

Four of the seven approved companies provide both at-sea and electronic monitoring services: A.I.S., Inc.; East West Technical Services, LLC; Fathom Research, LLC; and Saltwater, Inc. The other three approved companies provide electronic monitoring services: Flywire Cameras; New England Marine Monitoring; and Teem Fish. On September 18, 2021, NMFS announced an additional opportunity for monitoring companies to apply for

approval to provide at-sea monitoring and/or electronic monitoring services in fishing year 2022.

NMFS approved two additional companies to provide electronic monitoring services to the Northeast multispecies sectors in fishing year 2022: Archipelago Marine Research, Ltd.; and Satlink US, LLC. Table 1 includes the revised list of approved monitoring providers for fishing year 2022.

We approved the additional two companies to provide electronic monitoring services in fishing year 2022 because they have met the application requirements and documented their ability to comply with service provider standards. We will closely monitor the performance of approved providers, and we will withdraw approval during the current approval term if we determine performance standards are not being met.

TABLE 1—APPROVED PROVIDERS FOR FISHING YEAR 2022

Provider	Services	Address	Phone	Fax	Website
A.I.S., Inc	ASM/EM	540 Hawthorn St., Dartmouth, MA 02747.	508-990-9054	508-990-9055	https://aisobservers.com/ .
Archipelago Marine Research, Ltd.	EM	525 Head St., Victoria, BC V9A 5S1, Canada.	250-383-4535	250-383-0103	https://www.archipelago.ca/ .
East West Technical Services, LLC.	ASM/EM	91 Point Judith Rd., Suite 26, Unit 347, Narragansett, RI 02882.	860-910-4957	860-223-6005	https://www.ewts.com/ .
Fathom Resources, LLC	ASM/EM	855 Aquidneck Ave., Unit 9, Middletown, RI 02842.	508-990-0997	508-991-7372	https://fathomresources.com/ .
Flywire Cameras	EM	P.O. BOX 55048, Lexington, KY 40511.	888-315-7796	502-861-6568	https://www.flywirecameras.com/ .
New England Marine Monitoring.	EM	350 Commercial St., Portland, ME 04101.	508-269-8138	https://www.nemarinemonitoring.com/ .
Saltwater, Inc	ASM/EM	733 N St., Anchorage, AK 99501.	907-276-3241	907-258-5999	https://www.saltwaterinc.com/ .
Satlink US, LLC	EM	16423 Sawgrass Drive, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971.	703-447-5287	https://www.satlink.es/en/ .
Teem Fish	EM	90-425 Carrall St., Vancouver, BC V6B 6E3, Canada.	778-884-2598	https://teem.fish/ .

ASM/EM = At-sea and electronic monitoring; EM = Electronic monitoring only.

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

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Ngagne Jafnar Gueye,

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

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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; U.S. Territorial Catch and Fishing Effort Limits

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of information collection, request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995

(PRA), invites 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. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment preceding submission of the collection to OMB.

DATES: To ensure consideration, comments regarding this proposed information collection must be submitted on or before March 21, 2022.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments to Adrienne Thomas, NOAA PRA Officer, at NOAA.PRA@noaa.gov. Please reference OMB Control Number 0648-0689 in the subject line of your comments. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or specific questions related to collection activities should be directed to Keith Kamikawa, Fishery Management Specialist, NMFS Pacific Islands

Regional Office, (808) 725-5177, keith.kamikawa@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This request is for extension of a currently approved information collection.

The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act) established the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) to develop fishery ecosystem plans (FEP) for fisheries in the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone and high seas of the Pacific Islands region. If approved by the Secretary of Commerce, NMFS implements these FEPs in Federal regulations. FEPs and these regulations manage fishing to prevent overfishing and to ensure the long-term productivity and social and economic benefit of the resources.

Under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, regulations at 50 CFR 665.819 allow the Council to recommend and NMFS to implement catch or fishing effort limits for pelagic fisheries in the Territory of American Samoa, the Territory of Guam, and the

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) (hereinafter, “territory” or “territories”). The regulations further allow NMFS to authorize the government of each territory to allocate a portion of its catch or fishing effort limit to U.S. fishing vessels permitted under an FEP through specified fishing agreements between the vessels and the respective territories. Payments made under these agreements support fisheries development in the territories.

A specified fishing agreement provides access to an identified portion of catch or fishing effort limit and may not exceed the limit specified for the territory and that NMFS has made available for allocation. The identified portion of catch or fishing effort limit in an agreement must account for recent and anticipated harvest on the fish stock or stock complex or fishing effort, and any other valid agreements with the territory during the same year not to exceed the territory’s catch or fishing effort limit or allocation limit.

II. Method of Collection

Each participating territory may submit a complete specified fishing agreement for review by the Council and review and approval by NMFS (see 50 CFR 665.819(c)). The agreement must: (i) Identify the vessels and document that each fishing vessel has a valid permit issued under 50 CFR 665.801; (ii) identify the limit on catch of western Pacific pelagic management unit species, if applicable; (iii) identify the limit on fishing effort, if applicable; (iv) be signed by an authorized official of the participating territory or designated representative; and (v) be signed by each vessel owner or designated representative. There is no form for an agreement. Agreements may be submitted by mail, fax, or secure email.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648–0689.

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; State, Local, or Tribal governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 3.

Estimated Time per Response: 30 hours per agreement, 2 hours per appeal.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 90.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$4,885.20.

IV. Request for Comments

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department 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,

Department PRA Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Commerce Department.

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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; Groundfish Tagging Program

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

ACTION: Notice of information collection, request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), invites 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. The purpose of this notice is to allow for 60 days of public comment preceding submission of the collection to OMB.

DATES: To ensure consideration, comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before March 21, 2022.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments to Adrienne Thomas, NOAA PRA Officer, at Adrienne.thomas@noaa.gov. Please reference OMB Control Number 0648–0276 in the subject line of your comments. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or specific questions related to collection activities should be directed to, Rebecca Reuter, Fisheries Biologist, NOAA Fisheries Alaska Fisheries Science Center, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle, WA 98115, 425–666–9578, and Rebecca.reuter@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This request is for extension of a currently approved information collection. The groundfish tagging program provides scientists with information necessary for effective conservation, management, and scientific understanding of the groundfish fishery off Alaska and the Northwest Pacific. The program area includes the Pacific Ocean off Alaska (the Gulf of Alaska, the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Area, and the Alexander Archipelago of Southeast Alaska), California, Oregon, and Washington. Fish movement information from recovered tags is used in population dynamics models for stock assessment. There are three general categories of tags. Simple plastic tags (spaghetti tags) are external tags approximately two inches long, printed with code numbers. When a tag is returned, the tag number is correlated with databases of released, tagged fish to determine the net movement and growth rate of the tagged fish. Archival tags are microchips with sensors encased in plastic cylinders that record the depth, temperature or other data, which can be downloaded electronically from the recovered tags. Pop-off satellite tags are programmed to release from the fish and upload archived data (depth, temperature, and approximate geolocation) to passing satellites, therefore data is received independent of the fishery. The groundfish tagging