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NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE  
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**PERMIT APPLICATION FEE: \$**

## PACIFIC HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES VESSEL PERMIT APPLICATION

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### SECTION 1 VESSEL INFORMATION

US COAST GUARD DOC OR STATE REG. NUMBER		VESSEL NAME		
HOME PORT AND STATE		HAIL PORT AND STATE		
RADIO CALL SIGN		DOES THIS VESSEL HAVE A VMS? (REQUIRED FOR VESSELS GREATER THAN 24M) YES      NO		
REGISTERED LENGTH (FT)	REGISTERED BREADTH (FT)	REGISTERED DEPTH (FT)	GROSS TONS	NET TONS
HOLD CAPACITY (SHORT TONS; 1 ST = 2000 LBS)	REFRIGERATION TYPE ICE      BRINE      SPRAY BRINE      BLOWER/BLAST      OTHER _____			
PROPULSION TYPE GAS      DIESEL      OTHER	HORSEPOWER	HULL MATERIAL	CREW SIZE	
YEAR BUILT	LOCATION BUILT (CITY, STATE)			
PREVIOUS VESSEL NAMES, VESSEL FLAGS, EFFECTIVE DATES				

### SECTION 2 GEAR TYPE TO BE AUTHORIZED BY THIS PERMIT

RECREATIONAL CHARTER VESSEL	PASSENGER CAPACITY: _____
COMMERCIAL: SELECT THE GEAR TYPES THE VESSEL WILL BE USING ( <i>Some gear types may have additional requirements</i> )	
TROLL / JIG	BAIT BOAT      HARPOON      DRIFT GILLNET      DEEP-SET LONGLINE      PURSE SEINE

### SECTION 3 VESSEL OWNERSHIP INFORMATION

PERMIT HOLDER / BUSINESS NAME			DATE CORPORATION FILED	
BUSINESS ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE				
TELEPHONE	FAX	CELL PHONE	EMAIL	
MANAGING OWNER LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE	SUFFIX	DATE OF BIRTH
SECOND OWNER LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE	SUFFIX	DATE OF BIRTH
THRID OWNER LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE	SUFFIX	DATE OF BIRTH

### SECTION 4 ELIGIBILITY

IS EACH HOLDER OF THIS PERMIT A U.S. CITIZEN (INCLUDING ALL MEMBERS OF AN ASSOCIATION OR JOINT VENTURE)? YES      NO
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### SECTION 5 SIGNATURE

I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS COMPLETE, TRUE, AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ NAME (PRINTED) \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**Permit application fee: \$ .00 payable to “US Department of Commerce – NOAA**

*Please write your vessel name and Coast Guard/State Registration number in the memo section of your check.*

**Mail to: Permits Office, 501 W Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802**

**General** – This information is being collected by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) 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 (HMS). This collection of information concerning U.S. fishing vessels harvesting tuna in the eastern Pacific Ocean (EPO) is also necessary for the U.S. to comply with its obligations as a member of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC).

This permit is required for commercial fishing vessels and recreational charter vessels that harvest any of the species that are included in the HMS Fisheries Management Plan. They are: striped marlin (*Tetrapturus audax*), swordfish (*Xiphias gladius*), common treshers shark (*Alopias vulpinus*), shortfin mako or bonito shark (*Isurus oxyrinchus*), blue shark (*Prionace glauca*), 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*).

**Instructions**

**Section 1- Vessel Information.** Enter vessel information as it appears on the Coast Guard documentation, or if the vessel is not documented, as it appears on the state registration, vessel tonnage certificate, and/or marine survey. Provide all other information required to the best of your ability.

**Home Port:** City and state where the vessel is customarily kept, not necessarily the home port list on the certificate of documentation.

**Radio Call Sign** – Leave blank if your vessel does not have one.

**Operational Vessel Monitoring System (VMS)** – Required for vessels fishing in the high seas (outside 200 nm) and commercial vessels greater than 24 m (78.74 ft.). Contact the permits office at [wcr-permits@noaa.gov](mailto:wcr-permits@noaa.gov) for more information.

**Section 2 – Gear Endorsements.** For commercial fishing vessels, mark only gears that the vessel will use to harvest HMS. Some gears are subject to additional requirements prior to approved endorsements. It is not necessary to list any gear for recreational charter or commercial passenger fishing vessels (CPFV).

**Section 3 – Vessel ownership.** Enter the owner's date of birth. The owner's date of birth will be used as an additional identifier and to establish the two-year renewal date for the permit. Contact information for the vessel owner is required.

**Section 4 – Eligibility.** 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.

**Application Processing Fee** – Include a check or money order payable to “US Department of Commerce – NOAA.” Cash is not accepted. To pay by credit card, apply online at <http://fisheriespermits.noaa.gov>.

**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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