

### Information Collection Under the South Pacific Tuna Act

This collection of information is required under regulations at 50 CFR 300, Subpart D. These regulations are issued under authority of the South Pacific Tuna Act of 1988 (SPTA), which implements the Treaty on Fisheries Between the Governments of Certain Pacific Island States and the Government of the United States of America (Treaty). Under these regulations, operators of U.S. purse seine vessels seeking licenses under the Treaty are required to submit completed license application forms (and optionally, expressions of interest in such licenses) and FFA Vessel Register applications/VMS registration forms (50 CFR 300.32). Operators of U.S. purse seine vessels licensed under the Treaty are required to submit completed catch report forms and unloading logsheets (50 CFR 300.34).

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average: (a) for the optional expressions of interest in vessel licenses, 15 minutes per response for license renewals and 120 minutes per response for initial licenses; (b) for the license application forms, 60 minutes per response; (c) for the FFA Regional Register applications/VMS registration forms, 45 minutes per response; (d) for the catch report forms, 60 minutes per response; and (e) for the unloading logsheet, 30 minutes per response. These estimates include time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other suggestions for reducing this burden to: Regional Administrator, NMFS, Pacific Islands Regional Office, 1845 Wasp Blvd., Bldg 176, Honolulu, Hawaii 96818

This information is collected by NMFS and transmitted to the Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA) pursuant to the Treaty and the SPTA. Confidentiality of the information collected in the catch report forms and the unloading logsheets is maintained by NMFS pursuant to section 973j of the SPTA, and is treated in accordance with NOAA Administrative Order 216-100, Protection of Confidential Fisheries Statistics. However, NOAA and NMFS have no direct control over the confidentiality policies and practices of the FFA, so once the information is transmitted to the FFA, NMFS and NOAA cannot provide any assurance of confidentiality.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of the law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subjected to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB Control Number.

This collection of information has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under control number 0648-0218.

### 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) and the South Pacific Tuna Act of 1988 (16 U.S.C. 973g and 973j).

**Purpose:** In order to fulfill obligations under the South Pacific Tuna Act of 1988, the NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) requires the submission of an unloading logsheet by U.S. purse seine vessel owners and operators operating in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean.

**Routine Uses:** The Department will use this information to determine permit eligibility and to identify fishery participants. 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, NOAA-6, Fishermen's Statistical Data.

**Disclosure:** Furnishing this information is mandatory under 50 CFR 300.34.





## **Regional Purse-Seine Logsheet (RPL): Supplemental Instructions**

### **Whale Shark Encirclement Reporting**

Pursuant to regulations implementing decisions of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission and the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission, in the event that one or more whale sharks are encircled by purse seine fishing operations, the following information must be recorded on the Regional Purse-Seine Logsheet (RPL) (see 50 CFR 300.218). This information must be recorded for *each set* in which an encirclement occurs:

1. The number of whale sharks encircled in the set:
  - Enter the information regarding the set in which the whale shark interaction occurred as you would for any other set
  - In the fields for DISCARDS, enter “whale shark” or “RHN” under ”Name” and enter the number of individuals that were encircled under “Number”
  
2. A brief description of any conditions or circumstances that might have led to the encirclement:
  - On the blank line(s) directly below the line of information for that set, enter a brief description of any conditions or circumstances
  - *E-Log*: Add a comment for the set and enter the description
  
3. A brief description of the steps taken to ensure the safe release of the whale shark(s):
  - On the same line(s) used for the information in element 2, enter the steps taken to ensure the safe release of the whale shark(s)
  - *For E-Log*: Enter the steps taken to ensure the safe release of the whale shark(s) in the same comments section used for the information in element 2
  
4. Whether each of the animals was alive or dead upon release, to the best of your knowledge:
  - On the same line(s) used for the information in elements 2 and 3, enter an indication of whether the animal was alive or dead upon release
  - *For E-Log*: Enter the indication in the same comments section used for elements 2



