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The current collection requirements for applications regarding PCTC Program CQ, Intercooperative Transfer of CQ, Transfer of PCTC Program QS for Processors, and Notification of Intent to Process Pacific Cod should remain in place. Removing the Application for PCTC Program QS and the Ninety-Day Transfer Window for Non-Exempt AFA LLP holders is appropriate, as these are now obsolete following the issuance of PCTC Program QS.

The application process for both PCTC Program CQ and Intercooperative Transfer of CQ is essential for the effective operation of the PCTC Program. Submitting an application for CQ is a practical means of gathering necessary data to facilitate the issuance of CQ permits to participating PCTC cooperatives. Each application cycle is structured with a defined submission period to ensure all permits are processed in time for the start of the upcoming A season.

Intercooperative transfers play a crucial role in optimizing CQ usage and providing operational flexibility within PSC constraints. The application for intercooperative transfers ensures proper accounting and compliance with program-specific limits, thereby supporting the integrity and efficacy of the overall program.

The electronic submission of these two forms via email or eFISH is both practical and efficient. Accordingly, the associated time and cost obligations for participants completing and submitting the forms are minimal and have been reasonably assessed.

The Notification of Intent (NOI) to Process in the Aleutian Islands also includes a suitable deadline and clear requirements.



In summary, the estimated time and cost associated with these collections are justified and correspond to the anticipated level of effort. It is suitable to eliminate the obsolete application forms that pertained solely to the initial implementation of the PCTC Program. As the remaining forms are now available and processed electronically, no further efficiency improvements are recommended at this time.

Sincerely,

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