Pacific Coast Groundfish Trawl Fishery Social Survey



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SURVEY INFORMATION

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE STUDY? This study aims to collect social and cultural information from those participating in any aspect of the Pacific Coast Groundfish fishery. The study will allow us to create a baseline description of the people in the industry before a 'catch share' or individual fishing quota program is put in to place in the groundfish fishery. After the management change we will repeat the study. We can then compare the results from both studies to update the baseline data on the industry, and better understand any changes or social impacts that have occurred in the industry.

WHO IS CONDUCTING THIS STUDY? This study is being conducted by the Human Dimensions Program at the Northwest Fisheries Science Center (NWFSC), National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). This program researches people within ecosystems. This means we study human society as it relates to marine resources, such as in commercial fishing.

HOW IS THIS STUDY FUNDED? This project is funded by Human Dimensions Program of the NWFSC, NMFS, NOAA.

HOW WILL THIS STUDY BE USED? The information collected in this study will be used to understand the impacts of fishery management measures, and to improve fishery management in the future. The information will be publically available. It will also serve to meet regulatory requirements, including, for example, requirements concerning information about fishing communities in the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation Act National Standard 8 and those concerning minorities and environmental policy in Executive Order 12898 – the Environmental Justice Initiative.

HOW IS THIS SURVEY ORGANIZED? The survey is organized into six parts; demographics, individual participation, connections, a section for fishermen/harvesters, a section for buyers/first receivers, and a section for processors. The questions allow us to better understand all of the components of the fishery and how they function and are connected.

WHO DOES THIS STUDY INCLUDE? This study includes trawl limited entry permit holders, vessel owners, vessel captains/operators, crew, rationalization quota allocation recipients, processors, and buyers/first receivers who participate in aspects of the Pacific Coast Groundfish fishery.

HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE? This survey takes most people 1 hour to complete.

ARE MY ANSWERS CONFIDENTIAL? This is a confidential survey. Analysis of the survey results will be anonymous and/or aggregated. Information in this survey will be subject to the confidentiality requirements of the National Marine Fisheries Service, and will not be provided or presented in any way as to identify individual respondents. Please see next page for more information.

DO I HAVE TO PARTICIPATE? Your participation and input is **VERY** important and will help us to better understand the unique opportunities and challenges of this fishery. However, this is a **voluntary** survey and you may choose to skip any question or end at any point in the survey.

HOW WAS MY NAME OBTAINED? Depending on your role in the industry, your name was obtained through ownership of a vessel, websites, through your employer, or through third party referrals.

<u>Thank you for your participation!</u> Please contact <u>Suzanne Russell</u>, NWFSC Social Scientist for more information. Contact information: <u>suzanne.russell@noaa.gov</u>, or by phone: (206) 860-3274

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Code number: _____ Survey Location: _____

Notes:

Date: _____ Name of administrator: _____

SURVEY INSTRUCTIONS

All answers given in this survey should reflect <u>YOUR OWN</u> perception of the commercial fishing industry based on your personal experience and knowledge.

- > Please ask questions at any time. Feel free to ask the researcher who is working with you or contact Suzanne Russell 206-860-3274, suzanne.russell@noaa.gov.
- Please follow directions carefully.
- Please DO NOT write your name anywhere on this survey.
- Please mark one answer per question unless otherwise specified. Please write clearly.
- > If you are unable to answer the question or it does not apply to you, please make sure to select the 'do not know' or 'not applicable' box from the options provided.
- > If you chose to **not** answer a question for any reason, please write a notation next to the question in the margin if an appropriate option (ex. Not applicable) is not provided in the question.
- Please mark boxes clearly
- In electronic survey versions, check boxes can be selected and unselected with a click of \square the mouse.



