

Cover Letter:

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West Coast Drift Gillnet and Harpoon Fishery Cost and Earnings Survey

Dear HMS Fisherman,

To gauge economic impacts of proposed regulations, federal fishery managers must have accurate baseline economic information for the West Coast Drift Gillnet and Harpoon Fishery. Without this information, an accurate assessment of the potential economic impacts of fishery conservation and management cannot be made, making it difficult for fishery managers to best protect the economic interests of fishery participants.

This survey is designed to provide this vital economic information about the coastal HMS fishery, the participants, and the fishing vessels.

It is very important that you understand that this is a voluntary survey. Any information submitted to NMFS in response to this survey will be considered confidential and will not be disclosed except to: (1) Dr. Doyle Hanan, the federal contractor administering the survey; (2) NMFS employees and Pacific Fishery Management Council employees who are responsible for fishery management plan development and monitoring and who are bound by signed legal agreement not to disclose confidential data; (3) state employees pursuant to an agreement within the Secretary of Commerce that prevents the disclosure of this information; or (4) when required by court order. Public reporting burden for completing this form is estimated to average 1.5 hours. No confidential data submitted by any participant will be publicly released in a manner which allows identification of individual proprietary information for fewer than three individuals. Notwithstanding any other provisions of the law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subjected to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB Control Number.

Please find a copy of the survey form and instructions for completing it enclosed with this letter. Feel free to use the enclosed self addressed and stamped envelope to return this survey as soon as possible to:

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If you are willing to participate, but would prefer to complete the survey via telephone call or in-person interview, please contact me at the number given above.

Thank you for your participation.

Sincerely,

Doyle Hanan

P.S. Send comments regarding this survey or burden estimate to:

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