## Gulf of Alaska Groundfish Trawl Fishery Social Survey



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This survey is voluntary. CONFIDENTIAL EXPIRATION DATE:

ALL RESPONSES ARE

#### **SURVEY INFORMATION**

**WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE STUDY?** This study aims to collect social and cultural information from those participating in all aspects of the Gulf of Alaska (GOA) Groundfish Trawl Fishery. The study will collect baseline data in 2014 to generate a description of the people in the industry before the approval and implementation of a substantial change in the management of the GOA Groundfish Trawl Fishery. After implementation we will repeat the study at various intervals. We can then compare the results from each study to update the baseline data on the industry, and better understand any changes or social impacts that have occurred in the industry. In addition to this survey, the North Pacific Fishery Management Council is expected to collect economic data about the fishery through an economic data collection program.

**WHO IS CONDUCTING THIS STUDY?** This study is being conducted by the Economics and Social Science Research Program (ESSRP) at the Alaska Fisheries Science Center (AFSC), National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). The primary mission of the ESSRP is to provide economic and socio-cultural information that will assist NMFS in meeting its stewardship responsibilities. This means we study human society as it relates to marine resources, inclusive of commercial fishing.

HOW IS THIS STUDY FUNDED? This project is funded by the NMFS.

**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 inform fishery management in the future. The aggregated results of the survey will be publically available, but individual survey responses are confidential. It will also improve the NMFS' ability to analyze the impacts of fishery management actions on fishing communities, consistent with Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation Act National Standard 8 and Executive Order 12898 – the Environmental Justice Initiative.

**HOW IS THIS SURVEY ORGANIZED?** The survey is organized into seven parts; demographics, individual participation, connections, catch share perspectives, a section for fishermen/harvesters, a section for tenders and processors, and a section for processing plant employees. The questions allow us to better understand all of the components of the fishery, how they function, and are connected.

**WHO DOES THIS STUDY INCLUDE?** This study includes fishermen, vessel owners, vessel operators, groundfish license limitation program license holders, crew aboard groundfish vessels, catcher-processor operations, shoreside processors, inshore floating processors, processing crews from all types of processors, tender operations, and other individuals who are stakeholders in the GOA Groundfish Trawl fishery such as industry suppliers, and support businesses.

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

**ARE MY ANSWERS CONFIDENTIAL?** This is a confidential survey. Analysis of the survey results will be anonymous. Some of the information will be aggregated as well. Information in this survey will be subject to the confidentiality requirements of the National Marine Fisheries Service per MSA Sec. 402(b) and the NOAA Administrative Order NAO 216-100, 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 and its impact on your community. 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.

#### Thank you for your participation!

Please contact Amber Himes-Cornell, AFSC Social Scientist for more information. Contact information: amber.himes@noaa.gov, or by phone: (206) 526-4221

#### Filled out by survey administrator Name of survey administrator:

Code number: \_\_\_\_\_ Survey Location: \_\_\_\_ Research Community:\_\_ Notes:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Trawl/Fixed/Other

#### SURVEY INSTRUCTIONS

## All answers given in this survey should reflect <u>YOUR</u> <u>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 Amber Himes-Cornell at amber.himes@noaa.gov or (206) 526-4221.
- Please follow directions carefully.
- Please DO NOT write your name anywhere on this survey, only on the blue form provided.
- > 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 '<u>do not know'</u> or '<u>NOT APPLICABLE'</u> 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.
- $\square$

In electronic survey versions, check boxes can be selected and unselected with a click of the mouse.

If you mark an 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 working on this study and protected via confidentiality agreements.
- All personal names provided on the survey document as answers to questions, will be viewed only by the study 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 the data for each applicable question may vary based on the question itself or the associated analysis of question.
- As researchers write final reports and publish the findings of this research, your responses will be combined with responses from other participants so that no single individual may be identified.

**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.

	Sections						
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At-sea catcher processor plant manager and/or operator							
At-sea catcher processor employee - fisherman							
At-sea catcher processor employee - processing role							
At-sea catcher processor employee - other role							
Shoreside or floating processor plant manager and/or operator							
Shoreside or floating processor employee							
Tender owner and/or operator							
Industry supplier of goods or services							
Other business operations							

For further clarification, the following table is provided to define the terms used in the table

Industry Role	Description				
Fisherman	Groundfish License Limitation Program License Holders Vessel Owners Captains/Operators Crew				
Shoreside Processor	Those working for processors permanently fixed on land or stationary floating processors.				
Industry Supplier of Goods or Services	Net suppliers, gear suppliers, equipment suppliers, fuel, shipyards, various repair services, etc.				
Tender	Tender owners, operators, and crew members.				
Other Business Operations	Any individual who participates in other activities that provide services or other support utilized by fishery participants, such as harbormasters, accounting, business management, etc., but does not clearly fall into the other roles identified. For example: a business partner who may not be an				
SURVEY DEFINITIONS					

The following definitions are for the application of this survey only. Where possible, these definitions have been derived from definitions found in associated fishery management documents<sup>1</sup>.