If you mark and answer incorrectly, please draw a horizontal line through the incorrect answer and check the correct answer.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND PARTICIPATION

EXPLANATION OF CONFIDENTIALITY

The information you provide will be kept confidential to the extent possible per the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (as amended) Sec 402(b). and NOAA Administrative Order NAO 216-100, Protection of Confidential Fisheries Statistics. In addition, in the event of a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, we will protect the confidentiality to the extent possible under the Exemption 4 of the FOIA. To support the confidentiality of this research the following processes are in place:

- Your name will not be included on the survey document. It will be tracked in an alternate document to reduce duplication, to account for your participation in the survey, and code your name as needed for the data analysis. Access to this document will be limited to researchers and protected via confidentiality agreements.
- All personal names provided on the survey document as answers to questions, will be viewed • only by the researchers. The names will either be coded with a descriptor such as 'X Community Fisherman' or assigned a code such as 'A1' as an identifier. The type of code that will be applied to each data set may vary based on the question or the analysis required of that question.
- When writing final reports and publishing the findings of this research, your responses will be • combined with responses from other participants so that no single individual may be identified.
- Every method to protect the confidentiality of all responses will be applied in any and all contexts • of this research.

Section Completion Guide

Please see the following table for guidance on which survey sections to complete. Anyone can complete any of the survey sections; this information is simply provided for your assistance.

- Please complete all sections that are marked with this symbol
- □ = Sections marked with this symbol are optional based on your knowledge of the subject.

	Sections					
Industry Role	Α	В	С	D	Е	F
Fishermen						
At-Sea Mothership and/or Catcher Processor Owner and/or Operator						
At-Sea Mothership Employee						
At-Sea Catcher Processor Employee - Fisherman						
At-Sea Catcher Processor Employee – Processing role						
At-Sea Mothership/Catcher Processor Employee – Other role						
Shoreside Processor Owner and/or Operator						
Shoreside Processor Employee						
Buyer/First Receiver						
Fishermen's Wife						
Industry Supplier						
Other Business Operations						

For further clarification, the following table is provided to correlate to the above table.

Industry Role		Description	
Fishermen	Vessel Owner C	ermit lessee aptain/Operator uota allocation recipient	
Buyer/First Receiver	As defined in next section		
Shoreside Processor	Those working for processors permanently fixed on land		
Industry Supplier	Net suppliers, gear suppliers, equipment suppliers, fuel, etc.		
Other Business Operations	Any individual who is active in the fishery in other aspects such as accounting, business management, etc., but does not clearly fall into the other roles identified. For example a business partner who may not be an owner.		

SURVEY DEFINITIONS

The following definitions are for the application to this survey only. Where possible, these definitions have been correlated to definitions found in associated fishery management documents¹.

AT-SEA PROCESSOR: An operation conducting processing that takes place on a vessel or other platform that floats and is capable of being moved from one location to another, whether shore-based or on the water.

BUYER/FIRST RECEIVER: A person(s) or organization(s) who receives, purchases, or takes custody, control, or possession of commercially caught fish onshore directly from a shoreside vessel.

CATCH-SHARES: A general term for several fishery management strategies that allocate a specific portion of the total allowable fishery catch to individuals, cooperatives, communities, or other entities. The term includes specific programs defined in law such as "limited access privilege" (LAP) and "individual fishing quota" (IFQ), and rationalization programs².

COMMERCIAL FISHING: (1) Fishing by a person who possesses a commercial fishing license or is required by law to possess such license issued by one of the states or the Federal Government as a prerequisite to taking, landing and/or sale; or (2) Fishing that results in or can be reasonably expected to result in sale, barter, trade or other disposition of fish for other than personal consumption.

FISHERMAN: An individual who plays a role on a vessel that commercially harvests, takes, or catches of fish.

OWNER OF A VESSEL OR VESSEL OWNER: means a person identified as the current owner in the Certificate of Documentation (CG–1270) issued by the United States Coast Guard (USCG) for a documented vessel, or in a registration certificate issued by a state or the USCG for an undocumented vessel.

PERMIT OWNER: A person who owns a limited entry permit.

PERMIT HOLDER: A vessel owner as identified on the USCG form 1270 or state motor vehicle licensing document.

PERMIT LESSEE: A person who has the right to possess and use a limited entry permit for a designated period of time, with reversion of those rights to the permit owner.

