

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

Title: Statement of Financial Interests for Regional Fishery Management Councils.

OMB Control Number: 0648–0192.

Form Number(s): NOAA Form 88–195.

Type of Request: Regular (revision and extension of a current information collection).

Number of Respondents: 330.

Average Hours per Response: 45 minutes.

Total Annual Burden Hours: 248 hours.

Needs and Uses: The Magnuson Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act) authorizes the establishment of eight Regional Fishery Management Councils to manage fisheries within regional jurisdictions. Section 302(j) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act requires that affected individuals, including Council members appointed by the Secretary of Commerce, Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) members appointed by a Council, and individuals nominated by the State Governor, Territorial Governor or Tribal Government for possible appointment as a Council member (50 CFR 600.235), must disclose their financial interest in any Council fishery. Financial interests include harvesting, processing, lobbying, advocacy, or marketing activity that is being, or will be, undertaken within any fishery over which the Council concerned has jurisdiction. Information on financial interests must be disclosed on NOAA Form 88–195, Statement of Financial Interests, under OMB collection 0648–0192. The information collected is used to assess potential conflicts of interest and to make determinations about when recusals from Council voting decisions are necessary to avoid such conflicts. NOAA Fisheries and Council offices are required to maintain current Statement of Financial Interests forms on file that are publically available for transparency. The Statement of Financial Interests form is being revised at this time for consistency with the final rule to clarify guidance on council members' financial disclosures and voting recusals (50 CFR 600.235; as amended at 85 FR 56177, Sept. 11, 2020).

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: Annual.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: Magnuson-Stevens Act section 302(j) and 50 CFR 600.235.

This information collection request may be viewed at 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 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 0648–0192.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone off Alaska; North Pacific Halibut and Sablefish Individual Fishing Quota Cost Recovery Program

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

ACTION: Notice of standard prices and fee percentage.

SUMMARY: NMFS publishes the individual fishing quota (IFQ) standard prices and fee percentage for cost recovery for the IFQ Program for the halibut and sablefish fisheries of the North Pacific (IFQ Program). The fee percentage for 2022 is 1.9 percent. This action is intended to provide holders of halibut and sablefish IFQ permits with the 2022 standard prices and fee percentage to calculate the required payment for IFQ cost recovery fees due by January 31, 2023.

DATES: The standard prices and fee percentages are valid on December 28, 2022.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Charmaine Weeks, Fee Coordinator, 907–586–7231.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

NMFS Alaska Region administers the IFQ Program in the North Pacific. The

IFQ Program is a limited access system authorized by the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act) and the Northern Pacific Halibut Act of 1982 (Halibut Act). Fishing under the IFQ Program began in March 1995. Regulations implementing the IFQ Program are set forth at 50 CFR part 679.

In 1996, the Magnuson-Stevens Act was amended to, among other purposes, require the Secretary of Commerce to collect a fee to recover the actual costs directly related to the management and enforcement of any individual quota program. This requirement was further amended in 2006 to include collection of the actual costs of data collection and to replace the reference to “individual quota program” with a more general reference to “limited access privilege program” at section 304(d)(2)(A) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act. Section 304(d)(2) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act also specifies an upper limit on these fees, when the fees must be collected, and where the fees must be deposited.

On March 20, 2000, NMFS published regulations at § 679.45 to implement cost recovery for the IFQ Program (65 FR 14919, March 20, 2000). Under the regulations, an IFQ permit holder must pay a cost recovery fee for every pound of IFQ halibut and sablefish that is landed on their IFQ permit(s). The IFQ permit holder is responsible for self-collecting the fee for all IFQ halibut and sablefish landings on their permit(s). The IFQ permit holder is also responsible for submitting IFQ fee payments(s) to NMFS on or before January 31 of the year following the year in which the IFQ landings were made. The total dollar amount of the fee is determined by multiplying the NMFS published fee percentage by the ex-vessel value of all IFQ landings made on the permit(s) during the IFQ fishing year. As required by § 679.45(d)(1) and (d)(3)(i), NMFS publishes this notice of the fee percentage for the IFQ halibut and sablefish fisheries in the **Federal Register** during or prior to the last quarter of each year.

