

1801 *et seq.* and at 50 CFR parts 679 and 680.

This collection contains collection-of-information requirements necessary for the transfer of License Limitation Program (LLP) licenses for the commercial groundfish, crab, and scallop fisheries. The purpose of this collection is to determine whether a transfer is eligible and if endorsements meet regulatory requirements for licensing and permits. An essential feature of the LLP is the ability for participants to transfer their LLP license. Without the ability to track the movement of LLP licenses, NMFS would be unable to effectively manage the LLP and administer the Pacific Cod Trawl Cooperative (PCTC) Program. The LLP restricts access to the commercial groundfish, crab, and scallop fisheries in the exclusive economic zone off Alaska, except for certain areas where alternative programs exist. The intended effect of the LLP is to limit the number of participants and reduce fishing capacity in fisheries off Alaska. More information on the LLP can be found on the NMFS Alaska Region website and at 50 CFR part 679.

An LLP license is required for vessels participating in directed fishing for LLP groundfish species in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands (BSAI) or Gulf of Alaska (GOA), or fishing in any BSAI LLP crab fisheries. An LLP license is also required for any vessel deployed in scallop fisheries in Federal waters off Alaska except for some diving operations.

Vessels participating in directed fishing for LLP groundfish species in the GOA or BSAI, or fishing in any BSAI LLP crab fisheries, must be named on a valid copy of the LLP license that is on board the vessel, with some exceptions. An LLP groundfish or crab license authorizes the license holder to deploy the vessel in fisheries in accordance with the specific area and species endorsements, the vessel and gear designations, the maximum length overall (MLOA) specified on the license, and any exemption from the MLOA specified on the license.

An LLP scallop license authorizes the person named on the license to catch and retain scallops in compliance with State of Alaska regulations using a vessel that does not exceed the MLOA specified on the license and the gear designation specified on the license. Unlike the LLP groundfish license, the scallop license is not vessel specific. A valid copy of the LLP scallop license must be on board the vessel.

For program definitions, refer to 50 CFR 679.2, for permit and licensing requirements for scallop refer to 50 CFR

679.4(g), for permit and licensing requirements for groundfish and crab refer to 50 CFR 679.4(k), for PCTC Program refer to 50 CFR 679 subpart L, and for prohibitions refer to 50 CFR 679.7(i). Additional information on the LLP can be found on the NMFS Alaska Region website at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/alaska/sustainable-fisheries/license-limitation-program-alaska>.

This collection contains the Application for the transfer of groundfish and crab LLP licenses, the Application for the transfer of scallop LLP licenses, and the Transfer appeal. The applications for transfers are each filled by two respondents, the transferor and the transferee. The type of information collected includes information on the transferor, transferee, and the LLP license to be transferred, as well as information on the quota share to be transferred, the vessel currently named on the LLP license, the vessel to be named on the LLP license, and the ownership interest and transaction data. Information is collected as needed by the respondent and is used to determine whether a transfer is eligible and if endorsements meet regulatory requirements for licensing and permits. All of the forms can now be submitted electronically via email. There are no other changes to this collection.

## II. Method of Collection

The applications are available as fillable PDFs on the NMFS Alaska Region website and may be downloaded and emailed, printed, faxed, or delivered. The Application for the transfer of groundfish and crab LLP licenses is found at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/permit/alaska-license-limitation-program-applications-groundfish-and-crab>, and the Application for the transfer of scallop LLP licenses is found at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/permit/alaska-scallop-license-limitation-program-application-forms>. The transfer appeal may be emailed, printed, faxed, or delivered.

## III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648–0334.

Form Number(s): None.

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

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

Estimated Number of Respondents: 115 respondents.

Estimated Time per Response: 1 hour for Application for the transfer of groundfish and crab LLP licenses; 1 hour for the Application for the transfer

of scallop LLP licenses; 4 hours for the Transfer appeal.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 61 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$1,075 for operating costs.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to Obtain or Retain Benefits.

Legal Authority: Magnuson-Stevens Act 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.* and at 50 CFR parts 679 and 680.

## IV. Request for Comments

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department/Bureau to: (a) Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) Evaluate ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this information collection request. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Sheleen Dumas,

Departmental PRA Compliance Officer, Office of the Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, Commerce Department.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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### Gulf Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and

Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice; public hearings and webinars.

**SUMMARY:** The Gulf Fishery Management Council (Gulf Council) will hold two webinars to solicit public comments on Reef Fish Amendment 62: Modifications to Gulf Red Grouper Management Measures.