SHORESIDE PROCESSOR: An individual or operation that is permanently fixed to land that engages in processing; or received live Groundfish directly from a fishing vessel for retail sale without further processing

² Source: Draft NOAA Catch Shares Policy. Accessed April 9, 2009

¹ Source: Title 50: Wildlife and Fisheries, Part 660 Fisheries off the West Coast States, Subpart G- West Coast Groundfish Fisheries §660.302 Definitions. <u>Electronic Code of Federal Regulations</u>; accessed 2-23-10.

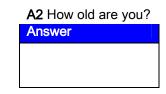
http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/domes_fish/catchshare/docs/draft_noaa_cs_policy.pdf

Section A: Demographic Information

Demographic questions help us to better understand the unique characteristics of people. They are standard questions in social science and can be compared to the U.S. Census data to better describe a specific population such as fishermen.

A1 What is your gender?

Answer	
	Male
	Female



A3 What is the highest level of education you have attained?

Answer		
	Some high school	Associates degree
	High school diploma or equivalent	Bachelors degree
	Some college or vocational, no degree	Graduate or professional degree

A4 Are you Hispanic or Latino?

Answer		
	Yes, Hispanic or Latino	\rightarrow
	No, not Hispanic or Latino	

A5 What is your race? Please mark all that apply.

Answer	
	American Indian or Alaska Native
	Asian
	Black or African American
	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
	White/Caucasian

A6 What is your ancestry (ethnic origin)? Please mark all that apply.

Answer		Answer		Answer	
	Chinese		Italian		Mexican
	English		Irish		Norwegian
	Filipino		Japanese		Russian
	German		Korean		Vietnamese
	Other (Spe	ecify)			

A7 What is your current marital status?

Answer		
	Single	
	Married	➡ Go to A7a
	Divorced	
	Widowed	
	Other (Specif	ÿ)

A7a If married, does your spouse participate in any aspect of the commercial fishing industry?

Answer	
	Yes
	No

Section A: Demographic Information Continued

A8 How many members are in your household (including yourself)? Answer in #

A9 What percentage of your income comes from your participation in any commercial fishing activity?

Answer		
	Prefer not to answer this question	

the commercial fishing industry? Please mark all that apply. Answer By Trip By percentage of value of catch \square By days at sea \Box Hourly Salary **Owner Share** Π Other (Specify)

A10 How are you paid for your work in

A11Please indicate your permanent residence (where you are registered to vote) or your most current residence:

Answer	
City/Town:	
State:	
Zip Code:	

A12 How long have you lived in your permanent or current residence?

Answer

A13 Please describe your living situation.		
Answer		
	Own Home	
	Rent Home	
	Live with Parents	
	Other (Specify)	

Section B: Individual Participation

Questions in this section help us better understand more unique characteristics of the people in the industry, beyond what demographic information provides. In this section we seek to better understand how you participate in commercial fishing and your historical activity in fishing.

B1 Please indicate your role and any role your spouse/partner may have in any aspect of commercial fishing? **Please mark all that apply.**

Self	Role Description	Spouse/ Partner
	Permit Holder	
	Co-Permit Holder	
	Permit Lessee	
	Vessel Owner	
	Co-Vessel Owner	
	Captain/Operator	
	Fishing Crew	
	At-Sea Catcher Processor and/or Mothership Owner	
	At-Sea Catcher Processor and/or Mothership Operator	
	At-Sea Catcher Processor and/or Mothership Employee - Fisherman	
	At-Sea Catcher Processor and/or Mothership Employee – Processing Role	
	Vessel Crew – Other Non-Fishing/Non-Processing Role	
	Buyer (First Receiver)	
	Shoreside Processor Owner	
	Shoreside Processor Operator	
	Shoreside Processor Employee	
	Fishermen's Wife	
	Industry Supplier (Nets, Fuel, etc.)	
	Business Operations (accounting etc.)	
	Other (Specify)	
	Not Applicable	

B2 Has you family historically participated in any commercial fishing activity?

Ansv	wer		
	Yes	•	Go to B3
	No	•	Go to B4

B3 For how many generations has your family participated in any commercial fishing activity?

Answer

B4 How old were you when you started to work in any commercial fishing activity?

