



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE

National Marine Fisheries Service / Office for Law Enforcement will be holding Town Hall meetings to address the Final Rule regarding the requirement of vessels participating in the Open Access Fishery to use a Vessel Monitoring System (VMS). This rule will require all vessels fishing pursuant to the harvest guidelines, quotas, and other management measures governing the open access groundfish fishery, and all trawl vessels to provide declaration reports and to activate and use a vessel monitoring system (VMS) transceiver while fishing off the coasts of Washington, Oregon and California.

A presentation will be given at meeting locations below which will cover VMS requirements; the VMS purchase program, declaration procedures, and enforcement concerns. After the meetings a question and answer session will be conducted.

Meetings will be held at the following locations with additional locations to be added:

Astoria, OR

Monday, November 26th, 2007

6 pm – 7:30 pm
OSU Seafood Laboratory
Main Conference Room
2001 Marine Drive
Astoria, OR 97103

Port Orford, OR

Tuesday, November 27th, 2007

7 pm – 9 pm
City of Port Orford
City Council Chambers
Multi Purpose Room (MPR Room)
Port Orford, OR 97465

Newport, OR

Friday, November 30th, 2007

4:30 pm – 6 pm
Hatfield Marine Science Center
Barry Fisher Building Conference Room
2032 South OSU Drive
Newport, OR 97365

Eureka, CA

Tuesday, November 20th, 2007

5 pm
Woodley Island Marina

San Pedro, CA

Tuesday, November 27th, 2007

2 pm – 5 pm
Cabrillo Aquarium
3720 Stephen M. White Drive
San Pedro, California 90731

Monterey, CA

Wednesday, November 28th, 2007

1 pm – 3 pm
La Masa Military Housing
1200 Fletcher Drive
Monterey, CA 93940

Morro Bay, CA

Friday, November 30th, 2007

1 pm – 3:30 pm
Morro Bay Library - Conference Room
625 Harbor Street
Morro Bay, CA 93442

San Francisco, CA

Monday, December 10^h, 2007

4 pm – 6 pm
Lower Ft. Mason Center
Building C, Room 260
San Francisco, CA 94123

Ilwaco, WA

Tuesday, November 27th, 2007

5 pm – 6:30 pm
Port of Ilwaco Conference Room
165 Howerton Avenue
Ilwaco, WA 98624

Westport, WA

Wednesday, November 28th, 2007

6 pm – 8:30 pm
Ocosta School District
Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room
2580 Montesano Street South
Westport, WA 98595

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