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Trawl Rationalization Program: **2013 Economic Data Collection Online Forms Now Available** **Due 9/1/2014**

The National Marine Fisheries Service, Northwest Fisheries Science Center announces that the 2013 Economic Data Collection (EDC) forms can now be completed online:

www.webapps.nwfsc.noaa.gov/edc. Paper forms and Web Form IDs are currently being mailed to participants in the trawl rationalization program. **The forms are due on September 1, 2014.** 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 2013.
- All owners, lessees, and charterers of a mothership vessel registered to a mothership permit at any time in 2013.
- All owners, lessees, and charterers of a catcher-processor vessel registered to a catcher/processor-endorsed limited entry trawl permit at any time in 2013.
- All owners of a first receiver site license in 2013.
- 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 2013.

Please note that the Web Form ID provided by mail is for the owner of the vessel, if you are a lessee of a vessel, you will need to contact the EDC Program to get a Web Form ID at 866-791-3726 or nwfsc.edc@noaa.gov.

Although paper forms will still be accepted, the EDC web form provides an easy and secure method of submitting your information, reducing the time required to complete and submit your form. It will improve the readability of submitted EDC forms and checks for typos and other basic data entry mistakes. You also will have the option to export your data into an excel spreadsheet. This should reduce errors, and thus callbacks from the EDC program to request clarification or corrections.

Data Summaries from past data collections are available on the EDC website: www.nwfsc.noaa.gov/edc.

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 nwfsc.edc@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
Seattle, WA 98112*



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