Answer

B5 For how many total years have you worked in <u>any</u> commercial fishing activity?

Answer

B6 Of the years you've worked in commercial fishing, how many years have you worked in the Pacific Coast groundfish fishing industry?

Answer

Section B: Individual Participation Continued

B7 What location do you work from in relation to where you live (your permanent or current residence)?

Ans	swer	
	Same city/town	Go to B8
	Different city/town - same county	
	Different city/town - same state	➡ Go to B7a
	Different city/town - different state	4 00 10 014

B7a Please list the city/towns where you participate in the commercial fishing industry.

nswer					

B7b Why do you participate in the commercial fishing industry in a location other than where you live? Answer

B8 Please indicate your level of employment in each category indicated below. (Please mark all that apply)

Answer	Groundfish Fishery	All Other Fisheries	Non- Fishing
Full-Time Employment			
Part-Time Employment			
Seasonal Full-Time Employment			
Seasonal Part-Time Employment			
Self Employed			
Other (please describe)			

B8a Do you work multiple jobs?

Answer					
	Yes, multiple part-time jobs				
	Yes, multiple full-time jobs				
	Yes, both full and part-time jobs				
	No				

Section B: Individual Participation Continued

B9 Do you maintain a job outside the commercial fishing industry?

Answer				
	Yes	Go to B9a		
	No	➡ Go to B10		

B9a Please describe any jobs you have outside of the commercial fishing industry.

B9b Please indicate why you maintain a job(s) outside the commercial fishing activity. *For example: personal interest, supplement income, etc.*

B10 How would you rate the following items in your role in the commercial fishing industry?

Description	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Job satisfaction				
Compensation/Pay				
Method of compensation				
Job Stability				
Standard of Living				
Relationship with co-workers				

B10a What would contribute to improving the above (B9) conditions? Please indicate the item and how it may be improved. *For example: Standard of Living would improve with increased income.*

Section C: Connections

Questions in this section help us understand how people in the industry are connected, how inf	ormation and
resources flow, and identify important resources.	

C1	Who do you d	epend on for	everyday inf	formation yo	ou while wo	orking in the	commercia	l fishing ir	ndustry?
	For example s	tatus of fishin	ng grounds	Please list f	irst and las	t names of	people, con	npanies, a	nd/or
	organizations.	Personal nar	nes will be c	oded to pro	tect identity	, see page	ii.		

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	NOT APPLICABLE	

C2 Who do you depend on for <u>equipment and supplies</u> you utilize while working in the commercial fishing industry? *For example net suppliers, vessel parts, etc.* Please list first and last names of **people, companies, and/or organizations.** Personal names will be coded to protect identity, see page ii

Answe	er	
	NOT APPLICABLE	

C3 Who do you depend on for <u>services</u> you utilize while working in the commercial fishing industry? *For example shipyards, equipment repairs etc.* Please list first and last names of people, companies, and/or organizations. Personal names will be coded to protect identity, see page ii

Answe	er	
	NOT APPLICABLE	

Section C: Connections Continued

C4 Who do you depend on for information about fisheries management? For example changes in regulations. Please list first and last names of people, companies, and/or organizations. Personal names will be coded to protect identity, see page ii

Answ	er	
	NOT APPLICABLE	

C5 Where do you get information related to your work in the fishery?

Ans	wer	
	Telephone/Cell Phone	Social Networking Sites (Facebook, Twitter, etc.)
	Radio	Print Media (Newspaper, Magazines, Newsletters)
	Internet	Other (Specify)
	NOT APPLICABLE	

C6 Please list any organizations or associations you are a member of relating to your participation in any part of the commercial fishing industry.

Answer	

Section D: Catch Shares Perspectives

Questions in this section will help us understand your ideas and opinions about the new catch shares management program.

D1 Please rate how well informed are you about the upcoming fisheries management change to 'catch shares' or rationalization program?

Highly Informed	Reasonably Informed	Somewhat Informed	Not Informed

D2 Do you support the upcoming 'catch shares' program?

Answer				
	Yes		Not Sure	
	No		Do Not Know	

D3 Please select the top <u>5</u> reasons for your response in the previous question D2. Why do you support or not support the upcoming 'catch shares' program?

