### JUSTIFICATION FOR CHANGE

### WEST COAST REGION

**ELECTRONIC FISH TICKET PROGRAM**

**OMB CONTROL NO. 0648-0738**

**INTRODUCTION**

This is a change request to merge the Electronic Fish Ticket information from OMB Control Number 0648-0619 with the information collection known as the West Coast Region Groundfish Electronic Fish Ticket Program (OMB Control Number 0648-0738). This will allow all electronic fish ticket collections to be under one information collection.

Electronic fish tickets are submissions of landings data from the first receiver to NMFS. Electronic fish tickets are required in all of the shorebased commercial groundfish fisheries, including the shorebased Individual Fishing Quota program, the limited entry fixed gear fishery, and the open access fixed gear fishery.

Table A and Table B summarize the information that will now be collected in OMB Control Number 0648-0738 instead of OMB Control Number 0648-0619. There is no change to burden in what is being transferred. However, the email cost of 5.36 per response has been eliminated to match the $0 email transmission cost in OMB Control No. 0648-0738. See below and next page for revised totals.

Table A. Total Annual Burden Hours, Labor, and Related Costs

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|  | **Number of respondents** | **Frequency of annual responses per entity** | **Total annual responses** | **Estimated hours per response** | **Total annual burden hours** | **Total labor cost ($25/hr)** |
| Electronic fish tickets/  First receivers submissions | 45 | Variable | 2400 | 10 min. | 400 hrs | $10,000 |
| Electronic fish tickets/  First receivers Pacific whiting disposition recordkeeping | 9 of 45 | 26 | 234 | 1 min. | 4 hrs | $100 |
| **TOTALS** |  |  | **2634** |  | **404 hrs.** | **$10,100** |

Table B. Total Annual Miscellaneous Costs

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|  | **Total Annual Responses** | **Misc. costs per response** | **Total Misc. costs for all respondents** |
| Electronic fish tickets and whiting disposition recordkeeping  Sent via email | 2,634 | $0 | $0 |

This change adds 45 first receivers to the current 100 respondents, now totaling 145. Adding 2,634 responses to the current 4,850 responses will change the total to 7,484. Adding 404 hours to the current 666, will change the total to 1,070.

$14,100 was eliminated to match efishticket costs of $0 in OMB Control No. 0648-0738.