**DATES:** The public hearing webinars will take place Thursday, January 15 and Tuesday, January 20, 2026. The webinars will begin at 6 p.m. EST and will conclude no later than 8 p.m. EST. For specific dates and times, see

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Written public comments must be received on or before 5 p.m. EST on January 20, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** Please visit the Gulf Council website at [www.gulfcouncil.org](http://www.gulfcouncil.org) for meeting materials, webinar registration information, and to submit written comments.

*Meeting address:* The public hearings will be held via virtual webinars. For dates and times see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** below.

*Council address:* Gulf Fishery Management Council, 4107 W Spruce Street, Suite 200, Tampa, FL 33607; telephone: (813) 348–1630.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Emily Muehlstein; Public Information Officer; [emily.muehlstein@gulfcouncil.org](mailto:emily.muehlstein@gulfcouncil.org), Gulf Fishery Management Council; telephone: (813) 348–1630.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The agenda for the virtual public hearings is as follows: Council staff will begin with a brief presentation on Reef Fish Amendment 62 that modifies the Gulf Red Grouper overfishing limit, acceptable biological catch, and total annual catch limit, sector allocations, and sector annual catch limits, as well as considers removal of the February–March recreational Shallow-water Grouper closure in the Gulf.

Staff and a Council member will be available to answer any questions, and the public will have the opportunity to provide testimony on the amendment and other related testimony.

*Scheduled Webinars:*

Thursday, January 15, 2026; via webinar

Tuesday, January 20, 2026; via webinar

Visit [www.gulfcouncil.org](http://www.gulfcouncil.org) website and click on the “meetings and public hearings” tab for registration information. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

### Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kathy Pereira (see **ADDRESSES**), at least 10 working days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: December 22, 2025.

**Anna Michelle Harrison,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings and Hearings

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of reports, public meetings, and hearings.

**SUMMARY:** The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Pacific Council) has begun its annual preseason management process for the 2026 ocean salmon fisheries. This document announces the availability of Pacific Council documents, as well as the anticipated dates and locations of upcoming Pacific Council meetings and public hearings hosted by the Pacific Council. These documents and events comprise the Pacific Council’s complete schedule for determining the annual proposed and final modifications to ocean salmon fishery management measures. The agendas for the March and April 2026 Pacific Council meetings will be published in subsequent **Federal Register** documents prior to the actual meetings.

**DATES:** Written comments on the salmon management alternatives must be submitted through the Pacific Council’s e-portal (<https://pfmc.psmfc.org>) and received by the public comment deadline prior to the April 2026 Council meeting. Information will be available on the Pacific Council’s website (<http://www.pcouncil.org>) as the date for the April Council meeting approaches.

**ADDRESSES:** Written documents will be available upon request from the Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland,

OR 97220–1384, telephone: 503–820–2280 (voice) or 503–820–2299 (fax).

*Council Address:* Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Angela Forristall, telephone: 503–820–2419.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Tentative Schedule for Document Completion and Availability

*Mid-February 2026:* “Review of 2025 Ocean Salmon Fisheries, Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation Document for the Pacific Coast Salmon Fishery Management Plan” is scheduled to be posted on the Pacific Council website at <http://www.pcouncil.org>.

*Early March 2026:* “Preseason Report I: Stock Abundance Analysis and Environmental Assessment Part 1 for 2026 Ocean Salmon Fishery Regulations” is scheduled to be posted on the Pacific Council website at <http://www.pcouncil.org>.

*Late March 2026:* “Preseason Report II: Proposed Alternatives and Environmental Assessment Part 2 for 2026 Ocean Salmon Fishery Regulations.” The report will include a description of the adopted salmon management alternatives and a summary of their biological and economic impacts. The public hearings schedule will also be included on the inside cover of the report and will be posted on the Pacific Council website at <http://www.pcouncil.org>.

*April 23, 2026:* “Preseason Report III: Council-Adopted Management Measures and Environmental Assessment Part 3 for 2026 Ocean Salmon Fishery Regulations” is scheduled to be posted on the Pacific Council website at <http://www.pcouncil.org>.

*May 16, 2026:* Federal regulations for 2026 ocean salmon regulations are published in the **Federal Register** and implemented.

### Meetings and Hearings

*January 20–23, 2026:* The Salmon Technical Team (STT) will meet for a public work session to draft “Review of 2025 Ocean Salmon Fisheries, Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation Document for the Pacific Coast Salmon Fishery Management Plan” and to consider any other estimation or methodology issues pertinent to the 2026 ocean salmon fisheries. The STT may also discuss additional topics and work as time allows, including but not limited to upcoming agenda items related to Sacramento River fall Chinook