Alls	Swer	
	Increase in market value	Management Program difficult to understand
	Increase in market competition	Increase cost to enter fishery – purchase quota
	Increase in business flexibility	Increase cost to remain in the fishery
	Longer fishing seasons	Fewer jobs
	Reduced bycatch	More stable jobs
	Increase in safety	Increase cost for raw product
	Increase in gear flexibility	Increase in processing costs
	Improvement of product quality	Decrease in processing costs
	More stable delivery schedule	Boats leave the fishery and negatively impact the community
	More businesses and better community infrastructure	Processors leave the community and negatively impact the community
	Increase in Income	An increase in processor capacity
	Decrease in Income	A decrease in processor capacity
	More Stable Income	Loss of businesses and community infrastructure
	Other (Specify)	

D4 How do you personally expect to be affected by the reasons you selected in the previous questionD3? Please select an option that represents your expectation.

Answer			
	Benefit		Not Sure
	Negative Impact		Do Not Know

FISHERMEN: PLEASE CONTINUE TO NEXT PAGE AT-SEA & SHORESIDE PROCESSOR& BUYERS: PLEASE CONTINUE TO PAGE 15

Section E: FISHERMEN

Questions in this section are specifically for fishermen. Information gathered will help us understand how fishermen are connected to each other and to processors, how fishermen move between the groundfish fishery and other fisheries, the relationships between people they work with, and what happens to fish after it's caught.

E1 Please rank, in order of importance, which fisheries you participate in on a regular basis (for the past three years) (1 being the most important). BSAI: Bering Sea/Aleutian Island, GOA: Gulf of Alaska

Rank	Pacific Coast Fisheries	Rank	Alaska Fisheries
	Pacific Whiting		BSAI Groundfish
	Groundfish		BSAI King and Tanner Crab
	Salmon		GOA Groundfish
	Pacific Halibut		Alaska Scallop
	Highly Migratory Species		Alaska Salmon
	Coastal Pelagic Species		Other (Specify)
	Dungeness Crab		
	Other (Specify)		

E2 What are the most common fish you have commercially fished for in the last five years? Please mark all that apply.

Chilipepper	
	tooth Flounder
Longspine Thorneyhead Pacific Cod Dover	Sole
□ Shortspine Thorneyhead □ Pacific Whiting □ English	h Sole
□ Splitnose □ Sablefish □ Petrale	e Sole
Yellowtail Starry	Flounder

Alaska King Crab

Sharks and Skates			Other			
		Longnose Skate		Herring		Ala
		Big Skate		Mackerel		Ala
		California Skate		Tuna		Ala
		Spiny Dogfish		Pink Shrimp		Ala
			_	Ridgeback Prawn		Ala
		Other		Squid		Ala
		Dungeness Crab		Alaska Pollock		Ala
			1			

Other							
	Alaska Tanner Crab						
	Alaska Salmon						
	Alaska Atka Mackerel						
	Alaska Sablefish						
	Alaska Halibut						
	Alaska Pacific Cod						
	Alaska Flatfish						

Other (Specify)

Pacific Halibut

E3 Have you changed the species you have catch within the last 5 years?

Answer									
	Yes	➡ Go to E3a							
	No	➡ Go to E4							
	Not Applicable	→ G0 10 E4							

E3a Why have you changed the species you catch?

Answer	

E4 What are the common gears you use to fish? Please mark all that apply.

Ans	swer		
	Setline	Crab Pot	Roller Trawl
	Jig	Fish Pot	Beam Trawl
	Pole (Commercial)	Prawn Trap	River Trawl
	Vertical Hook and Line	Danish/Scottish Seine	Drift Gill Net
	Gill Net	Flatfish Trawl	Shrimp Trawl, Double Rigged
	Dip Net	Groundfish Trawl, Large Footrope	Shrimp Trawl, Single or Double Rigged
	Set Net	Groundfish Trawl, Small Footrope	Shrimp Trawl, Single Rigged
	Seine	Groundfish Trawl	Bottomfish Trawl
	Diving Gear	Midwater Trawl	Troll
	Lobster Pot	Pair Trawl	Stick Gear
	Other (Specify)		

