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## Gulf of Alaska Groundfish Trawl Fishery Social Survey

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council is considering the implementation of a new, yet to be defined, bycatch management program for the Gulf of Alaska groundfish trawl fishery. Changes in how fisheries are managed affect the people and communities participating in the fishery. NOAA Fisheries' Alaska Fisheries Science Center has developed a survey to study the social dimensions of the fishery both before and after the implementation of the bycatch management program.

The data collected before program implementation will provide a baseline description of the industry as well as allow for analysis of changes the bycatch management program may bring for individuals and communities. The baseline description will lead to a greater understanding of the social impacts the program may have on the individuals and communities affected by fisheries regulations, while the post-implementation measurement of change will allow for program evaluation and potential modification. Additionally, the survey asks for opinions on a range of elements that may or may not be included in the bycatch management program as adopted to help assess different participant's perspectives before and after program implementation.

We are looking for participants in the Gulf of Alaska Groundfish Trawl fishery to participate in a survey that will collect information for the baseline description. Participants include fishermen, vessel owners, vessel operators, groundfish License Limitation Program license owners, crew aboard groundfish vessels, catcher-processor operations, shoreside and inshore floating processors, tender owners and operators, and other individuals who are stakeholders in the fishery. In addition, the participants will include any businesses that are directly tied to the groundfish communities through the supply of commercial items to include, but not limited to net suppliers, fuel suppliers, equipment suppliers, etc.

Surveys are available online, in-person with field survey teams, by mail or over the phone. In-person surveys will be administered during spring 2014 in trawl ports including Kodiak, Sand Point, King Cove, Newport, and Seattle. All surveys are anonymous and confidentiality is ensured. For more information, to participate in an interview or to receive a copy of the survey, please contact our survey team at:

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