



**Instructions** - To make changes, cross out the existing information and write-in necessary changes. Verify that vessel information is 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, or marine survey. To make changes, cross out the existing information and write-in necessary changes. Sign and date this renewal form to verify that all information is complete, true, and correct to the best of your knowledge and belief.

**New vessels must complete a NEW Highly Migratory Species permit application form.**

**Online Renewals:** To renew online, visit <http://fisheriespermits.noaa.gov>. Instructions can be found at: [http://www.westcoast.fisheries.noaa.gov/fisheries/migratory\\_species/pacific\\_hms\\_pemits.html](http://www.westcoast.fisheries.noaa.gov/fisheries/migratory_species/pacific_hms_pemits.html)

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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*).

**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).

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