**AT-SEA PROCESSOR (At-sea operation):** A catcher/processor or mothership that is receiving and/or processing fish in State waters and/or waters of the EEZ off the coast of Alaska.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Source: Federal Fishing Regulations. Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska. 50 CFR 679.2 Definitions, accessed 08/26/2013: http://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/regs/part679\_all.pdf.

**BYCATCH**: The term "bycatch" is defined in the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA) as fish which are harvested in a fishery, but which are not sold or kept for personal use. Bycatch includes economic discards and regulatory discards, but does not include fish released under a recreational catch and release program.

**CATCH SHARE PROGRAM:** Not defined in the MSA. A generic term used to describe fishery management programs that allocate a specific percentage of the total allowable fishery catch or a specific fishing area to individuals, cooperatives, communities, or other entities. Each recipient of a catch share is directly accountable to stop fishing when its exclusive allocation is reached. Examples of catch share programs defined in statute include the Limited Access Privilege Program (LAPP), Individual Fishing Quotas (IFQ) such as the halibut and sablefish IFQ program and the Central Gulf of Alaska Rockfish Program, and Territorial Use Rights Fisheries (TURFs) that grant an exclusive privilege to fish in a geographically designated fishing ground.<sup>2</sup> The North Pacific Fishery Management Council's (NPFMC) proposed Gulf of Alaska Trawl Bycatch Management Plan may be considered a catch share program if target species quota, bycatch species quota, or prohibited species catch quota is allocated to individuals, cooperatives, communities, or other entities.

**COMMERCIAL FISHING:** The resulting catch of fish which either is, or is intended to be, sold or bartered, but does not include subsistence fishing.

**GULF OF ALASKA (GOA) TRAWL GROUNDFISH:** GOA groundfish Fisheries Management Plan (FMP) species caught using pelagic or non-pelagic trawl gear in the GOA region off Alaska.<sup>3</sup>

**GULF OF ALASKA (GOA) NON-TRAWL GROUNDFISH**: GOA groundfish FMP species caught using any other gear except pelagic or non-pelagic trawl gear in the Gulf of Alaska region off Alaska.

**LICENSE HOLDER:** A person who is named on a currently valid groundfish Federal License Limitation Program (LLP) license, crab species LLP license, or scallop LLP license.

**OWNER OF A VESSEL OR VESSEL OWNER:** 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.

**PARTICIPANT'S SPOUSE/PARTNER**: The partner or spouse of an individual engaged in any aspect of fishing or processing of GOA trawl-caught groundfish.

**STATIONARY FLOATING PROCESSOR (SFP):** (1) A vessel of the United States operating as a processor in Alaska State waters that remains anchored or otherwise remains stationary in a single geographic location while receiving or processing groundfish harvested in the GOA or Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands (BSAI); and (2) In the Western and Central GOA Federal reporting areas 610, 620, or 630, a vessel that has not operated as a catcher/processor, Community Quota Entity floating processor, or mothership in the GOA during the same fishing year; however, an SFP can operate as catcher/processor or mothership in the BSAI and an SFP in the Western and Central GOA during the same fishing year.

**SHORESIDE PROCESSOR:** Any person or vessel that receives, purchases, or arranges to purchase, unprocessed groundfish, except catcher/processors, motherships, buying stations, restaurants, or persons receiving groundfish for personal consumption or bait.

TENDER: Any vessel that receives unprocessed fish from a vessel for trans-shipping or delivery to

#### 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.

<sup>2</sup> Source: NOAA Catch Shares Policy. NOAA Fisheries Catch Share Policy, accessed 6/12/2012:

http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/domes\_fish/catchshare/docs/noaa\_cs\_policy.pdf

<sup>3</sup> For a full list of species included in the Gulf of Alaska Fisheries Management Plan (FMP), see the FMP located online here: http://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/npfmc/PDFdocuments/fmp/GOA/GOAfmp613.pdf.

A1 What is your gender?			How old are you?		
	Male Female	١	YEARS:		
A3 W	hat is the highest level of education y	you h	ave attained?		
	Elementary or some secondary education High school diploma or equivalent Some college or vocational, no degree		Associates degree Bachelor's degree		
A4 Ar	e you Hispanic or Latino?	A5 N apply	What is your race?	Please mark all that	
	<b>Yes,</b> Hispanic or Latino <b>No,</b> Not Hispanic or Latino		American Indian or Asian (including the Black or African Am	e Philippines)	
A6 Wh	at is your ancestry (ethnic origin)? Please m	nark all	that apply.		
	AleutImage: FilipinoAmerican IndianGermanAthabaskanHaidaChineseInupiaqEnglishItalianEyakJapaneseOther (Specify)		Korean Mexican Norwegian Portuguese Russian	<ul> <li>Scottish</li> <li>Tlingit</li> <li>Tsimshian</li> <li>Vietnamese</li> <li>Yup'ik</li> </ul>	
	aat is your current marital status? Single Married <b>– Go to A7a</b> Partner Divorced Widowed Other (Specify):		Aspect of the commerce Yes	pouse participate in any cial fishing industry?	
	Section A: DEMOGRAP	HIC I	NFORMATION Cont	'd	

