

FEDERAL FISHERY PERMIT CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENTS—SCOPING

In November 2016, the Council received correspondence from National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) about NMFS's denial of a request to issue a commercial highly migratory species (HMS) permit to an American Indian born in Canada ([Agenda Item C.6.a, Supplemental NMFS Report, November 2016](#)). In turn, NMFS West Coast Region (WCR) requested that the Council consider the request for a regulatory amendment to the HMS regulations (50 CFR part 660 subpart K) to address permit eligibility for American Indians born in Canada who are not U.S. citizens. The Council heard from the petitioner's representative at several subsequent Council meetings under the Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning agenda item. In April 2018, the Council decided to schedule this issue for scoping but asked for a broader consideration of eligibility requirements beyond just the commercial HMS permit. Attachment 1 reviews eligibility requirements for Federal permits established under the Council's fishery management plans.

Council Action:

Review Existing Federal Fishery Permit Citizenship Requirements and Scope Regulatory Changes.

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item C.7, Attachment 1: Commercial Fishery Permit Eligibility Under Pacific Council Fishery Management Plans.

Agenda Order:

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| C.7 | Federal Fishery Permit Citizenship Requirements—Scoping | Kit Dahl |
| | a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies | |
| | b. Public Comment | |
| | c. Council Action: Review Existing Federal Fishery Permit Citizenship Requirements and Scope Regulatory Changes | |