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PACIFIC COAST GROUND FISH FISHERY

Trawl Rationalization Program- Program Components Proposed Rule Available for Public Comment

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) announces a proposed rule (75 FR 53380, August 31, 2010) which proposes additional details necessary for implementation of the trawl rationalization program by January 2011, including: program components applicable to individual fishing quota (IFQ) program gear switching, observer programs, retention requirements, equipment requirements, catch monitors, catch weighing requirements, coop permits, coop agreement requirements, first receiver site licenses, quota share accounts, vessel accounts, further tracking and monitoring components, and economic data collection requirements. This proposed rule is called the "program components" rule and is in addition to a rulemaking for the initial issuance of permits and endorsements (75 FR 32994, June 10, 2010).

The program components proposed rule, as well as a fact sheet about this rule, are posted on the NMFS website at <http://www.nwr.noaa.gov/Groundfish-Halibut/Groundfish-Fishery-Management/Trawl-Program/index.cfm>.

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Public comment must be received no later than 5 p.m. (PST) on September 30, 2010.

You may submit comments on the proposed rule, identified by RIN 0648-AY68, by any one of the following methods:

- Electronic Submissions: Submit all electronic public comments via the Federal eRulemaking Portal <http://www.regulations.gov>
- Fax: 206-526-6736, Attn: Jamie Goen.
- Mail: William W. Stelle, Jr., Administrator, Northwest Region, NMFS, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle, WA 98115-0070, Attn: Jamie Goen.

Instructions: All comments received are a part of the public record and will generally be posted to <http://www.regulations.gov> without change. All Personal Identifying Information (for example, name, address, etc.) voluntarily submitted by the commenter may be publicly accessible. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information. 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, WordPerfect, or Adobe PDF file formats only.