 A8 What best describes your living arrangements?
 □ I live in a housing unit by myself or with others. → Go to A9a and A9b
 (U.S. Census Bureau defines a 'housing unit' as a house, an apartment, a mobile home, a group of rooms or a single room that is occupied - or, if vacant, intended for occupancy - as separate living quarters.<sup>4</sup>)

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	25-50%	of combined	d family income.		By trip				Hourly
	50-75%	of combined	d family income.		By per catch	centage of	value of		Salary
	75-100%	6 of combine	ed family income.		By day	s at sea			Owner Share
	l prefer r	not to answe	er this question.		Other (	(Specify)			

## A12 Please indicate your permanent residence (where you are registered to vote and/or receive important mail) and your most current residence (where you currently live), if different.

	City/Town	Stat e	Zip Code	Country
Permanent Residence:				
Current Residence (if different):				

### A12a How long have you lived at your current and permanent residences?

	Years	Months
Current residence:		
Permanent residence (if different from current		
residence):		

#### **END Section A: DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION**

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> U.S. Census Current Population Survey Definitions <u>U.S. Census Definitions</u>, accessed 10/28/2013.

#### Section B: INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPATION

Questions in this section help us better understand additional characteristics of the people in the industry, beyond the demographic information provided in the previous section. In this section, we want to better understand how <u>you</u> participate in commercial fishing or

**B1** Please indicate your role and any role your spouse/partner may have in <u>any</u> <u>aspect of the commercial fishing</u> industry. Please mark all that apply. \* Please complete this question from your perspective not your spouse's/partner's. B2 Has your family (not your spouse's family) historically participated in any commercial fishing or processing activities? (Including yourself)

□ Yes → Go to B2a

Sel f	Spouse / Partne	<b>Role/Description</b>
		Groundfish LLP license holder
		Catcher vessel owner
		Catcher vessel co-owner
		Catcher vessel captain/operator
		Fishing crew Non-fishing vessel crew
		At-sea catcher processor plant manager or operator
		At-sea catcher processor employee – fisherman
		At-sea catcher processor employee – processing role
		At-sea catcher processor employee – other role
		Tender owner, operator, or crew
		Shoreside processor plant manager or operator
		Shoreside processor employee
		Participant's spouse/partner
		Cooperative manager
		Stakeholder representative/policy advocate
		Industry Supplier/Service Provider (Nets, Fuel, Shipyard, etc.)
		Business Operations (accounting, law, etc.)
		Other (Specify):

- □ No → Go to B3
- B2a For how many generations has your family (not your spouse's family) participated in any commercial fishing or processing activities? (Including yourself)

NOT APPLICABLE

B3 How old were you when you started to work in any commercial fishing or processing activities?

NOT APPLICABLE

B4 For how many total years have you worked in any commercial fishing or processing activities?

NOT APPLICABLE

<b>B</b> 5	How many total years have you worked in the Gulf of Alaska groundfish trawl
	<b>fishery?</b> Processing workers, specify the number of years you have worked in a facility that processes
	groundfish from the GOA trawl fishery.

□ NOT APPLICABLE

#### Section B: INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPATION Cont'd

## **B6** Please list the top 5 cities/towns/harbors where you fish out of (if you work on a vessel) and/or where the processing facility(ies) you work at are located. For each city/town/harbor, please indicate whether you participate in the Gulf of Alaska (GOA) groundfish trawl fishery when working there.

City/Town/Harbor	State	GOA Groundfish Trawl (Yes/No)		
		🛛 Yes	🛛 No	
		🛛 Yes	🛛 No	
		🛛 Yes	🛛 No	
		🛛 Yes	🛛 No	
		🛛 Yes	🛛 No	

#### NOT APPLICABLE

**B7** Please indicate your level of employment for each category indicated below. For businesses, please indicate how your employees spend their time. *Please mark all that apply*. For seasonal or part time involvement, please also indicate how many months of the year you work in each category, or for businesses, what share of income is derived from each category. (*NOTE: We understand fishermen don't work on an hourly basis. Please select the option that best represents your situation.*)

	GOA Groundfish Trawl Fishery	GOA Groundfish Non-Trawl Fishery	All Other Fisherie S	Processi ng Plant	Non- Fishing
Year round full-time					
(40 hours/week or more)					
Year round part-time					
(less than 40 hours/week)					
Seasonal full-time					
(part of the year 40 hours/week or					
more)					
Seasonal part-time					
(part of the year less than 40					
hours/week)					
Self-employed					
(in business for yourself, etc.).					
Other (Specify)					

#### NOT APPLICABLE

B8 What level of employment would you prefer?	GOA Groundfish Trawl Fishery	GOA Groundfish Non-Trawl Fishery	All Other Fisherie S	Processi ng Plant	Non- Fishing
Year round full-time					
(40 hours/week or more)					
Year round part-time					
(less than 40 hours/week)					
Seasonal full-time					
(part of the year 40 hours/week or					
more)					

Seasonal part-time			
(part of the year less than 40			
hours/week)			
Self-employed			
(in business for yourself, etc.).			
Other (Specify)			

#### Section B: INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPATION Cont'd

#### B9 Do you work multiple jobs? (In any combination of fishing, processing, or non-fishing related)

- □ Yes, multiple part-time jobs
- □ Yes, multiple full-time jobs
- □ Yes, both full and part-time jobs
- No, I work only one job.

