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PACIFIC COAST GROUND FISH FISHERY

Trawl Rationalization Program: **2012 Economic Data Collection Forms Available,** **Due 9/1/2013**

The National Marine Fisheries Service, Northwest Fisheries Science Center (NWFSC) announces that the 2012 Economic Data Collection (EDC) forms are now available on the web: www.nwfsc.noaa.gov/edc and are currently being mailed to participants in the trawl rationalization program. **The forms are due on September 1, 2013.** You must complete an EDC if you fit any of the following categories:

- All owners, lessees, and charterers of a catcher vessel registered to a limited entry trawl endorsed permit at any time in 2012.
- All owners, lessees, and charterers of a mothership vessel registered to a mothership permit at any time in 2012.
- All owners, lessees, and charterers of a catcher-processor vessel registered to a catcher/processor-endorsed limited entry trawl permit at any time in 2012.
- All owners of a first receiver site license in 2012.
- All owners and lessees of a shorebased processor that received round or headed and- gutted IFQ groundfish species or whiting from a first receiver in 2012.

The EDC data will be used by NWFSC economists to evaluate the catch share program. Aggregated data and analyses will be compiled into a report and presented to the Pacific Fishery Management Council. The data you submit through the EDC program is confidential under the Magnuson-Stevens Act and NOAA Administrative Order 216-100. The individual level data will only be studied by NMFS employees or their contractors, and everyone who works with this data is required to sign a confidentiality agreement. When reporting the data, we will combine your responses with information provided by other participants, and report it in summary form so that individual responses cannot be identified.

If you have any questions about how to complete the form or believe that you are not responsible for completing the form, please contact Erin Steiner at erin.steiner@noaa.gov or at 866-791-3726.

Tips for completing the forms:

- ✓ For your form to be recorded as complete, every question must have an answer, whether it is a number, a statement, or "NA". This means that if you do not have an answer for a question, you need to write "NA" in that answer box.
- ✓ To avoid delays in processing of your form, if you are filling out the form for the owner of the vessel, make sure that the name of the owner of the vessel entered on the EDC form is the same as the name of the holder of the limited entry permit attached to the vessel
- ✓ Please print, sign, and mail the surveys to:

*Economic Data Collection Program
(FRAM Division)
Northwest Fisheries Science Center
2725 Montlake Boulevard East
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