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Special Coral Reef Ecosystem Fishing Special Permit or Transshipment Permit Application Form

Applying for: Fishing Special Permit; Transshipment Permit

Applicant Information (Please print legibly, all items required) **See Required Documents under Instructions on Page 3.**

Full Name: _____

Taxpayer Identification Number (SSN): _____ Date of Birth: _____ (MM/DD/YYYY)

Business Mailing Address: _____
 Street Apt.# City State ZIP

Business Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

Vessel Operator? Yes ; No (If Yes, complete the vessel information)

Vessel Name: _____ Home Port: _____

Length (ft): _____ Net Tonnage: _____ Gross Tonnage: _____

Vessel USCG Documentation ; State/Territory Registration (check only one)

Vessel Documentation or Registration Number: _____; Radio Call Sign: _____

Is this permit solely to transship coral reef ecosystem taxa received from another vessel around the EEZ of the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands, the Pacific Remote Island Areas, or any other low-use Marine Protected Area (MPA)? _____ (Y/N)

Do you agree to accommodate an observer on board while fishing, if required? _____ (Y/N)

Does vessel have an active Vessel Monitoring System? _____ (Y/N)

Do you agree to submit daily log data within 30 days of returning to port? _____ (Y/N) or
 transshipment log data within 7 days of returning to port? _____ (Y/N)

Describe your intended target and incidental species, expected catch, processing, and reason for harvesting:

Use another page if necessary; total expected catch during permit period for target species required for permit approval.

Target Species or Taxa				Expected Incidental Species or Taxa		
Species Name	Expected Catch (lb) (#, wt.)	How will it be processed? ¹	Why harvested? ²	Species Name	Expected Catch (lb) (#, wt.)	Keep? (Y/N)

¹Live, fresh, frozen, preserved, other

² Food, ornamental, research, other

In which EEZ Management Subarea will fishing be conducted? (check only one)

Main Hawaiian Islands American Samoa Guam Guam's Southern Banks

CNMI Pacific Remote Island Areas (PRIA) (specify which) _____

Fishing Gears To Be Used:

1) _____; 2) _____; 3) _____

Check any special exemption for which you qualify and would like to be eligible for under this permit application (attach description of conditions under which you apply):

Possess current Fishery Ecosystem Plan Permit _____ Scientific Bioprospecting _____ General Indigenous _____
Indigenous use of live rock/coral _____ Aquaculture seed stock of coral _____

Under penalty of perjury, I hereby declare that I, the undersigned, am the applicant or authorized to complete and certify this application on behalf of the applicant, and the information contained herein is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant Name (print): _____

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

It is prohibited to file false information on any application for a fishing permit (50 CFR 665.15(b)).

Instructions for Coral Reef Ecosystems Fishing Special Permit or Transshipment Permit:

Any person who fishes for, or the operator of a vessel used to fish for, coral reef ecosystem component species in a coral reef management subarea, a low-use MPA, or use a gear not specifically allowed in the regulations must have a current **Coral Reef Ecosystem Fishing Special Permit**. A receiving vessel that is used in a coral reef ecosystem management subarea to land or transship coral reef ecosystem component species harvested within a low-use MPA must be registered to a valid **Coral Reef Ecosystem Transshipment Permit**. Please see the regulations in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 50, Part 665 Subparts B, C, D, and E for more information.