#### B10 Do you maintain a job outside the commercial fishing or processing industry? Yes ➡ Go to B10a and B10b

- □ <sub>No</sub> → Go to B11
- B10a Please list any jobs you have outside the commercial fishing or processing industries.

Job description	City/Town/Harbor	State

#### B10b Please explain why you work outside the commercial fishing or processing industries.

For example: supplement income, personal interest, fishery only open seasonally, etc.

#### B11 How would you rate the following items in your role in the commercial fishing or processing industries? Circle a number rating for each element.

Description	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Job satisfaction				
Compensation/Pay (Amount)				
Method of Compensation/Pay (How you are paid)				
Job Stability				
Standard of Living				
Relationship with co-workers				

#### B11a What would contribute to improving the above (B10) conditions? Please indicate how each item may be improved. For example: Standard of Living would improve with increased income.

Job satisfaction

Compensation/Pay (Amount)

Method of Compensation/Pay (How you are paid)

Job Stability

Standard of Living

#### Section C: CONNECTIONS

#### END Section B: INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPATION

C1 Who do you depend on for information about fisheries management? Please<br/>list the role or occupation of people and associated companies and/or<br/>organizations. Please list the first 5 that come to mind. Personal names will be<br/>coded to protect identity, see page ii.<br/>For example: changes in regulations, fishery, area, or gear closures, observer<br/>requirements, etc.Please list the first 5 that come to mind.Role/OrganizationType of InformationCity/Town/Harbor

NOT APPLICABLE

C2 Who do you depend on for other everyday information to assist you in your work in the commercial fishing and/or processing industries? Please list the role or occupation of people and associated companies and/or organizations that provide the information. <u>Please list the first 5 that come to mind</u>. Personal names will be coded to protect identity, see page ii.

For example: status of fishing grounds, weather, etc.

Role/Organization	Type of Information	City/Town/Harbor
NOT APPLICABLE		

C3 Who do you depend on for <u>equipment and supplies</u> you utilize while working in the commercial fishing or processing industry? Please list first and last names of people, companies, and/or organizations that provide that equipment and

supplies. Please list the first 5 that come to mind. Personal names will be coded to					
protect identity, see page ii.					
For example: net suppliers, fuel, bait,	, vessel parts, etc.				
Name/Organization	Type of Equipment or Supply	<b>City/Town/Harbor</b>			

#### Section C: CONNECTIONS Cont'd

C4 Who do you depend on for services you utilize while working in the commercial fishing or processing industry? Include where the service is located. Please list first and last names of people, companies, and/or organizations that provide those services. Please list the first 5 that come to mind. Personal names will be coded to protect identity, see page ii.

For example shipyards, equipment repairs, financial advice, accounting, legal, etc.

Name/Organization	Type of Service	City/Town/Harbor

NOT APPLICABLE

**C5** How do you get information related to your work in the fishery? Select all that apply.

- □ Telephone/Cell
- Phone Radio
- □ Verbal/Word of
- Mouth □ Internet
- □ ADF&G website
- □ Fishing organizations
- NMFS website

- Social Networking Sites (Facebook, Twitter, etc.)
- Print Media (Newspaper, Magazines, Newsletters)
- Processing Plant Shift Manager
- Bulletin Board at Processing Plant
- Other (Specify):

□ NOT APPLICABLE

#### C6 Please list any organizations or associations you are a member of that relate(s) to your participation in any aspect of the commercial fishing or processing industries.

□ NOT APPLICABLE

#### **END Section C: CONNECTIONS**

#### Section D: GULF OF ALASKA GROUNDFISH TRAWL MANAGEMENT PERSPECTIVES

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		rticipate in the Nort	h Pac	ific	Fishery Managemen	t Council
	Attend Coun	cil meetings in person		R	ead the Council's news	letter
	Listen to Cou web	uncil meetings via the			do not participate in th all.	e Council process
	Provide writt	en public testimony			ther (Specify):	
	Provide oral	public testimony	_			
	Provide writt	en comments				
		w well informed you ement program for t				
🛛 High	ly informed	Reasonably inform	ned		Somewhat informed	Not informed
		te your plans <u>over th</u> ry sectors described				
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	Yes: To Co	mmunities				
	No: I do no shares	t support catch				

Section D: GULF OF ALASKA GROUNDFISH TRAWL MANAGEMENT PERSPECTIVES Cont'd

## D5 Please select the reasons for your response in the previous question (D4). What do you think a bycatch management or catch share program would change in the Gulf of Alaska groundfish trawl fishery? *Please mark all that apply*.

