Economic Data Collection (EDC)

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Goals of the EDC

• Study impacts
  – Contribution of fishery to regional economies
  – Cost, earnings, and profitability

• Determine if goals and objectives are achieved
  – MSA requirement
  – Analyze future FMP amendments

• Developed with input from Council, advisory panels, regulatory deeming workgroup, industry, NGOs and other fishery participants
Overview

• Annual data collection
• Baseline 2009 and 2010 data collected in 2011
• 2011 data collected in 2012, and so forth
• EDC Questionnaires
  – Catcher Vessels
  – Catcher processors
  – Motherships
  – First receivers and shore-based processors
• Due September 1st

West Coast Groundfish Catch Share Program
Types of questions

- Vessel/plant information and characteristics
- Owner/operator information, permits and licenses
- Annual expenses
- Capitalized investments
- Quota, permit and license expenses
- Annual earnings
- Vessel: fuel use, speed while fishing, crew size, days at sea
- Processor: employees, hours worked

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Update

• 2009 and 2010 questionnaires
  – Packets mailed in early May 2011 (letter, FAQ, questionnaire)
  – Sent to those we can identity
  – Due September 1, 2011

• EDC website, email, and phone number for questions

• We have received about 20 questionnaires

• NWC checks questionnaires to determine if they are complete.
Update - continued

• Developing electronic database with the NWR to track:
  – Who is responsible for an EDC questionnaire
  – Whether a complete questionnaire has been received

• Analysis and reporting of results
  – EDC data is confidential
  – Annual report that summarizes data
  – In-depth research projects