

Compensation Fish for NWFSC Slope Trawl Survey

1999 Survey Results:

Four vessels were chartered for the survey. The costs for each vessel's participation in the survey were paid with 50% cash and 50% compensation fish.

Compensation Fish:

Species	Amount Requested	Amount Granted
Sablefish	38.5 mt	34.4 mt
Dover Sole	132.0 mt	73.1 mt
Longspine Thornyhead	32.8 mt	11.2 mt
Shortspine Thornyhead	8.1 mt	6.1 mt

Exempted fishing permits (EFPs) were issued for the compensation fish which may be taken anytime until September 30, 2000. Under the EFPs, these fish may be taken in excess of landing limits; all other groundfish regulations apply. The amounts granted for compensation will be deducted from the 2001 ABCs.

2000 Survey Request:

As in 1999, 4 vessels will be chartered. The survey will begin on or about July 1 and end by September 30, 2000 and cover the same area as in 1999.

Proposed Compensation: 50% of the costs of the survey paid in cash and 50% paid as compensation fish. Compensation fish would be at least 50% Dover sole and the remainder a combination of sablefish, shortspine thornyhead, and longspine thornyhead, according to the preferences of the chartered vessels.

Maximum Amounts Required for the 2000 Survey compensation fish:

Species	Amount Requested	% of 2000 OY
Sablefish	34.7 mt	0.6
Dover Sole	131.7 mt	1.4
Longspine Thornyhead	23.8 mt	0.8
Shortspine Thornyhead	4.7 mt	0.5

The amounts actually granted for compensation are expected to be substantially less than that requested. An EFP will be issued to each vessel at the conclusion of its participation in the survey. If the survey is completed as scheduled, two EFPs would be issued in August and two would be issued in September. The duration of these EFPs would be for one year, concluding not later than September 30, 2001.

For any EFPs issued in time, the compensation fish would be deducted from the ABC for 2001. For EFPs not issued in time, the compensation fish would be deducted from the ABC for 2002.