More stable jobs	Fewer jobs
Increase in income	Decrease in income
More stable income	Less stable income
Increase in safety	Decrease in safety
Increase in business flexibility	Management program difficult to understand
Increase in competition among processors	Increased cost to enter fishery and purchase quota
Increase in market value	Increased cost to remain in the fishery
Increase in product quality	Changes the structure of processing employment
Increase cooperation between vessels	Reduce cooperation between vessels
Increase in secondary processing	Processors leave the community and negatively impact the community
Longer fishing seasons and eliminating the race for fish	Vessels leave the fishery and negatively impact the community
Increased flexibility in PSC (prohibited species catch, for example halibut and salmon) use	Implicitly condones retaining PSC (prohibited species catch)
Reduced bycatch	Large vessels enter other fisheries with traditionally smaller vessels
More businesses and better community infrastructure	Loss of businesses and community infrastructure
More stable delivery schedule	Have to travel further to deliver catch to distant processors
Decrease in processing costs	Increased cost for raw product
Increase access to markets for fishermen	Impacts small vessels/small businesses (negatively)
Benefits business planning	Forces a shift to other fisheries
Crew members can become owners	Crew members are negatively affected
Increase in observer coverage	Increase the expense associated with the observer program
Increase individual vessel accountability	Decrease individual vessel accountability
Greater incentive for gear innovation	Smaller incentive for gear innovation
Rewards vessels that have a history of low prohibited species catch (PSC)	Rewards vessels that have a history of high prohibited species catch (PSC)
Increase in bargaining power for fishermen	Decrease in bargaining power for fishermen

Increase in bargaining power for processors		Decrease in bargaining power for processors
Other (Specify):	-	

#### Section D: GULF OF ALASKA GROUNDFISH TRAWL MANAGEMENT PERSPECTIVES Cont'd

## D6 Please rate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following possible elements of a bycatch management or catch share program for the Gulf of Alaska groundfish trawl fishery. *Check only <u>one</u> rating for each element.*

Possible program elements	Strongl y oppose	Somewhat oppose	Neutral	Somewhat favor	Strongl y favor
The program should be an individual fishing quota (IFQ) program.					
The program should be a cooperatives only program.					
The program should include a combination of IFQ and cooperatives					
The program should allocate quota to communities only.					
The program should allocate a portion of the total quota pool to communities.					
There should be a limit on the duration of privileges (e.g., certain number of years).					
The western and central GOA trawl fisheries should be combined in one program.					
The western and central GOA trawl fisheries should be managed separately.					
The Council should keep a set-aside (percentage of the TAC) for conservation, communities, and/or economic hardship.					

The program should	Strongl y oppose	Somewhat oppose	Neutral	Somewhat favor	Strongl y favor
Include active participation requirements (e.g., owner on board)					
Include Skipper/crew shares					
Include processing quota that has to be matched with harvesting quota					
Include processing worker quota share					
Include caps on annual quota pound lease rates					
Include longline and pot gears					
Include sideboards in other non-catch share fisheries					
Only allocate PSC (prohibited species catch) quota shares					
Allocate quota shares based on catch history					
Allocate quota shares based on years of experience in the fishery					
Allocate quota shares based on investment					
Allocate quota share based on bycatch or (PSC) history					
Quota shares should be auctioned					
Annual quota pounds should be auctioned					
Allow quota shares to be freely transferable					

Allow the selling of quota shares the first two years of the program			
Allow the leasing of annual quota pounds the first two years of the program			
Allow catcher/processors to purchase quota from catcher vessels			

#### Section E: FISHERMEN

#### END Section D: GULF OF ALASKA GROUNDFISH TRAWL MANAGEMENT PERSPECTIVES

understand now fishermen are connected to each other and to processors, how fishermen move between the groundfish fishery and other fisheries, the relationships among people they work with, and what happens to fish after it's caught.

**Part 1:** The first 10 questions in Section E relate to your participation in ALL fisheries, including the GOA Groundfish Trawl Fishery.

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

Ran k	North Pacific Fisheries	Rank	Pacific Coast Fisheries
	GOA groundfish - trawl		Pacific whiting
	GOA groundfish - fixed gear		Non-whiting groundfish - trawl
	CGOA rockfish program		Non-sablefish groundfish - fixed gear
	Other GOA rockfish		Sablefish
	Sablefish/halibut IFQ		Salmon
	Salmon		Pacific halibut
	GOA Tanner crab		Dungeness crab
	Dungeness crab		Shrimp
	BSAI King and Tanner crab		Highly Migratory Species (For example:
	BSAI pollock		Tunas, Billfish/Swordfish, Sharks, Dorado, etc.)
	BSAI non-pollock Groundfish		Coastal Pelagic Species (For example: Pacific sardine, Pacific mackerel, jack
	Scallop		mackerel, northern anchovy, market
	Other (Specify):		squid, etc.)
			Other (Specify):

