

SAVE THE DATE - COMING THIS FEBRUARY



3rd Pacific Groundfish Quota Program Workshop

February 16th-18th, Portland, Oregon

Industry leaders, NMFS, and EDF invite you to join us for a two day workshop February 16th-18th, for IFQ permit and quota holders, processors, skippers, crew and others involved in the groundfish trawl industry.

Why hold a quota program workshop?

West coast trawl fishermen have been fishing under a catch share program for 5 years. This workshop is designed to bring together working fishermen, vessel owners, processors, managers, and others to discuss the current state of the fishery and explore needed improvements. Emphasis will be on identifying key fishing, business and management strategies, as well as regulatory changes to improve the economic performance of the fishery, increase associated benefits to coastal communities and continue to meet the conservation objectives of the catch share program.

Time: The workshop will begin with an opening reception on the evening of Feb 16th and will continue for two full days, ending around 5 pm on Feb 18th.

Workshop Structure: A Steering Committee comprised of fishery industry leaders, NMFS, Council staff, and EDF is currently developing the workshop agenda. Plenary sessions will be followed by breakout sessions focused on exploring specific ways to address identified fishery challenges and facilitating participation by all attendees. Time for informal networking will also be provided.

What's covered: Accommodation, parking and meals will be covered for a maximum of two eligible participants from each entity. Eligible participants include skippers, crew, quota holders, or processor personnel. Travel assistance may be available for active fishery participants. Please contact Katherine Mah at EDF for details (kmah@edf.org)

Workshop agenda and registration information will be available in January 2016.