VESSEL NAMES		VESSEL FLAG	EFFECTIVE DATES	

**SECTION 2 SELECT THE TYPE OF GEAR TO BE AUTHORIZED BY THE HMS PERMIT**

COMMERCIAL:		RECREATIONAL:	
<input type="checkbox"/> HARPOON	<input type="checkbox"/> PURSE SEINE	CHARTER VESSEL	
<input type="checkbox"/> TROLL/JIG	<input type="checkbox"/> BAITBOAT	PASSENGER CAPACITY _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> DRIFT GILLNET	<input type="checkbox"/> LONGLINE		

**SECTION 3 VESSEL OWNERSHIP INFORMATION**

PERMIT HOLDER and/or COMPANY NAME		DATE CORPORATION FILED	SSN/EIN
BUSINESS ADDRESS		CITY	STATE ZIP
BUSINESS TELEPHONE	BUSINESS FAX	BUSINESS CELL PHONE	BUSINESS E-MAIL
MANAGING OWNER NAME LAST	FIRST	MIDDLE	SUFFIX DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH/DAY/YEAR)
SECOND OWNER NAME LAST	FIRST	MIDDLE	SUFFIX DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH/DAY/YEAR)
THIRD OWNER NAME LAST	FIRST	MIDDLE	SUFFIX DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH/DAY/YEAR)

IS EACH HOLDER OF THIS PERMIT A U.S. CITIZEN (INCLUDING ALL MEMBERS OF AN ASSOCIATION OR JOINT VENTURE)? IF THE VESSEL IS OWNED BY A TRUST, PARTNERSHIP, OR CORPORATION, THE PERMIT HOLDER IS AN "ELIGIBLE OWNER" AS DESCRIBED ON PAGE TWO OF THIS FORM.  
 YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION 4 COLOR PHOTOGRAPH OF VESSEL (Select one delivery method)**

ELECTRONIC PHOTOGRAPH EMAILED SEPERATELY TO WCR.PERMITS@NOAA.GOV  PAPER PHOTOGRAPH ENCLOSED WITH THIS APPLICATION

**SECTION 5 SIGNATURE (All applications must be signed and dated)**

I certify that the above information is complete, true, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

OWNER'S SIGNATURE:	NAME: (Print legibly or type)	DATE:
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**General** - This information is being collected by the National Marine Fisheries Service to ensure that timely and accurate records are available concerning the fishing vessels of the U.S. that participate in Pacific Ocean fisheries for highly migratory species, consistent with the requirements of the Fishery Management Plan for U.S. West Coast Fisheries for Highly Migratory Species. The collection of information concerning U.S. fishing vessels harvesting tuna in the eastern Pacific Ocean is also necessary for the U.S. to comply with its obligations as a member of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission.

This permit is required for commercial fishing vessels and recreational charter vessels that harvest any of the species that are included in the FMP. They are: Billfish/Swordfish: striped marlin (*Tetrapturus audax*), swordfish (*Xiphias gladius*); Sharks: common thresher shark (*Alopias vulpinus*), shortfin mako or bonito shark (*Isurus oxyrinchus*), blue shark (*Prionace glauca*); Tunas: north Pacific albacore (*Thunnus alalunga*), yellowfin tuna (*Thunnus albacares*), bigeye tuna (*Thunnus obesus*), skipjack tuna (*Katsuwonus pelamis*), northern bluefin tuna (*Thunnus orientalis*); and dorado or dolphinfish (*Coryphaena hippurus*).

**Eligible Owner** – The following vessel owners are eligible to hold a Pacific HMS Permit:

- (1) An individual who is a citizen of the United States.
- (2) An association, trust, joint venture, or other entity if— (A) each of its members is a citizen of the United States; and (B) it is capable of holding title to a vessel under the laws of the United States or a State.
- (3) A partnership if— (A) each general partner is a citizen of the United States; and (B) the controlling interest in the partnership is owned by citizens of the United States.
- (4) A corporation if— (A) it is incorporated under the laws of the United States or a State; (B) its chief executive officer, by whatever title, and the chairman of its board of directors are citizens of the United States; and (C) no more of its directors are noncitizens than a minority of the number necessary to constitute a quorum.
- (5) The United States Government.
- (6) The government of a State.

### **Instructions**

**Section 1** - Enter vessel information as it appears on the Coast Guard documentation or, if the vessel is not Coast Guard documented, as it appears on the state registration certificate, vessel tonnage certificate and/or marine survey.

Home Port - Enter the city and state where the vessel is customarily kept, not necessarily the home port listed on the certificate of documentation.

Hail Port - Enter the city and state listed on the certificate of documentation

Radio Call Sign - If your vessel has no radio, leave blank

Operational VMS - Global positioning system using satellites to track vessel movements. Required for commercial vessels greater than 24 m (78.74 ft).

Provide all other information required to the best of your ability.

**Section 2** - For commercial fishing vessels, mark only gears that the vessel will use to harvest highly migratory species. Indicate only whether a recreational vessel is a charter or commercial passenger fishing vessel (CPFV). It is not necessary to list any gear for recreational vessels. Some gears subject to additional requirements prior to approved endorsement.

**Section 3** - Each holder of this permit, individual and company, must be a U.S. Citizen.

Enter an Employer Identification Number (EIN) if you have one, and the vessel owners' Social Security Number(s). The owner's date of birth will be used as an additional identifier and to establish the two-year renewal date for the permit. Enter the month, day, and year. Contact information for all owners of the vessel is required.

**Section 4** - Photograph of vessel. Provide a photograph of the vessel in its current form and appearance with identifying markings visible. Indicate whether an electronic or paper photograph is being provided. Photographs can be emailed to [wcr.permits@noaa.gov](mailto:wcr.permits@noaa.gov). Include vessel name and Coast Guard Doc / State Registration number in the subject line.

**Privacy Act Statement:** Federal Regulations (at 50 CFR Part 660) authorize collection of this information. This information is used to verify the identity of the applicant(s) and to accurately retrieve confidential records related to federal commercial fishery permits. Where the requested information is a Social Security Number, disclosure is mandatory in accordance with the Debt Collection Act (31 U.S.C. 7701).

**Your Social Security Number (SSN)** is confidential and is protected under the Privacy Act. Disclosure of your SSN is mandatory. The primary purpose for requiring the SSN and EIN is to verify the identity of individuals/entities doing business with the government as required by the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-134).

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**Permit application fee: \$30.00 payable to "US Department of Commerce - NOAA**  
**Please write your vessel number and name in the memo section of your check.**  
**Mail to: Permits Office, 501 W Oceans Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802**