



Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Social Study: An Overview of Initial Theme Based Results

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This research aims to measure social & cultural changes in the groundfish fishing industry and related communities as a result of the implementation of the catch shares program.

Research Participation

- Anyone with a direct connection to the trawl fishery
- Survey
- Semi-structured interviews

Year	Response Rate
2010 Overall	63.9%
2012 Overall	51.8%
2010 Trawl	61.8%
2012 Trawl	56.2%

- Response rate was less in 2012, however, sample size is larger



- Graying of the fleet
 - Is supported
 - How to support new entrants?
- Social relationships
 - Show some change, time and new data may provide more clarification
- Program perceptions
 - expectation vs. experience
- Fisheries participation
 - Some shift into fisheries with good markets
 - Concerns for future – changing ocean cycles, may alter availability of multiple species





Ongoing analysis includes by state, at the community level, and by return response only.

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