

ENFORCEMENT CONSULTANTS REPORT ON  
STATUS OF FISHERIES AND INSEASON ADJUSTMENTS  
PROSECUTING MIDWATER OPPORTUNITIES IN THE DARKBLOTCHED CONSERVATION AREA

The enforcement consultants have discussed the possibility of a declaration system. A system can be implemented in Washington & Oregon through emergency rule.

The Federal regulations must reflect that no more than two trips may be made in period 6. The Federal regulations should footnote that the states will have landing requirements.

The states would then pass a declaration regulation. There would be some differences between states in the declaration systems.

#### WASHINGTON STATE DECLARATION PROCESS

To participate in midwater fishing opportunities in the Darkblotched Conservation Area (DBCA), all vessels landing in a Washington Port must first:

1. At least 24 hours prior to departure from Port declare:
  - Fishing vessel name and operator name;
  - Area to be fished south or north of Destruction Island;
  - Date and estimated time of departure on trip
2. At least 6 hours prior to arrival in port declare:
  - Vessel name and operator;
  - Port and estimated time of arrival
  - Name of fish company accepting fish.

Trips can be canceled and re-declared to allow for inclement weather or other considerations. Vessels are restricted from making more than two trips per period. This allows for unforeseen mechanical or other trip limiting issues and provides for minimum declaration traffic. A call-in number for tape recorded declarations will be provided and printed in state rule.

#### OREGON STATE DECLARATION PROCESS

To participate in midwater fishing opportunities in the Darkblotched Conservation Area (DBCA), all vessels landing in Oregon must:

1. Declare their intent to fish in November by 5 p.m. on November 1 st. The vessels would then be allowed to make one delivery during the month of November 2002.
2. Vessels that had remaining limits or wished to make their first trip, would be allowed to declare intent to fish in December by declaring such by 5 p.m. on November 29th. Each vessel would be limited to one delivery in December.

A list of these declarations would be provided to the appropriate enforcement agencies.