O: F Moo PCG Plea	 E5 Please complete the following table to help us understand more about the boats you own or work on. O: Please check the box if you own or co-own the vessel listed. Mooring Port(s) : Please tell us the port(s) where the boat most frequently moors.(This may be different than where the boat lands catch) PCGTFP: Please check whether or not the vessel actively participates in the Pacific Coast Groundfish Trawl Fishery. Please list all other Fisheries: Please list all the fisheries the boat(s) actively participates in. Please include both West Coast and Alaska Fisheries (if applicable). DNK or Do Not Know: If you do not know a piece of information please indicate DNK or Do Not Know or in the corresponding space in the table. 								
Not Applicable		Applicable			OTE				
No. O Vessel Name			Mooring Port(s)	PCO	GTF cipant	Please list all other Fisheries			
Example	✓	Wandering Seas	Bellingham, WA	⊠Y	□ N	Crab			
1				□Y	□ N				
2				ΠY	□ N				
3				ΠY	□ N				
4				ΠY	□ N				
5				ΠY	□ N				
6				ΓY	□ N				
7				ΠY	□ N				
8				□Y	□ N				

E6 Approximately how many people work with you on the groundfish trawl boat(s) you work on or own? Please include yourself in the number.

E7 Do you typically work with the same people in the groundfish trawl fishery year after year?

Answer		
	Yes	Not Applicable
	No	

E8 What is your relationship to others on the boat(s) you commercially fish on? Note: Please include permit holders or owners not on board. Please mark all that apply.

Ans	swer	
	Related to at least one individual – Family	Co-workers
	All on boat are family members	Other (Specify)
	Business partner(s)	

E9 Please rate the quality of your relationships with the following people on the most recent groundfish trawl fishery boat(s) you have worked on.

Individual	Negative	Neutral	Positive	Not Applicable	No Comment
Permit Holder					
Vessel Owner					
Captain/Operator					
Crew					
Observer					
Other (Specify)					

E10 To whom do you sell the trawl caught groundfish? Please provide information for the vessel you most recently worked on or owned. Please list business(es).

Answer	

E11 What items are taken into consideration when deciding where to sell the catch?

Answer		
	Mutual agreement with Buyer	Mothership or Catcher - Processor
	Mutual agreement with Processor	Do Not Know
	Contract with Buyer	Other (Specify)
	Contract with Processor	
	Only Single Buyer Available	
	Best Price/Market	

E12 Do you have a choice where you sell your fish?

Answer		the port(s) you deliver to?		
	Yes		Answ	er
	No			De Niet Kreue
	•	<u>,</u>		Do Not Know

E13 How many buyers/processors are located in

E14 What limits your choice of where you sell your fish?

Answ	er	
	Market	Sell/deliver to a Mothership or Catcher-Processor
	Limited number of processors	No Limitations
	Location of processors	Other (Specify)
	Amount purchased by processor	
	Amount paid for catch by processor	
	Species purchased by processor	
	Multiple species required by processor for purchase of all species (for example groundfish and crab)	

E15 Please rate the quality of your relationships with the following people related to the selling of groundfish that you commercially caught with trawl gear.

Individual	Negative	Neutral	Positive	Not Applicable	No Comment
Buyer/First Receiver					
Processor					
Mothership					
Other (Specify)					
Not Applicable					

E16 Do you plan on continuing your participation in the Pacific Coast Groundfish trawl fishery after the 'catch shares' program is implemented?

Answer					
	Yes	Go to E17			
	No	➡ Go to E16a			

E16a Please describe why you do not plan on continuing fishing in the commercial Pacific Coast Groundfish trawl fishery.

Answer	

E17 Do you plan on continuing your participation in other commercial fisheries?

Answer					
	Yes	➡ Go to E17a			
	No	➡ Go to E17b			

E17a Please list other commercial fisheries you plan on participating in.

Answer

E17b Please describe why you do not plan on continuing fishing in other commercial fisheries.

