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AD HOC GROUND FISH 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

Trawl Fishing Representatives

Mr. Steve Bodnar

Mr. Chris Garbrick

Mr. Alan Hightower

Mr. David Jincks

Mr. Pete Leipzig

Mr. Brad Pettinger

Dr. Richard Young

Mr. Marion Larkin

Processors

Mr. Jay Bornstein

Mr. Dale Myer

Mr. Joe Plesha

Conservation Groups

Ms. Dorothy Lowman

Tribal

Mr. Steve Joner

Enforcement

Capt. Mike Cenci