## **Privacy Act Statement**

**Authority:** The collection of this information is authorized under the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Convention Implementation Act (WCPFCIA; 16 U.S.C. 6901 et seq.).

**Purpose:** In order to fulfill obligations under the WCPFCIA, the NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) requires the submission of information for NMFS and the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (Commission) to monitor discards of the U.S. purse seine vessels fishing for highly migratory species in the Commission's area of competence for compliance-related and scientific purposes.

**Routine Uses:** The Department will use this information to collect information on discards. Disclosure of this information is permitted under the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. Section 552a), to be shared within NMFS offices, in order to coordinate monitoring and management of sustainability of fisheries and protected resources, as well as with the applicable State or Regional Marine Fisheries Commissions and International Organizations. Disclosure of this information is also subject to all of the published routine uses as identified in the Privacy Act System of Records Notice <u>COMMERCE/NOAA-6</u>, Fishermen's Statistical Data.

**Disclosure:** Furnishing this information is mandatory.