

1.1 NUMBER OF FEDERAL PERMIT HOLDERS

The Code of Federal Regulations, Title 50 Part 665 requires the following Federal permits for fishing in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ) of the PRIAs.

1.1.1 Special Coral Reef Ecosystem Permit

Regulations require the special coral reef ecosystem fishing permit for anyone fishing for coral reef ecosystem component species (ECS) in a low-use 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 PRIA 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.

1.1.2 Western Pacific Precious Corals Permit

Regulations require a Western Pacific Precious Corals permit for anyone harvesting or landing black, bamboo, pink, red, or gold corals in the EEZs of the U.S. Western Pacific.

1.1.3 Western Pacific Crustaceans Permit (Lobster or Deepwater Shrimp)

Regulations require a Western Pacific Crustaceans permit for any owner of a U.S. fishing vessel used to fish for lobster (now ECS) or deepwater shrimp in the EEZs around of the U.S. Western Pacific.

1.1.4 PRIA Bottomfish Permit

Regulations require obtaining a PRIA Bottomfish permit for anyone using bottomfish gear to fish for BMUS in the EEZ around the PRIAs. Commercial fishing is prohibited within the boundaries of the Pacific Remote Islands Marine National Monument (PRIMNM).

There is no record of coral reef or precious coral fishery permits issued for the EEZ around the PRIAs since 2008. Table 1 provides the number of permits issued for PRIA fisheries from 2010 to 2019. Historical data from were accessed from PIFSC, and data for 2018–2019 are from the PIRO Sustainable Fisheries Division (SFD) permits program.

Table 1. Number of federal permit holders in the lobster, shrimp, and bottomfish fisheries of the PRIA from 2010–2019

PRIA Fisheries	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Lobster	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shrimp	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bottomfish	6	5	4	1	2	0	1	1	4	4

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