#### E2 What are the most common species you have commercially fished in the last 5 years? Please mark all that apply.

Flatfish
Shallow flatfish/Rock
sole
Yellowfin sole
Arrowtooth flounder
Kamchatka flounder
Rex sole
Flathead sole

Alaska plaice

#### Rockfish

- Pacific ocean perch
- Dusky rockfish
- Northern rockfish
- Shortraker/rougheye rockfish
- Thornyhead rockfish
- Other rockfish

#### Roundfish

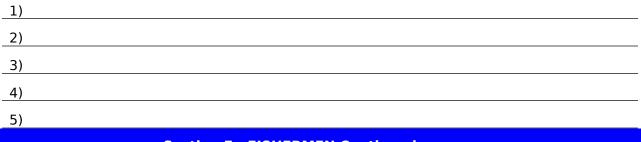
- Pollock
- Pacific cod

- Sablefish
- Atka mackerel
- Pacific whiting
- Lingcod

<ul> <li>Other flatfish</li> <li>Sharks and Skates</li> <li>Big skates</li> <li>Longnose skates</li> <li>Sharks and Skates</li> </ul>	ng crab now (opilio) crab anner (bairdi) crab ungeness crab callops primp	<ul> <li>Tuna</li> <li>Pacific coast trawl non-whiting groundfish</li> <li>Salmon</li> <li>Herring</li> <li>Other (Specify):</li> </ul>						
Section E	FISHERMEN Continue	ed						
	E3 Have you changed the species you have targeted within the last 5 years?							
		NOT APPLICABLE <b>- Go to E4</b>						
E3a Why have you changed the sp	ecies you target?							
	vith in the last 5 years Dredge Mechanical jig	<ul> <li>Please mark all that apply.</li> <li>Beach seine</li> <li>Purse seine</li> </ul>						
	Drift gillnet	Dredge						
	Set gillnet	Herring gillnet						
<ul> <li>Diving gear</li> <li>Other(s) (Specify):</li> </ul>	Hand line/jig/troll							
2)	the next 5 years? (Pla	es you listed do you plan to ease be sure to include the GOA						

## E6 Also referring to your answers in E1, which of the fisheries you listed do you plan to <u>STOP</u> participating in within the next 5 years? - Go to E6a and E6b (*Please be*

#### sure to include the GOA Groundfish Trawl Fishery if applicable.)



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## E6a If you stated that you plan to <u>STOP</u> participating in the GOA groundfish trawl fishery in E6, please describe why you do not plan on continuing fishing in the GOA groundfish trawl fishery.

NOT APPLICABLE

E6b For all other fisheries that you do not plan to continue fishing in over the next 5 years, please list the fisheries and describe why you do not plan on continuing fishing in those fisheries.	

NOT APPLICABLE

- E7 Again referring to the list of fisheries in E1, are there any fisheries you intend to begin participating in within the next 5 years that you did not participate in the last 5 years?
- E7a Please list any fisheries you plan to begin participating in within the next 5 years that you have not participated in during the last 5 years:

Yes 🗕 Go to E7a	1)
No 🗕 Go to E8	2)
NOT APPLICABLE - Go to E8	3)
	4)

#### E8 Of the vessel(s) you commercially fish on, what is your relationship to others on the vessel(s)?

Note: Please include LLP license holders or owners not on board. Please mark all that apply.

Related to at least one individual – □ Business Family Partners □ Friends

• Other (Specify):

□ All on vessel are family members

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E9 Approximately how many people work with you on the most recent GOA groundfish trawl vessel you fished on? Please include yourself in the number.

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#### E10 Please complete the following table to help us understand more about the vessels you have owned and/or fished on in the last 5 years.

**Own**: Please check the box if you own or co-own the vessel listed.

Fished On: Please check the box if you have personally fished on the vessel listed.

**Mooring Port(s):** Please tell us the port(s) where the vessel most frequently moors (this may be different than where the vessel lands catch).

**Trawl Participant:** Please check whether or not the vessel actively participates in the GOA Groundfish Trawl Fishery, even if you are not onboard during that fishery.

**Other Fisheries:** Please list all the other fisheries the vessel(s) actively participates in. Please include both Alaska and West Coast Fisheries.

Do Not Know: If you do not know a piece of information please indicate Do Not Know in the corresponding space in the table.

No.	Ow n	Fishe d On	Vessel Name	Mooring Port(s)	Tra Part ar	icip	Other Fisheries
Exampl e	۵	Ø	Wandering Seas	Sand Point, AK	X T	D N	BSAI Crab
1					□ Y	□ N	
2					L Y	□ N	
3					□ Y	□ N	
4					L Y	□ N	
5					□ Y	□ N	

□ NOT APPLICABLE

6		L L Y N
7		I I Y N
8		L L Y N

#### Section E: FISHERMEN Continued

**Part 2:** Questions E11 through E18 in Section E relate to your participation in the GOA groundfish trawl fishery <u>only</u>.

