



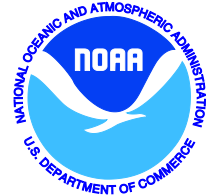
Trawl Rationalization Program

September 2010

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what's in it for me?



Turning to catch shares provides individual fishermen with additional flexibility to try innovative harvest strategies to catch more of the healthy target stocks currently forfeited by strict fleetwide management measures without increasing their harvest of overfished stocks.

- Flexibility to fish at any time during the year to maximize markets
- Fully harvest the quota available to you
- Fish more efficiently

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where are we at?



- Implementing regulations through multiple rulemakings
- Preparing for first round of applications
- Developing tracking and monitoring databases
- Planning observer and catch monitor trainings
- Conducting public outreach

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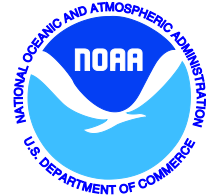
Multiple rulemakings-

1. Data Collection Rule
2. Initial Issuance Rule & FMP Review
3. Proposed Program Components Rule

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1. Data Collection Rule

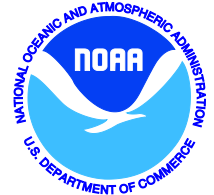
- final rule published - 1/29/2010

2. Initial Issuance Rule & FMP Review

- Secretary of Commerce decision on Am 20 & 21 – 8/9/2010
- final rule will be published sometime next week
- Announces:
 - a. NMFS partial approval of Am 20 & 21;*
 - b. Am 21 allocations;*
 - c. Initial issuance process for permits & endorsements;*
 - d. Restructures existing groundfish regulations*
- See compliance guide for more details



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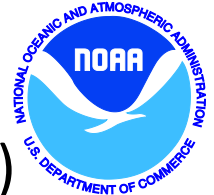
3. Program Components Rule

- proposed rule published – 8/31/2010
- comment period open until – 9/30/2010
- Proposed rule announces additional trawl rationalization program details:
 - a. Observer program*
 - b. Catch monitor program*
 - c. Catch weighing requirements*
 - d. First receiver site license*
 - e. QS accounts & vessel accounts*
 - f. Gear switching for IFQ*
 - g. Coop permits/agreements*
 - h. Economic data collection*
- See fact sheets for more details

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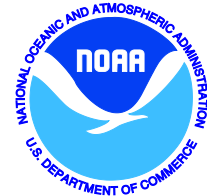
3. Program Components Rule (con't)

- public comment can be submitted by:
 - a) Electronic Submissions:
Submit all electronic public comments via the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal, at <http://www.regulations.gov>
 - b) Fax:
206-526-6736; Attn: Jamie Goen
 - c) Mail:
William W. Stelle, Jr., Regional Administrator
Northwest Region, NMFS
7600 Sand Point Way NE
Seattle, WA 98115-0070
Attn: Jamie Goen



IFQ Program

types of permits/accounts



1. **QS permit (new) /QS account (proposed)**
2. **Vessel account (proposed)**
3. **First Receiver Site License (proposed)**

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MS Coop Program

types of permits/accounts



1. **Mothership (MS) permit (new)**
2. **MS/CV endorsement (new & tied to LET permit)**
3. **Coop permit and agreement (new) (*proposed*)**

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C/P Coop Program

types of permits/accounts



1. **C/P endorsement** (new & tied to LET permit)
2. **Coop permit and agreement** (new) (*proposed*)

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applications



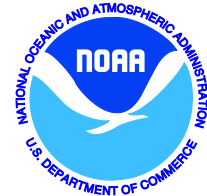
Upcoming application process for:

- *QS permit*
- *MS permit*
- *MS/CV endorsement*
- *C/P endorsement*

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applications



2 ways to apply:

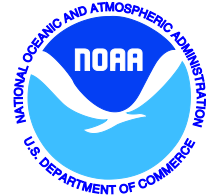
1. *Pre-filled applications will be mailed out*
2. *Blank applications available on web or via request*

All applications, including pre-filled, have to be **COMPLETED** and **RETURNED** (postmarked or hand-delivered) by **November 1, 2010.**

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proposed observer program

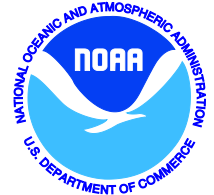


1. 100% observer coverage required, no waivers
2. 90% Federal Funding
3. List of providers (see fact sheet)
 - *Alaskan Observer, Inc.*
 - *MRAG Americas, Inc.*
 - *NWO, Inc.*
 - *Saltwater, Inc.*
 - *TechSea International, Inc.*
4. Observer trainings sessions

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proposed catch monitor program

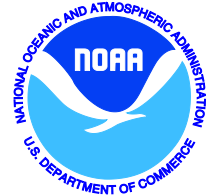


1. First Receiver Site License required to accept landings of IFQ groundfish
 - *Interim first receiver site license required from January 1 through June 30, 2011 until first receiver site license application is accepted (passed site inspection and catch monitoring plan accepted).*
2. 100% catch monitor coverage required
3. First receiver must submit electronic fish ticket within 24 hours of landing
4. 90% Federal Funding
5. List of providers (same as for observers)

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economic data collection (EDC)

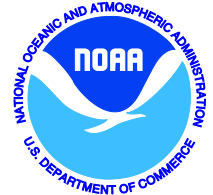


- The proposed program would require economic data from catcher vessels, catcher/processors, motherships, buyers/first receivers, and shore based processors.
- This data would be important for monitoring and evaluating the catch share program, which is an MSA requirement
- Completed EDC surveys would be required to complete administrative requests like permit renewals, quota transfers, vessel registration and first receiver site licenses.
- Baseline data from 2009 and 2010 operations would be due September 1, 2011
- 2011 data would be due Sept. 1, 2012, etc...
- Contact Todd Lee (NWFSC – Seattle) if you have any questions:
(206) 302-2436 or todd.lee@noaa.gov

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important dates



Public comment on program components rule	August 31 – September 30, 2010
Application period (QS, MS, MS/CV, C/P)	mid-September – November 1, 2010
QS account	~December 2010
Vessel account	~December 2010 - ongoing
Application period (interim first receiver site license)	~December 2010 – June 30, 2011
Application period (coop permit/agreement)	February 1 – March 31, 2011

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Questions?

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