

## TRAWL COST RECOVERY REPORT

Each year the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) receives a report from National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) on cost recovery for the trawl catch share program (Agenda Item F.2.a, NMFS Report 1). The report covers costs and fee collections from the previous year along with fee rates for the current year. This agenda provides the Council an opportunity to review the cost recovery levels established by NMFS.

### Background

As authorized under Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA) Sections 303A(e) and 304(d)(2), Amendment 20 included a Council recommendation that fees be charged for cost recovery. This was followed, in September 2011, with a Council recommendation on the methodology for identifying and assessing “management, data collection and analysis, and enforcement programs that are directly related to and in support of the program” (MSA303A(e)(1)). The Council’s final recommendation on cost recovery is available on the [cost recovery webpage](#) and includes an ongoing, periodic review role for the Council. Cost recovery fees were first charged starting in 2014, and National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) provided its first report on cost recovery at the April 2014 Council meeting.

### **Council Action:**

#### **1. Provide Comments on the Report.**

#### Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item F.2.a, NMFS Report 1: Pacific Coast Groundfish Trawl Rationalization Program: Cost Recovery Annual Report, April 2022.
2. If Received, Public Comments are Electronic Only ([see e-portal](#)).

#### Agenda Order:

- F.2 Trawl Cost Recovery Report
  - a. National Marine Fisheries Service Report
  - b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
  - c. Public Comment
  - d. **Council Action:** Provide Comments on the Report

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