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#### **PACIFIC COAST GROUND FISH FISHERY**

**Observer and Catch Monitor Program Changes,  
including new provider permits and updated safety requirements**

**Effective May 21, 2015**

The National Marine Fisheries Service announces changes to the observer and catch monitor requirements affecting the trawl rationalization program, as well as the limited entry fixed gear and open access fisheries, effective May 21, 2015 (80 FR 22270, April 21, 2015).

The *final rule* is available at:

<http://www.westcoast.fisheries.noaa.gov/publications/frn/2015/80fr22270.pdf>

The compliance guides, providing a user-friendly interpretation of the regulations, are available at:

***Observer Safety Compliance Guide***

[http://www.westcoast.fisheries.noaa.gov/publications/fishery\\_management/groundfish/public\\_notices/compliance-guide-observersafety.pdf](http://www.westcoast.fisheries.noaa.gov/publications/fishery_management/groundfish/public_notices/compliance-guide-observersafety.pdf)

***Provider Permits Compliance Guide***

[http://www.westcoast.fisheries.noaa.gov/publications/fishery\\_management/groundfish/public\\_notices/compliance-guide-providers.pdf](http://www.westcoast.fisheries.noaa.gov/publications/fishery_management/groundfish/public_notices/compliance-guide-providers.pdf)

The *provider permit application* is available at:

[http://www.westcoast.fisheries.noaa.gov/fisheries/management/groundfish\\_permits/groundfish\\_fisheries\\_permits.html](http://www.westcoast.fisheries.noaa.gov/fisheries/management/groundfish_permits/groundfish_fisheries_permits.html)