Standard Prices

The fee is based on the sum of all payments made to fishermen for the sale of the fish during the year. This includes any retro-payments (*e.g.*, bonuses, delayed partial payments, post-season payments) made to the IFQ permit holder for previously landed IFQ halibut or sablefish.

For purposes of calculating IFQ cost recovery fees, NMFS distinguishes between two types of ex-vessel value: actual and standard. Actual ex-vessel value is the amount of all compensation,

monetary or non-monetary, that an IFQ permit holder received as payment for his or her IFQ fish sold. Standard ex-vessel value is the default value used to calculate the fee. IFQ permit holders have the option of using actual ex-vessel value if they can satisfactorily document it; otherwise, the standard ex-vessel value is used.

Section 679.45(b)(3)(iii) requires the Regional Administrator to publish IFQ standard prices during the last quarter of each calendar year. These standard prices are used, along with estimates of IFQ halibut and IFQ sablefish landings, to calculate standard ex-vessel values. The standard prices are described in U.S. dollars per IFQ equivalent pound for IFQ halibut and IFQ sablefish landings made during the year. According to § 679.2, IFQ equivalent pound(s) means the weight amount, recorded in pounds, and calculated as round weight for sablefish and headed and gutted weight for halibut, for an IFQ landing. The weight of halibut in pounds landed as guided angler fish is converted to IFQ equivalent pound(s) as specified in 50 CFR 300.65(c)(5)(ii)(E). NMFS calculates the standard prices to closely reflect the variations in the actual ex-vessel values of IFQ halibut

and IFQ sablefish landings by month and port or port-group. The standard prices for IFQ halibut and IFQ sablefish are listed in the tables that follow the next section. Data from ports are combined as necessary to protect confidentiality.

Fee Percentage

NMFS calculates the fee percentage each year according to the factors and methods described at § 679.45(d)(2). NMFS determines the fee percentage that applies to landings made in the previous year by dividing the total costs directly related to the management, data collection, and enforcement of the IFQ Program (management costs) during the previous year by the total standard ex-vessel value of halibut and sablefish IFQ landings made during the previous year (fishery value). NMFS captures the actual management costs associated with certain management, data collection, and enforcement functions through an established accounting system that allows staff to track labor, travel, contracts, rent, and procurement. NMFS calculates the fishery value as described under the section Standard Prices.

Using the fee percentage formula described above, NMFS determined that

the percentage of management costs to fishery value for the 2022 calendar year is 1.9 percent of the standard ex-vessel value. An IFQ permit holder is to use the fee percentage of 1.9 percent to calculate their fee for IFQ equivalent pound(s) landed during the 2022 halibut and sablefish IFQ fishing season. An IFQ permit holder is responsible for submitting the 2022 IFQ fee payment to NMFS on or before January 31, 2023. Payment must be made in accordance with the payment methods set forth in § 679.45(a)(4)(iv). Payment can be made using credit card, debit card, or electronic check via the *pay.gov* program. NMFS does not accept credit card information by phone or in-person for fee payments.

The 2022 fee percentage of 1.9 percent is less than the 2021 fee percentage of 2.3 percent (86 FR 74071, December 29, 2021). Between 2021 and 2022 there was a net increase in management costs as well as a net increase in fishery value. Management costs increased by approximately 6 percent while fishery value increased by approximately 27 percent. The net increase in value was due to higher ex-vessel prices and landings for both halibut and sablefish IFQ fisheries.

