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RE: Continuing information collections necessary for NMFS to manage the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands (BSAI) pollock fishery under the American Fisheries Act (AFA). OMB Control Number 0648-0393.

Dear Adrienne Thomas:

This letter is in response to Federal Register notice 25243 published in Vol. 90, No. 144 on June 16, 2025. Specifically, the notice requests comments on an extension of current information collection under the American Fisheries Act, 16 U.S.C. 1851 (AFA). The items subject to information collection renewal are: 1.) Application for an AFA permit; 2.) Application for AFA Inshore Catcher Vessel Cooperative Permit; 3.) AFA Inshore Vessel Contract Fishing Notification; 4) Application for Approval as an Entity to Receive Transferable Chinook Salmon PSC Allocation; 5.) Application for Transfer of Bering Sea Chinook Salmon PSC transfers.

While our member companies are only subject to a subset of the listed information collection items above, we affirm that these ongoing data collections remain necessary for the proper functions of the Department and have practical utility.

Regarding:

(b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information;

It appears to be reasonably accurate.

(c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;

We have no suggestions.

and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

The information collection that does pertain to our fleet is already submitted online via eFISH on the Alaska Region website. To the extent that all data collection activities covered under this information collection renewal may also be submitted online, it would reduce the time burden on industry. Fax, mail, and delivery collection methods are becoming increasingly antiquated.





The At-sea Processors Association greatly appreciates the opportunity to comment on this public notice and look forward to working together to reduce time and cost burdens to industry under the Paperwork Reduction Act.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Caitlin Yeager', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Caitlin Yeager
VP of Policy and Engagement

