

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Pacific Islands Short-Tailed Albatross Recovery Data Form**

The Department of Commerce will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. We invite 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. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on July 16, 2024 during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

*Agency:* National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

*Title:* Pacific Islands Short-tailed Albatross Recovery Data Form.

*OMB Control Number:* 0648-0456.

*Form Number(s):* None.

*Type of Request:* Regular submission [revision with an extension of a current information collection].

*Number of Respondents:* 1.

*Average Hours per Response:* 1.25 Hrs (1.0 for report, 0.25 for notification).

*Total Annual Burden Hours:* 1.25.

*Needs and Uses:* To improve the information collection, NMFS revised the Short-tailed Albatross Recovery Data Form to remove the field for hook type as only one hook type is currently allowed in the fishery, collect information on hook size, collect more details about bird bands, and request more information about transportation of an injured bird. We also changed the collection's title from Pacific Islands Region Seabird-Fisheries Interaction Recovery Reporting to Pacific Islands Short-tailed Albatross Recovery Data Form to more accurately describe the collection and its purpose.

Federal regulations at [https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-50/part-665/section-665.815#p-665.815\(b\)](https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-50/part-665/section-665.815#p-665.815(b)) require that the operator of a vessel with a Hawaii longline limited access permit safely handle and release endangered short-tailed albatrosses (*Phoebastria albatrus*) incidentally hooked or

entangled during fishing operations. In that event, the vessel operator must also immediately notify NMFS, the U.S. Coast Guard or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS); record the condition of the bird and other time and location information on a Short-tailed Albatross Recovery Data Form; attach identical information tags to the carcass and specimen bag if the albatross is dead; and turn over any carcass to USFWS within 72 hours after returning to port. If the albatross is alive, a veterinarian will use the information to provide advice to the vessel operator for caring for the bird. If the albatross is dead, the recorded information will assist USFWS biologists in follow-up studies on the specimen. This collection is one of the terms and conditions contained in a Endangered Species Act Section 7 biological opinion issued by USFWS, and is intended to maximize the probability of the long-term survival of short-tailed albatross accidentally taken by longline gear.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit organizations.

*Frequency:* As needed.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Mandatory.

*Legal Authority:* 50 CFR 665.815(b).

This information collection request may be viewed at [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov). Follow the instructions to view the Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function and entering either the title of the collection or the OMB Control Number 0648-0456.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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**Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Replacement of Pier 302 at Naval Base Point Loma, San Diego, California**

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

**ACTION:** Notice; request for comments on proposed renewal incidental harassment authorization.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS received a request from the U.S. Navy for the renewal of their currently active incidental harassment authorization (IHA) to take marine mammals incidental to Replacement of Pier 302 at Naval Base Point Loma in San Diego, California. U.S. Navy's activities will not be completed prior to the IHA's expiration. Pursuant to the Marine Mammal Protection Act, prior to issuing the currently active IHA, NMFS requested comments on both the proposed IHA and the potential for renewing the initial authorization if certain requirements were satisfied. The renewal requirements have been satisfied, and NMFS is now providing an additional 15-day comment period to allow for any additional comments on the proposed renewal not previously provided during the initial 30-day comment period.

**DATES:** Comments and information must be received no later than October 17, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be addressed to Jolie Harrison, Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service, and should be submitted via email to [ITP.Owens@noaa.gov](mailto:ITP.Owens@noaa.gov).

*Instructions:* NMFS is not responsible for comments sent by any other method, to any other address or individual, or received after the end of the comment period. Comments, including all attachments, must not exceed a 25-megabyte file size. Attachments to comments will be accepted in Microsoft Word, Excel or Adobe PDF file formats only. All comments received are a part of the public record and will generally be posted online at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/permit/incidental-take-authorizations-under-marine-mammal-protection-act> without change. All personal identifying