

monitor crab landings in the BSAI crab fisheries through receipt of reports and provide for cost recovery payment of fees for all CR crab received.

## II. Method of Collection

Methods of submittal include email of electronic forms, and mail and facsimile transmission of paper forms.

## III. Data

*OMB Control Number:* 0648–0570.

*Form Number:* None.

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

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

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 31.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 40 hours for Eligible Crab Community Organization (ECCO) annual report; 2 hours for Registered Crab Receiver (RCR) Ex-vessel Volume and Value Report, 30 minutes for RCR Fee Submittal.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 113.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$ 11.

## IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; 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.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: July 2, 2013.

### Gwellnar Banks,

*Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648–XC743

#### Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; General Provisions for Domestic Fisheries; Application for Exempted Fishing Permits

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

**ACTION:** Notice; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Regional Administrator, Southwest Region, NMFS, has made a preliminary determination that an application for an Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) warrants further consideration. The application was submitted by members of the Pacific sardine fishing industry who request an exemption from seasonal closures of the sardine directed fishery to conduct a survey designed to estimate the population size of Pacific sardine. NMFS requests public comment on the application.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by July 23, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments on this notice identified by 0648–XC743 by any one of the following methods:

- *Mail:* Rodney R. McInnis, Regional Administrator, Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802.
- *Fax:* (562) 980–4047, Attn: Joshua Lindsay.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** A copy of the application can viewed at the following Web site <http://swr.nmfs.noaa.gov/fmd/cps/>; or by contacting Joshua Lindsay, Southwest Region, NMFS, (562) 980–4034.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On June 17, 2013, NMFS published a final rule to implement the harvest guideline (HG) and annual specifications for the 2013 Pacific sardine fishing season off the U.S. West Coast (78 FR 36117). As part of these management measures, 3,000 metric tons (mt) of the maximum harvest guideline (HG) was subtracted and set aside for potential EFPs. This 3,000 mt set-aside was intended to allow for potential research fishing in the second seasonal period (July 1–September 14, 2013) to occur if that period's directed fishery allocation is reached and directed fishing is closed.

An EFP would allow the fishing activities proposed by the applicants to occur when directed fishing is not allowed. At the March 2013, Council

meeting, the Council recommended that NMFS issue an EFP for the total 3,000 mt of the 3,000 mt initially set aside. The applicants proposed the use of 3,000 mt to replicate summer surveys conducted under EFP's approved in 2009–2012.

One of the goals set forth in the EFP application is the development of an index of biomass for Pacific sardine, with the desire that this index be included in the subsequent Pacific sardine stock assessment. If NMFS does not issue this EFP, then the set-aside will be re-allocated to the third period's directed harvest allocation. Likewise any amount of the set-aside allocated to an EFP for use during the closed fishing time in the second allocation period (prior to September 15), but not utilized, will roll into the third allocation period's directed fishery.

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

Dated: July 2, 2013.

### Kelly Denit,

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648–XC745

#### Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Pacific Council) South of Humboldt Policy Committee (Policy Committee) for Pacific halibut will hold a working meeting, which is open to the public.

**DATES:** The Policy Committee meeting will be held Tuesday, July 30, 2013 from 10 a.m. until business for the day is completed.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Pacific Council Office, Large Conference Room, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220–1384 telephone: (503) 820–2280. In addition to the Pacific Council office, listening and public comment stations may be available. Please contact the Council office, (503) 820–2280, or our Web site ([www.pcouncil.org](http://www.pcouncil.org)) for more information.