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## PUBLIC NOTICE

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### PACIFIC COAST GROUND FISH FISHERY

#### ***Trawl Rationalization Program:*** **Cost Recovery Proposed Rule - available for public comment**

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) announces the publication of a rule proposing cost recovery for the Pacific Coast Groundfish Trawl Rationalization Program. The *Federal Register* notice for this proposed rule (78 FR 7371, February 1, 2013) explains the cost recovery program and is available on the NMFS Northwest Region website at:

<http://www.nwr.noaa.gov/Groundfish-Halibut/Groundfish-Fishery-Management/Regulations/Index.cfm>

NMFS solicits written public comments on this proposed rule. **Comments must be received by NMFS no later than 11:59 p.m. east coast time (EST) on March 18, 2013.**

You may submit comments on this document, identified by NOAA-NMFS-2012-0218, by any of the following methods:

- **Electronic Submission:** Submit all electronic public comments via the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal. Go to [www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=NOAA-NMFS-2012-0218](http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=NOAA-NMFS-2012-0218), click the "Comment Now!" icon, complete the required fields, and enter or attach your comments.
- **Mail:** Submit written comments to William W. Stelle, Jr., Regional Administrator, Northwest Region, NMFS, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle, WA 98115-0070; Attn: Ariel Jacobs.
- **Fax:** 206-526-6736; Attn: Ariel Jacobs.

**Instructions:** Comments sent by any other method, to any other address or individual, or received after

the end of the comment period, may not be considered by NMFS. All comments received are a part of the public record and will generally be posted for public viewing on [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) without change. All personal identifying information (e.g., name, address, etc.), confidential business information, or otherwise sensitive information submitted voluntarily by the sender will be publicly accessible. NMFS will accept anonymous comments (enter "N/A" in the required fields if you wish to remain anonymous). Attachments to electronic comments will be accepted in Microsoft Word, Excel, or Adobe PDF file formats only.

Written comments regarding the burden-hour estimates or other aspects of the collection of information requirements contained in proposed rule may be submitted to William W. Stelle, Jr., Regional Administrator, Northwest Region, NMFS, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle, WA 98115-0070, and to OMB by e-mail to [OIRA\\_Submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov), or fax to 202-395-7285.

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#### ***NMFS Trawl Program Website***

<http://www.nwr.noaa.gov/Groundfish-Halibut/Groundfish-Fishery-Management/Trawl-Program/index.cfm>