### E11 Do you typically work with the same people in the GOA groundfish trawl fishery year after year? *Please mark all that apply*.

Yes, same crew	Yes, the same processor
Yes, same group of vessels	Yes, the same service businesses
No, I do not typically work with the same people each year	NOT APPLICABLE

**E12** Please rate the quality of your relationships with the following people on the most recent groundfish trawl fishery vessel you have fished on or owned. Your answer to this question will help us to understand whether well-being and job satisfaction changes with the implementation of new management programs. All of your responses will be kept confidential.

Individual	Negative	Neutral	Positive	Self/NOT APPLICABLE
Vessel Owner				
Captain/Operator				
Crew				
Observer				
Other (Specify):				

**E13 To whom do you sell your GOA trawl-caught groundfish?** Please consider the vessel you most recently fished on or owned when answering this question. Please list business(es) you sold to.

l do not
know

NOT APPLICABLE

### **E14** What items are taken into consideration when deciding where to sell the catch? *Please mark all that apply.*

- □ Mutual agreement with processor/buyer
- □ Contract with processor/buyer
- Only processor/buyer available
- □ Vessel owned by processor/buyer
- Longstanding relationship with plant personnel
- Best price/market
- I do not know
- Other (Specify):

## E15 How many processors/buyers are located in the port to which you typically deliver?

Numbe

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E16 Do you have a choice of where you sell your fish?

🛛 Yes	🖵 No	🔲 I do not ki	now 🛛	NOT APPLICABLE
🗕 Go to	o E17 → Go to E	16a 🛛 🗕 Go to	E17	➡ Go to E17
	nswered NO in qu	estion E16, plea	se describe	why you do not have a
choice.				



- Market
- Limited number of processors
- Location of processor
- Amount purchased by processor
- Amount paid for catch by processor
- Species purchased by processor
- □ NOT APPLICABLE

- □ Sell/deliver to a floating processor
- No limitations
- Vessel is owned by processor
- Processor will only purchase some species
- Contractual arrangement with processor
  - Other (Specify):
- **E18** Please rate the quality of your relationships generally with people in the following categories related to the selling of trawl-caught GOA groundfish species. Your answer to this question will help us to understand whether well-being and job satisfaction changes with the implementation of new management programs.*All of your responses will be kept confidential*.

Individual	Negative	Neutral	Positive	Self/NOT APPLICABLE
Tender				
Shoreside processor				
Stationary floating processor				
Catcher/processor				
Other (Specify):				

#### End Section E: FISHERMEN

#### Section F: PROCESSING PLANT MANAGERS AND/OR OPERATORS

Questions in Section F are specific to processors, including catcher/processors, shoreside processers, and stationary floating processors. Information gathered in this section will help us understand the connections between processors and fishermen, the flow of the product from the fishermen to the distributor and the stops along the way, and the

F1 Please select below which option best describes the type of processor that you operate or work for (where the survey is being filled out). Please provide the name of the company next to the corresponding selection.

	Company Name
Shoreside processor	
Catcher/processor	
Stationary floating processor	
Other	

- (Specify):
- **F2** In which port / city is the processor you operate or work for physically located? For catcher/processors and stationary floating processors, please indicate the most common port(s) in the space below.

Port(s)/City(ies)	State(s)

F3 Is the processor you operate or work for part of a larger company? If yes, what are the company's other locations? (If the company has too many facilities to list, please list the top three locations in your region).

	Port/City	State
🗋 Yes 🗕		
⇒		
⇒		
🗆 No 🗖 I do	not know	
caught groun	ny vessels does your processing fa dfish from during a typical season? e purchases at least once per season.	
NUMBE	U We do not purchase	I do not know
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F5 Please list, in	order of importance, the <u>top 10 sp</u>	<u>ecies</u> of fish that are

#### processed and/or purchased by the processing facility you operate or work for. Please <u>also explain</u> why these species are important relative to others. For

example: market value is higher, available when other fish are not, provides income stability for crew, etc. Please refer to question **E2** for a list of species examples.

Species	Explanation
1)	
2)	
3)	
4)	
5)	
6)	
7)	
8)	
9)	
10)	

I do not know

# **F6** Please rate the quality of your relationships with the following people associated with the purchasing of GOA trawl-caught groundfish. Your answer to this question will help us to understand whether well-being and job satisfaction changes with the implementation of new management programs. *All of your responses will be kept confidential.*

Individual	Negative	Neutral	Positive	Self/NOT APPLICABLE
Vessel owners				
Vessel captains/operators				
Vessel crew members				
People that buy groundfish from you				
People that distribute the groundfish that you process				
People that market the groundfish that you process				
Your plant workers				
Other (Specify):		Π		
Section F: PROCESSINC	6 PLANT MAN	AGERS ANI	<b>D</b> OPERATOR	S Cont'd.

