

Economic Data Collection (FRAM Division) National Marine Fisheries Service Northwest Fisheries Science Center 2725 Montlake Blvd East

# **Privacy Act Statement**

The Department of Commerce Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) requires that forms used to collect Business Identifiable Information (BII) be notified of their protections under the Privacy Act.

## **Authority to Collect**

All participants of the West Coast Groundfish Trawl Fishery must complete an annual Economic Data Collection (EDC) form as required by the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (50 CFR 660.114).

#### Purpose

The web-based system contains the EDC forms required to be submitted by regulation 50 CFR 660.114. Fishery participants use the system to submit EDC forms. The information is used for economic analysis of the West Coast Groundfish Trawl Fishery.

### **Routine Uses**

The data submitted are confidential under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act and NOAA Administrative Order 216-100. Disclosure of this information is permitted under the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. Section 552a), to be shared within NMFS offices, for use in economic analysis of the West Coast Groundfish Trawl Fishery. Disclosure of this information is also subject to all of the published routine uses as identified in and managed as identified in the Privacy Act System of Records Notice COMMERCE/NOAA-23. The individual level data will only be studied by NMFS employees or their contractors.

#### Disclosure

Furnishing this information is mandatory. Failure to provide accurate information may prevent renewal of limited entry trawl permits or first receiver site licenses, changes in vessel registration, and/or participation in the West Coast Groundfish Trawl Fishery; or result in a violation of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act or regulations promulgated under the Act.