Answer

Questions in this section are specific to processors, including shoreside, catcher-processors, motherships, and buyers or first receivers. Information gathered in this section will help us understand the connectivity between processors and harvesters, the flow of the product from the harvester to the distributor and the stops along the way, and the decisions the processors must make.

F1 Please select below which option best describes the type of processor that you own or work for. Please provide the name of the company next to the corresponding selection. Please mark all that apply.

Answ	/er	Company Name			
shoreside processor					
	mothership				
	catcher-processor				
	Independent Buyer/First Receiver				
	Other (Specify)				

F2 In which city is the processor you own/ work for physically located? For catcher-processors or motherships, please indicate most common port(s). For buyers please indicate base city of business.

Answer		

F3 Is the processor you work for part of a larger company? If so what are the company's other locations?

Ans	wer			
	Yes			
	No	⇒	Go to F4	
	Do N	ot Know		

F4 Please list in order of importance the species of fish that is processed or purchased by the company you own/work for. Please list the most important species first.

Answer	
Do Not Know	

F5 Please describe why some of the fish you process are more important than others. *For example, market value is higher, available year round, etc.*

Ans	wer			
	Do Not Know			

F6 Whom do you purchase groundfish trawl catch from? Please mark all that apply.

Ans	Inswer				
	Commercial Fishing Boats				
	Buyers/First Receivers				
	Not Applicable				
	Do Not Know				
	Other (Specify)				

F7 How many boats do you <u>purchase</u> trawl caught groundfish from on a regular basis (in a typical season)?

Answe	Answer						
	Not Applicable						
	Do Not Know						

F8 What items are taken into consideration when deciding where to <u>purchase</u> trawl caught groundfish? Please mark all that apply.

Answer		
	Mutual agreement Fisherman/Boat	Catcher - Processor
	Contract with Fisherman/Boat	Do Not Know
	Company Fishing Boats	Other (Specify)
	Staff Buyer/First Receiver	
	Contract with Buyer/First Receiver	

F9 Please rate the quality of your relationships with the following people related to the purchasing of groundfish that is commercially trawl caught.

Individuals	Negative	Neutral	Positive	Not Applicable	No Comment
Permit Holder					
Vessel Owner					
Captain/Operator					
Buyer					
Distributor					
Marketer					
Laborers					
Other					

F10 Are the trawl caught groundfish purchased typically processed in the same port where they were purchased?

Answer				
	Yes		Go to F11	
	No		➡ Go to F10a	
	Depends on Species			
	Other (Specify)			
	Do Not Know		➡ Go to F11	

F10a Please clarify why groundfish that is purchased in one port, is processed in another location.

Ans	wer		
	Do Not Know		

F10b Where do you process groundfish that is not processed in the same port where it is purchased? Please list the cities. Please mark all that apply.

Answ	er	Locations
	Local	
	Regional	
	National	
	International	
	Do Not Know	

F10c How are the product(s) transported? Please mark all that apply.

Answe	er	
	Boat	
	Truck	
	Air	
	Do Not Know	
	Other (Specify)	

F11 What items are taken into consideration when deciding where to <u>sell</u> commercially trawl caught groundfish?

Answ	Answer					
	Contract with wholesaler					
	Contract with distributor					
	Contract with restaurant(s)					
	Do Not Know					
	Other (Specify)					

F12 Where do you market your product? Please list the cities. Please mark all that apply.

Answe	er	Locations
	Local	
	Regional	
	National	
	International	
	Do Not Know	

F13 How are the product(s) transported to final distributor? Please mark all that apply.

Answe	Answer				
	Boat				
	Truck				
	Air				
	Do Not Know				
	Other (Specify)				

F14 What other businesses you depend upon for the complete purchase, processing, and sale of the products distributed? *For example: trucking company, broker, etc.*

Answer			
	Do Not Know		

F15 To better understand what happens to commercially caught groundfish after it sold, please describe the path the product takes from purchase to selling. *For example:*

	Vessel 🗕	Shoreside Proc	essor 🔶	Local distribute	or 🔶 Nationa	al market	
Answer							
□ Do	Not Know						

END SURVEY THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION

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