### Sample Whale Shark Encirclement Report

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#### SOUTH PACIFIC REGIONAL PURSE-SEINE LOGSHEET

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NAME OF VESSEL <b>FISHING VESSEL</b>		FISHING PERMIT OR LICENCE NUMBER(S) <b>PERMIT NUMBER 2</b>		YEAR <b>2014</b>
NAME OF FISHING COMPANY <b>FISHN</b>	FFA REGIONAL REGISTER NUMBER <b>###</b>	NAME OF AGENT IN PORT OF UNLOADING <b>AGENT</b>		PORT OF DEPARTURE <b>PORT</b>
COUNTRY OF REGISTRATION	FFA TYPE APPROVED ALC (Y/N)? <b>✓</b>	NUMBER OF FADS USED	TENDER VESSELS USED? (Y/N)	DATE AND TIME OF DEPARTURE <b>DATE/TIME</b>
REGISTRATION NUMBER IN COUNTRY OF REGISTRATION	INTERNATIONAL RADIO CALLSIGN <b>###</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ALL DATES AND TIMES MUST BE UTC / GMT</li> <li>• ALL WEIGHTS MUST BE METRIC TONNES</li> </ul>		DATE AND TIME OF ARRIVAL IN PORT <b>DATE/TIME</b>
			AMOUNT OF FISH ONBOARD AT START OF TRIP <b>#</b>	AMOUNT OF FISH ONBOARD AFTER UNLOADING <b>#</b>

MONTH	DAY	ACTIVITY CODE	01:00 UTC OR SET POSITION				SCHOOL ASSOC CODE	SET START TIME	RETAINED CATCH					WELL NUMBERS	DISCARDS							
			LATITUDE DDM,MMM	N S	LONGITUDE DDDMM,MMM	E W			SKIPJACK WEIGHT	YELLOWFIN WEIGHT	BIGEYE WEIGHT	OTHER SPECIES			TUNA SPECIES		OTHER SPECIES					
1	9	3	LAT	N	LONG	E																
1	10	2	LAT	N	LONG	E																
1	11	1	LAT	N	LONG	E	1	0:00	32	18												
- whale shark not detected prior to set/ left on his own power/ released alive																						
1	12	1	LAT	N	LONG	E	2	0:00	39	5	1											
1	12	1	LAT	N	LONG	E	2	0:00	100													
1	12	1	LAT	N	LONG	E	2	0:00	0	0	0											
1	12	1	LAT	N	LONG	E	2	0:00	315													
1	14	1	LAT	N	LONG	E	2	0:00	175													
- unintentional set on whale shark/ released alive																						

- ACTIVITY CODES**
- RECORD ALL SETS
  - IF NO FISHING SET MADE IN A DAY, RECORD THE MAIN ACTIVITY FOR THAT DAY.
- 1 FISHING SET
  - 2 SEARCHING
  - 3 TRANSIT
  - 4 NO FISHING - BREAKDOWN
  - 5 NO FISHING - BAD WEATHER
  - 6 IN PORT - PLEASE SPECIFY
  - 7 NET CLEANING SET
  - 10 DEPLOYING OR RETREIVING RAFT, FAD OR PAYAO
- SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CODES**
- 1 UNASSOCIATED
  - 2 FEEDING ON BAIT/FISH
  - 3 DRIFTING LOG, DEBRIS OR DEAD ANIMAL
  - 4 DRIFTING RAFT, FAD OR PAYAO
  - 5 ANCHORED RAFT, FAD OR PAYAO
  - 6 LIVE WHALE
  - 7 LIVE WHALE SHARK
  - 8 OTHER
- TUNA DISCARD CODES**
- 1 FISH TOO SMALL
  - 2 FISH DAMAGED
  - 3 VESSEL FULLY LOADED
  - 4 OTHER REASON

PAGE TOTAL	
TRIP TOTAL	

UNLOADINGS TO CANNERY, COLD STORAGE, CARRIER OR OTHER VESSEL							
START DATE	END DATE	CANNERY—OR—VESSEL AND DESTINATION	INTERNATIONAL RADIO CALL SIGN	SKIPJACK	YELLOWFIN	BIGEYE	MIXED

NAME OF CAPTAIN	SIGNATURE OF CAPTAIN	DATE
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**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 to monitor daily catch and effort information 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 U.S. purse seine daily catch and effort information. 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 [COMMERCE/NOAA-6](#), Fishermen's Statistical Data.

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