TABLE 1—REGISTERED BUYER STANDARD EX-VESSEL PRICES BY LANDING LOCATION FOR THE 2022 IFQ SEASON¹

Landing location	Period ending	Halibut standard ex-vessel price	Sablefish standard ex-vessel price	
CORDOVA	March 31			
	April 30			
	May 31	6.51	1.35	
	June 30	3.74		
	July 31	2.86		
	August 31	4.40		
	September 30	4.14	2.73	
	October 31	4.14	2.73	
	November 30	4.14	2.73	
	December 31	4.14	2.73	
	HOMER	March 31	8.06	
		April 30	8.21	1.50
May 31		8.20	1.83	
June 30		7.77	2.32	
July 31		7.92		
August 31		7.43	2.27	
September 30		6.47	2.36	
October 31		6.47	2.36	
November 30		6.47	2.36	
December 31		6.47	2.36	
KETCHIKAN		March 31		
		April 30		
	May 31	7.98		
	June 30	7.91	2.45	
	July 31			
	August 31			
	September 30	8.07		
	October 31	8.07		
	November 30	8.07		
	December 31	8.07		
	KODIAK	March 31		
		April 30	7.41	1.63
May 31		7.73	1.91	

TABLE 1—REGISTERED BUYER STANDARD EX-VESSEL PRICES BY LANDING LOCATION FOR THE 2022 IFQ SEASON¹—
Continued

Landing location	Period ending	Halibut standard ex-vessel price	Sablefish standard ex-vessel price
	June 30	7.67	2.38
	July 31	7.66	2.54
	August 31	7.36	2.46
	September 30	6.35	2.21
	October 31	6.35	2.21
	November 30	6.35	2.21
	December 31	6.35	2.21
PETERSBURG	March 31		
	April 30		
	May 31	7.79	
	June 30	7.80	
	July 31	7.62	
	August 31	7.27	
	September 30	7.20	
	October 31	7.20	
	November 30	7.20	
	December 31	7.20	
SEWARD	March 31		
	April 30	8.35	1.80
	May 31		
	June 30		
	July 31		
	August 31	7.60	
	September 30		
	October 31		
	November 30		
	December 31		
SITKA	March 31	7.48	1.97
	April 30	5.69	2.04
	May 31	7.41	1.90
	June 30	7.04	
	July 31		
	August 31		
	September 30		
	October 31		
	November 30		
	December 31		
BERING SEA ²	March 31		
	April 30		1.77
	May 31	7.13	2.17
	June 30	7.15	1.46
	July 31	7.20	1.95
	August 31	7.24	2.02
	September 30	7.04	2.00
	October 31	7.04	2.00
	November 30	7.04	2.00
	December 31	7.04	2.00
CENTRAL GULF OF ALASKA ³	March 31	7.66	1.87
	April 30	8.05	1.82
	May 31	7.97	1.87
	June 30	7.75	2.29
	July 31	7.41	2.44
	August 31	7.13	2.36
	September 30	6.35	2.31
	October 31	6.35	2.31
	November 30	6.35	2.31
	December 31	6.35	2.31
SOUTHEAST ALASKA ⁴	March 31	7.67	2.15
	April 30	7.57	2.23
	May 31	7.96	2.22
	June 30	7.92	2.45
	July 31	7.64	2.68
	August 31	7.56	2.64
	September 30	6.95	2.72
	October 31	6.95	2.72
	November 30	6.95	2.72
	December 31	6.95	2.72
ALL-ALASKA ⁵	March 31	7.67	2.10
	April 30	7.78	1.99

TABLE 1—REGISTERED BUYER STANDARD EX-VESSEL PRICES BY LANDING LOCATION FOR THE 2022 IFQ SEASON¹—Continued

Landing location	Period ending	Halibut standard ex-vessel price	Sablefish standard ex-vessel price
	May 31	7.92	2.06
	June 30	7.73	2.01
	July 31	7.41	2.27
	August 31	7.24	2.34
	September 30	6.66	2.44
	October 31	6.66	2.44
	November 30	6.66	2.44
	December 31	6.66	2.44
ALL ⁵	March 31	7.67	2.10
	April 30	7.89	2.01
	May 31	8.03	2.09
	June 30	7.84	2.01
	July 31	7.41	2.27
	August 31	7.27	2.34
	September 30	6.66	2.44
	October 31	6.66	2.44
	November 30	6.66	2.44
	December 31	6.66	2.44

¹ **Note:** In many instances, prices are not shown in order to comply with confidentiality guidelines when there are fewer than three processors operating in a location during a month. Additionally, landings at different harbors in the same general location (e.g., “Juneau, Douglas, and Auke Bay”) have been combined to report landings to the main port (e.g., “Juneau”).

