

1.2.11 Number of Federal Permit Holders

In Guam, the following Federal permits are required for fishing in the EEZ:

1.2.11.1 Guam Large Vessel Bottomfish Permit

The Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Title 50, Part 665 requires the following Federal permits for Guam fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ) under the Mariana FEP:

1.2.11.2 Guam Large Vessel Bottomfish Permit

Regulations require this permit for any large vessel (50 feet or longer in overall length) fishing for, landing, or transshipping bottomfish MUS or bottomfish ecosystem component species (ECS) in the EEZ seaward of Guam.

1.2.11.3 Special Coral Reef Ecosystem Permit

Regulations require the coral reef ecosystem special permit for anyone fishing for coral reef ECS in a low-use marine protected area (MPA), fishing for species on the list of Potentially Harvested Coral Reef Taxa, or using fishing gear not specifically allowed in the regulations. NMFS will make an exception to this permit requirement for any person issued a permit to fish under any fishery ecosystem plan who incidentally catches Guam coral reef ECS while fishing for bottomfish MUS, crustacean MUS or ECS, western Pacific pelagic MUS, precious coral, or seamount groundfish. Regulations require a transshipment permit for any receiving vessel used to land or transship potentially harvested coral reef taxa, or any coral reef ECS caught in a low-use MPA.

1.2.11.4 Western Pacific Precious Corals Permit

Regulations require this permit for anyone harvesting or landing black, bamboo, pink, red, or gold corals in the EEZ in the Western Pacific.

1.2.11.5 Western Pacific Crustaceans Permit (Lobster or Deepwater Shrimp)

Regulations require a permit by the owner of a U.S. fishing vessel used to fish for lobster (now ECS) or deep-water shrimp in the EEZ around American Samoa, Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), Hawaii, and the Pacific Remote Islands Areas (PRIA).

There is no record of special coral reef or precious coral fishery permits issued for the EEZ around Guam since 2007. Table 29 provides the number of permits issued for Guam fisheries between 2010 and 2019. Historical data are from the PIFSC, and 2018–2019 data are from the PIRO Sustainable Fisheries Division permits program.

Table 1. Number of federal permits holders for the crustacean and bottomfish fisheries of Guam from 2010–2019

Guam Fisheries	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Lobster	0	0	0	0	0	0	1**	0	1**	0
Shrimp	2*	1*	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Bottomfish	1	1	4	2	2	1	1	1	1	0

*Permits apply to multiple areas and may include American Samoa, Guam, CNMI, and PRIA.

**Area 5 CNMI and Guam