

All products that meet the written physical description are within the scope of the investigation unless specifically excluded. The following products, by way of example, are outside and/or specifically excluded from the scope of the investigation:

- burgers, snack bars, bakery products, sugar and gum confectionary products, milk, cheese, baby food, sauces and seasonings, and pet food, even when such products are made with HPC pea protein;

- HPC pea protein that has gone through an extrusion process to alter the HPC pea protein at the structural and functional level, resulting in a product with a fibrous structure which resembles muscle meat upon hydration. These products are commonly described as textured pea protein or texturized pea protein;

- HPC pea protein that has been further processed to create a small crunchy nugget commonly described as a pea protein crisp;
- protein derived from chickpeas.

The merchandise covered by the scope is currently classified under Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) categories 3504.00.1000, 3504.00.5000, and 2106.10.0000. Such merchandise may also enter the U.S. market under HTSUS category 2308.00.9890. Although HTSUS categories and the CAS registry number are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the scope of the investigation is dispositive.

## Appendix II

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings and Hearings

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings, hearings, and public comment opportunities.

**SUMMARY:** The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Pacific Council) has begun its annual preseason

management process for the 2024 ocean salmon fisheries. This document announces the anticipated dates and locations of upcoming Pacific Council meetings and public hearings hosted by the Pacific Council. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for more information.

**DATES:** Council meetings are tentatively scheduled for March 5–11 (Fresno, CA) and April 6–11 (Seattle, WA) in 2024. Information will be available on the Pacific Council's website (<http://www.pcouncil.org>) as the Council meeting dates approach.

March 25–26, 2024: Three public hearings will be held to receive comments on the proposed 2024 ocean salmon fishery management alternatives adopted by the Pacific Council. Public hearings focusing on Washington and California salmon fisheries will occur simultaneously on March 25, 2024 and the public hearing for Oregon salmon fisheries will occur on March 26, 2024. Each public hearing will be state-specific and begin at 7 p.m. The Washington and California public hearings are tentatively scheduled to be held in-person and occur in Westport, WA and Santa Rosa, CA. The Oregon public hearing is scheduled to be held on-line. Consult the Pacific Council's website at <http://www.pcouncil.org> as the meeting date approaches to get the most current information, as the date, venue, and meeting format is subject to change. A summary of verbal comments heard at the hearings will be provided to the Pacific Council at its April meeting.

Written comments on the salmon management alternatives must be submitted through the Pacific Council's e-portal (<https://pfmc.psmfc.org>) and received by the public comment deadline which is tentatively scheduled for 5 p.m., April 2, 2024, and prior to the start of the April 2024 Council meeting. Verbal comments on the salmon management alternatives are accepted during the Council meeting consistent with the Council's April 2024 agenda dates for salmon topics. Information will be available on the Pacific Council's website (<http://www.pcouncil.org>) as the date for the April Council meeting approaches.

**ADDRESSES:** Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220-1384.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Robin Ehlke, Pacific Council; telephone: (503) 820-2410.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** These events, combined with the previous notice of public meetings and availability of reports published in

November 2023 (88 FR 80275) comprise the Pacific Council's complete schedule for determining the annual proposed and final modifications to ocean salmon fishery management measures. The meeting notices and agendas for the March and April 2024 Pacific Council meetings will be published in subsequent **Federal Register** documents prior to the actual meetings.

For public meetings held online, specific meeting information, including instructions on how to join the meeting and system requirements will be provided in meeting announcements on the Pacific Council's website (see [www.pcouncil.org](http://www.pcouncil.org)). You may send an email to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt ([kris.kleinschmidt@noaa.gov](mailto:kris.kleinschmidt@noaa.gov)) or contact him at (503) 820-2412 for technical assistance.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may be discussed, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this document and any issues arising after publication of this document that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the intent to take final action to address the emergency.

