

ECONOMIC DATA COLLECTION PROGRAM REPORT ON FISHERY STATUS AND OVERVIEW ON SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH

The Amendment 20 trawl rationalization program included an element requiring program participants to submit economic data. Additionally, there has been a complementary effort to collect sociological information from participants, albeit on a voluntary basis. At this meeting, the Council will receive a status report from the Northwest Fisheries Science Center (NWFS) on the results of the Economic Data Collection (EDC) Program and an overview of efforts to collect sociological information. This economic and sociological information is expected to be valuable in evaluating program performance.

Attached are four EDC reports based on the economic information collected by the program (Agenda Item J.5.b, NWFS Reports 1-4). Hard copies of the introductions and overviews for each report are provided, and the entire reports are provided in electronic format only. Dr. Todd Lee and Ms. Erin Steiner will provide a presentation on the status and results from the EDC efforts.

Also attached is a report from the NWFS social sciences group on their efforts and preliminary results (Agenda Item J.5.b, NWFS Report 5). The social science group presentation on the Council floor will be brief but a more extensive video overview is available on the internet (please see <http://bit.ly/1uGtEXi> for the video and Agenda Item J.5.b, Supplemental NWFS Report 6 for a hard copy of the slides presented in that video). Ms. Suzanne Russell from the NWFS will be on hand to respond to questions regarding the collection and analysis of sociological information.

Council Task:

Council Discussion.

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item J.5.b, NWFS Report 1: Economic Data Collection Program First Receiver and Shorebased Processor Report (**entire report available on web site and briefing book CD only**).
2. Agenda Item J.5.b, NWFS Report 2: Economic Data Collection Program Catcher Vessel Report (**entire report available on web site and briefing book CD only**).
3. Agenda Item J.5.b, NWFS Report 3: Economic Data Collection Program Catcher-Processor Report (**entire report available on web site and briefing book CD only**).
4. Agenda Item J.5.b, NWFS Report 4: Economic Data Collection Program Mothership Report (**entire report available on web site and briefing book CD only**).
5. Agenda Item J.5.b, NWFS Report 5: The Pacific Groundfish Fishery Social Study: An Initial Theme-Based Report.
6. Agenda Item J.5.b, Supplemental NWFS Report 6: The Pacific Groundfish Fishery Social Study: An Overview of Initial Theme-Based Results – Slides Presented in Video

Agenda Order:

- a. Agenda Item Overview Jim Seger
- b. Northwest Fishery Science Center Reports Todd Lee, Erin Steiner, Suzanne Russell
- c. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
- d. Public Comment
- e. Council Discussion

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