² *Landing Locations Within Port Group—Bering Sea:* Adak, Akutan, Akutan Bay, Atka, Bristol Bay, Chefornak, Dillingham, Captains Bay, Dutch Harbor, Egegik, Ikatan Bay, Hooper Bay, King Cove, King Salmon, Kipnuk, Mekoryuk, Naknek, Nome, Quinhagak, Savoonga, St. George, St. Lawrence, St. Paul, Togiak, Toksook Bay, Tununak, Beaver Inlet, Ugadaga Bay, Unalaska.

³ *Landing Locations Within Port Group—Central Gulf of Alaska:* Anchor Point, Anchorage, Alitak, Chignik, Cordova, Eagle River, False Pass, West Anchor Cove, Girdwood, Chinitna Bay, Halibut Cove, Homer, Kasilof, Kenai, Kenai River, Alitak, Kodiak, Port Bailey, Nikiski, Ninilchik, Old Harbor, Palmer, Sand Point, Seldovia, Resurrection Bay, Seward, Valdez, Whittier.

⁴ *Landing Locations Within Port Group—Southeast Alaska:* Angoon, Baranof Warm Springs, Craig, Edna Bay, Elfin Cove, Excursion Inlet, Gustavus, Haines, Hollis, Hoonah, Hyder, Auke Bay, Douglas, Tee Harbor, Juneau, Kake, Ketchikan, Klawock, Metlakatla, Pelican, Petersburg, Portage Bay, Port Alexander, Port Graham, Port Protection, Point Baker, Sitka, Skagway, Tenakee Springs, Thorne Bay, Wrangell, Yakutat.

⁵ *Landing Locations Within Port Group—All:* For Alaska: All landing locations included in 1, 2, and 3. For California: Eureka, Fort Bragg, Other California. For Oregon: Astoria, Aurora, Lincoln City, Newport, Warrenton, Other Oregon. For Washington: Anacortes, Bellevue, Bellingham, Nagai Island, Edmonds, Everett, Granite Falls, Ilwaco, La Conner, Port Angeles, Port Orchard, Port Townsend, Ranier, Fox Island, Mercer Island, Seattle, Standwood, Other Washington. For Canada: Port Hardy, Port Edward, Prince Rupert, Vancouver, Haines Junction, Other Canada.

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

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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; Mandatory Shrimp Vessel and Gear Characterization Survey

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 September 30, 2022 (87 FR 59403) during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association.
Title: Mandatory Shrimp Vessel and Gear Characterization Survey.
OMB Control Number: 0648–0542.
Form Number(s): None.
Type of Request: Regular submission (extension of a current information collection).
Number of Respondents: 1,349.
Average Hours per Response: 30 minutes.

Total Annual Burden Hours: 674.5.
Needs and Uses: The mandatory vessel and gear characterization survey is a census data collection effort of all shrimp vessel owners or operators who possess a valid Federal Gulf commercial shrimp fishing permit. NMFS began collecting these survey data in 2006 under OMB Control No. 0648–0542 per

the final rule implementing Amendment 13 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Shrimp Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico (Amendment 13) (71 FR 56039, September 26, 2006).

NMFS is currently collecting census-level information on fishing vessel and gear characteristics in the Gulf of Mexico (Gulf) commercial shrimp fishery (Gulf shrimp fishery), which operates in the Gulf exclusive economic zone. NMFS uses this information to conduct analyses that improve fishery management decision-making and ensure that national goals, objectives, and requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act, 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*), National Environmental Policy Act, Regulatory Flexibility Act, Endangered Species Act, and Executive Order 12866 are met; and quantify achievement of the performance measures in the NMFS’ Operating Plans. This information is vital in assessing the economic, social, and environmental effects of fishery management decisions and regulations on individual shrimp fishing enterprises, fishing communities, and