#### Special Accommodations

Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt ([kris.kleinschmidt@noaa.gov](mailto:kris.kleinschmidt@noaa.gov); (503) 820-2412) at least 10 days prior to the meeting date.

*Authority:* 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: February 7, 2024.

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*Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Southeast Region Individual Fishing Quota Programs

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection, request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment preceding submission of the collection to OMB.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received by April 15, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit written comments to Adrienne Thomas, NOAA PRA Officer, at [noaa.pra@noaa.gov](mailto:noaa.pra@noaa.gov). Please reference OMB Control Number 0648–0551 in the subject line of your comments. Do not submit confidential business information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or specific questions related to collection activities should be directed to Britni LaVine, NMFS, Southeast Regional Office, Sustainable Fisheries Division, 263 13th Ave. South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701, 727–824–5305, [britni.lavine@noaa.gov](mailto:britni.lavine@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Abstract**

This is a request for an extension of an approved information collection. The NMFS Southeast Regional Office manages three commercial individual fishing quota (IFQ) and individual transferable quota (ITQ) programs in the NMFS Southeast Region under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.* The IFQ programs for red snapper, and groupers and tilefishes occur in Federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico (Gulf), and the ITQ program for wreckfish occurs in Federal waters of the South Atlantic.

The NMFS Southeast Regional Office proposes to extend the information collection currently approved under OMB Control Number 0648–0551. This collection of information tracks the transfer and use of IFQ and ITQ shares, and IFQ allocation and landings by commercial fishermen necessary for NMFS to operate, administer, and review management of the IFQ and ITQ programs. Regulations for the IFQ and

ITQ programs are located at 50 CFR part 622. NMFS proposes no revisions to the existing information collections for the IFQ and ITQ programs approved under OMB Control Number 0648–0551.

**II. Method of Collection**

Information for the Gulf red snapper, and grouper and tilefish IFQ programs is collected electronically via a web-based system, through satellite-linked vessel monitoring systems, through a 24-hour call line, and with paper form submission for landing corrections, closing an account, and account applications, as well as landing transactions under catastrophic circumstances.

The share transfer process in the wreckfish ITQ program requires the signatures of witnesses on paper forms. The wreckfish ITQ program remains paper-based until the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council and NMFS consider whether to implement an electronic system.

**III. Data**

*OMB Control Number:* 0648–0551.

*Form Number(s):* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission—extension of a current information collection.

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profit organizations.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,064.

*Estimated Time per Response:*

- Transfer Shares, 3 minutes
- Share Receipt, 2 minutes
- Account Update, 2 minutes
- Trip Ticket Update, 2 minutes
- Transfer Allocation, 3 minutes
- Landing Transaction Correction Request, 5 minutes
- Dealer Cost Recovery Fee Submission through [pay.gov](http://pay.gov), 3 minutes
- Commercial Reef Fish Landing Location Request, 5 minutes
- Dealer Landing Transaction Report, 6 minutes (electronic form)
- Dealer Landing Transaction Report, 5 minutes (paper form used in catastrophic conditions only)
- IFQ Notification of Landing, 5 minutes
- Gulf Reef Fish Notification of Landing, 3 minutes
- IFQ Close Account, 3 minutes
- IFQ Online Account Application, 13 minutes
- Wreckfish Quota Share Transfer, 20 minutes

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 2,397.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$651 in recordkeeping and reporting costs.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Mandatory, required to obtain or retain benefits.

*Legal Authority:* Magnuson-Stevens Act, 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

**IV. Request for Comments**

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department/Bureau to: (a) Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) Evaluate ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

**Sheleen Dumas,**

*Department PRA Clearance Officer, Office of the Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, Commerce Department.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**Patent and Trademark Office**

[Docket No. PTO–P–2023–0043]

**Inventorship Guidance for AI-Assisted Inventions**

**AGENCY:** United States Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Examination guidance; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the “Executive Order on the Safe, Secure, and Trustworthy Development and Use of Artificial Intelligence” (October 30, 2023), the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO or Office) is