## F7 Is the GOA trawl-caught groundfish that you purchase typically processed in the same port where it is purchased?

Yes - Go to F8	□ No	)
Depends on the	e species 🗕 Go to F7	a
l do not know	NOT APPLICABLE	

### F7a Please clarify why GOA trawl-caught groundfish purchased in one port is processed in another location.

Species	Location	Reason for different location

I do not know

What items does your company take into consideration when deciding
where to sell GOA trawl-caught groundfish product(s)? Please mark all that
apply.

- Contract with wholesaler(s)
- Contract with distributor(s)
- Contract with restaurant(s)
- Contract with retailer(s)
- Best markets
- I do not know
- Other (Specify):

- □ Agreement with wholesaler(s)
- Agreement with distributor(s)
- □ Agreement with restaurant(s)
- □ Agreement with retailer(s)
- Longstanding relationships
- Exchange rates

#### **F9** Where do you market your GOA trawl-caught groundfish product(s)? Please mark all that apply and list locations. (For example: Seattle, WA).

Section F:	PROCESSING PLANT MANAGERS AND OPERATORS Cont'd.
I do not	
Internation al	
National	
Regional	
Local	

Other (Specify)

### F10 How is/are the GOA trawl-caught groundfish product(s) transported to the final distributor or company distribution location? *Please mark all that apply.*

Ship	Truck	🛛 Air	I do not know	
Other (Specify):				

F11 What other businesses do you depend on for the complete purchase, processing, and sale of your company's GOA trawl-caught groundfish product(s)?

For example: trucking company, broker, etc.

I do not know

F12 To help us better understand what happens to GOA trawl-caught groundfish after it is purchased from a vessel, please describe the path of your primary GOA trawl-caught groundfish product(s) takes from purchase to final consumption. For example:

Vessel — Shoreside Processor — Chinese re-processor — Japanese distributor — Final consumer market in Korea

I do not know

End Section F: PROCESSING PLANT MANAGERS AND OPERATORS

#### Section G: PROCESSING PLANT EMPLOYEES

#### G1 Are you a U.S. citizen? G1a What type of foreign worker status do you have? Yes $\Rightarrow$ Go to G2 Temporary nonimmigrant worker (H-2 visa) 🛛 No ➡ Go to G1a and G1b Student or exchange visitor (I-1 visa) Currently undergoing the Permanent immigrant worker naturalization process Other (Specify): G2 Does your immediate family G1b Do you plan to seek long term (spouse, kids) live in the U.S.? residence in the U.S.? Yes 🛛 No Undecided Yes - Go to G3 No - Go to G2a G2a If not, where do they live? G3 Does your family receive social assistance from any government in the United States? □ Yes **→ Go to G3a** □ No → Go to G4 G3a If you answered yes on G4, what types of social assistance does your family **receive?** Please mark all that apply. Food stamps Health care □ Social security Job placement assistance Housing financial assistance Other (Specify): General utilities financial assistance Child care financial assistance **G4** What type of processor do you currently work for? *Please mark all that apply*. Shoreside processing plant Stationary floating

- processor
- Catcher processor vessel

#### G5 How did you get your current job as a processing employee?

- □ I saw the job advertised and applied for it.
- □ I was recruited by a family member or friend that worked in the processing plant.
- □ I was recruited by the processing plant.
- □ I was living in another country and was recruited by my family members that worked in the processing plant.
- Other (Specify):

G6a: Which country were you living in at the time you were hired?

□ Yes → Go to G6a

#### Section G: PROCESSING PLANT EMPLOYEES Cont'd

**G7** How many members of your household work as processing employees? (If you live in group housing, please check NOT APPLICABLE.)

NUMBER:

NOT APPLICABLE

- G8 How many months a year do you work as a processing employee?
  - □ 0 to 3 months □ 4 to 6 □ 7 to 9 months □ 10 to 12 months
- **G9** If your processing plant was no longer able to employ you for all of the months you currently work, which of the following options would you consider? *Please mark all that apply*.
  - Seek employment in another processing plant for the months your current job is not available.
  - Seek employment at another processing plant permanently.
  - Seek employment in another role in the fishing industry (for example, crew or skipper of a vessel or another role within the processing industry).
  - Seek employment outside of the fishing industry.
  - Leave Alaska and return to your home State (if you are from the continental U.S.).
  - Leave Alaska and return to your home country (if you are not from the U.S.).
  - Leave Alaska and move to another State in the U.S. where you did not live before.
  - □ Move to another city or town in Alaska.
  - Retire.
  - □ I would not be affected.
  - □ I do not know.
  - Other (Specify)

### **G10** What type of work do you do during the months that you are not working at your current processor? *Please mark all that apply*.

Unemployed	Crew of a fishing vessel	NOT APPLICABLE
Employee at a different processor	Skipper of a fishing vessel	Other (Specify)

G11 How many people do you support financially with the money you earn as a processing employee?

NUMBER:

- G12 What percentage of your salary do you send to family members living in the United States?
  - □ 0% □ 51-75%
  - □ <sub>1-25%</sub> □ 76-100%

- G13 What percentage of your salary do you send to family members that currently live in another country?
  - □
     0%
     □
     51-75%

     □
     1-25%
     □
     76-100%

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