- 1) Check whether applying for a fishing special permit or a transshipment permit (note: not all fields applicable to a transshipment permit)
- 2) Applicant full name: Write full name including middle initials.
- 3) Taxpayer Identification Number: Write in your Social Security Number (individual)
- 4) Business mailing address and business phone: This information will be your address and phone number of record
- 5) Cell phone and email: Please provide these information to facilitate communication with the permit holder
- 6) Vessel Operator: If you are a vessel operator and/or applying for transshipment permit, please provide the vessel information.
 - a. Vessel Name if any
 - b. Vessel Owner
 - c. USCG vessel documentation or state/territory/commonwealth registration number
 - d. Radio call sign as issued by the FCC. Mark N/A if none issued.
 - e. Home port
 - f. Vessel length overall in feet
 - g. Net tonnage
 - h. Gross tonnage
- 7) Respond Yes or No to the following questions:
 - a. Is this permit solely for transshipping of coral reef ecosystem component species received from another vessel around the EEZ of the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands, the Pacific Remote Island Areas, or any other low-use MPA?
 - b. Agree to carry an observer if requested
 - c. The vessel has an active VMS
 - d. Agree to submit daily log sheets within 30 days of returning to port, or transshipment log data within 7 days of returning to port
- 8) Intended target and incidental species, expected catch, processing and reason for harvesting: Fill in the table. Attach extra sheets if necessary.
- 9) EEZ management subarea: Check only one of the areas listed. If a PRIA, please specify which island/atoll will be fished.
- 10) Fishing gears: List fishing gears that you will use.
- 11) Exemption: Check which exemption you claim and can qualify for. You must provide qualifying documentation.

Required Documents:

- 1) Attach statement describing objectives and details of proposed fishing operation, estimated ecosystem, habitat, and protected species impacts, and any additional information to help support approval of this application.
- 2) Attach copy of current USCG vessel documentation or state/territory vessel registration for vessel used for fishing or transshipping.

Send application per <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/pacific-islands/commercial-fishing/apply-pacific-islands-fishing-permit>. An application that is lacking required information or vessel registration or documentation will be considered incomplete. An incomplete application will be abandoned if it is not completed within 30 days after reception. You must inform PIRO within 15 days of any change of information on the application form (50 CFR 665.13). It is prohibited to file false information on any application for a fishing permit (50 CFR 665.15(b)).

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

Authority: The collection of this information is authorized under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, 16 U.S.C 1801 et seq., the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Convention Implementation Act (WCPFCIA; 16 U.S.C. 6901 et seq), the Marine Mammal Protection Act, and the Endangered Species Act. The authority for the mandatory collection of the Tax Identification Number (TIN) is 31 U.S.C. 7701.

Purpose: In order to manage U.S. fisheries, the NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) requires the use of permits or registrations by participants in the United States. Information on NOAA Fisheries permit applicants and renewing holders includes vessel owner contact information, date of birth, TIN and vessel descriptive information. Permit holder information may be used as sampling frames for surveys.

Routine Uses: The Department will use this information to determine permit eligibility and to identify fishery participants. Disclosure of this information is permitted under the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. Section 552a), to be shared within NMFS offices, in order to coordinate monitoring and management of sustainability of fisheries and protected resources, as well as with the applicable State or Regional Marine Fisheries Commissions and International Organizations. Disclosure of this information is also subject to all of the published routine uses as identified in the Privacy Act System of Records Notice [COMMERCE/NOAA-19](#), Permits and Registrations for the United States Federally Regulated Fisheries.

Disclosure: Furnishing this information is voluntary; however, failure to provide complete and accurate information will prevent the determination of eligibility for a permit.

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This information is being collected to provide the information needed by NMFS to regulate and monitor the coral reef fisheries and resources managed under the Fishery Ecosystem Plans for the American Samoa Archipelago, Hawaiian Archipelago, Mariana Archipelago, and Pacific Remote Island Areas, developed by the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council and established by NMFS, and to evaluate the effectiveness of management by assessing the status of stocks and the status of the fisheries. The information provides a basis for determining whether changes in management are needed to sustain the productivity of the stocks or to respond to interactions between fishing vessels and protected species and to address economic problems in the fishery. The information is also used to provide a basis for evaluating the magnitude and distribution of impacts resulting from changes to the regulations. Responses to the collection are required under 50 CFR 665.13. Proprietary data provided concerning the vessel and/or business of the respondents are handled as confidential under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Sec.402(b)). Notwithstanding any other provisions of the law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB Control Number.