FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  Monday, September 22, 2003

Contacts:  Dr. Donald McIsaac, Executive Director, (503) 820-2280
Ms. Jennifer Gilden, Communications Officer, (503) 820-2280

AD HOC GROUNDFISH TRAWL INDIVIDUAL QUOTA COMMITTEE APPOINTED

The Pacific Fishery Management Council announces the appointment of a committee to work on development of an individual quota program for the groundfish trawl fishery. Appointment of the committee by the Council chair was authorized at the September 2003 Council meeting. Dr. David Hanson, Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission, will chair the committee, which will be composed of representatives of whiting and non-whiting groundfish trawl catcher vessels, shoreside and at-sea processors, Pacific Northwest groundfish fishing tribes, conservation groups, and fisheries enforcement. The committee will be supported by representatives from the National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA General Counsel, the three coastal states’ fish and wildlife agencies, and Pacific Council staff. The committee is charged with making recommendations to the Pacific Council regarding development of individual quotas associated with the groundfish trawl fishery. The committee’s first meeting will occur this fall. Date and location of this meeting will be noticed in the near future, and the announcement will be placed on the Council website www.pcouncil.org.

Ad Hoc Groundfish Trawl Individual Quota Committee Membership

Chair
Dr. David Hanson

Processors
Mr. Jay Bornstein
Mr. Dale Myer

Trawl Fishing Representatives
Mr. Steve Bodnar
Mr. Chris Garbrick
Mr. Alan Hightower
Mr. David Jincks
Mr. Marion Larkin
Mr. Pete Leipzig
Mr. Brad Pettinger
Dr. Richard Young

Conservation Groups
Ms. Dorothy Lowman

Tribal
Mr. Steve Joner

Enforcement
CAPT Mike Cenci