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Agenda Item C.1.b
Supplemental NMFS Presentation
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Science Center Activities

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Overview

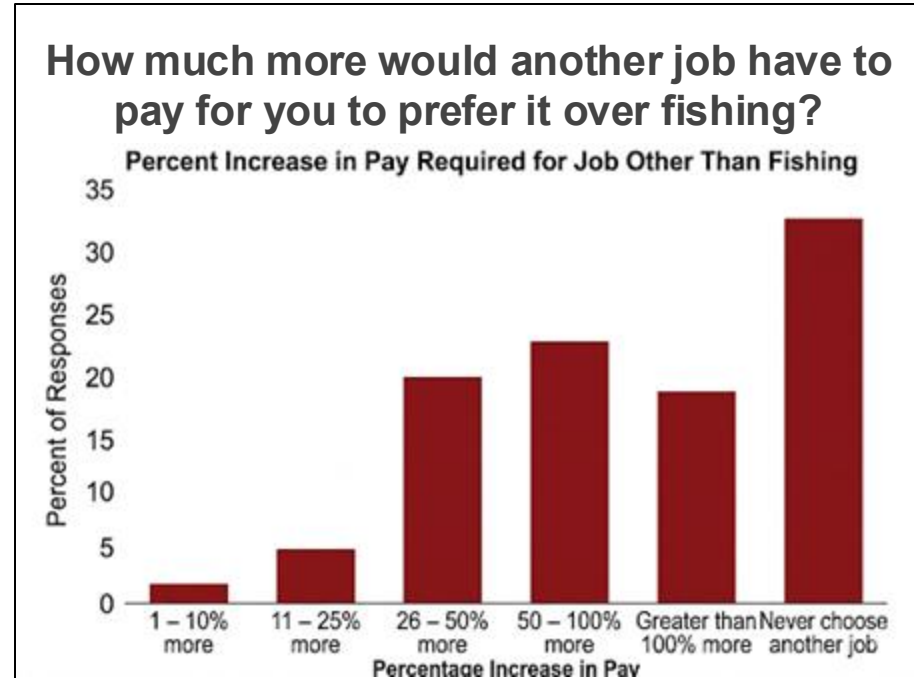
- 2026 Groundfish Survey update
- Economic and Social Science update
- Upcoming Industry engagement opportunities



West Coast Fisheries Participation Survey – in the field

- The 4th Triennial West Coast Fisheries Participation Survey was mailed in March (previous surveys: 2017, 2020, 2023)
- Vessel owners report a range of social and economic data, including
 - Challenges as commercial fishers
 - Reliance on commercial fishing for household income
 - Access to health insurance
 - Self-marketing of catch
 - Infrastructure

[More information](#)



Questions about the survey? Connor.Lewis-Smith@noaa.gov



Recent NWFSC Economic and Social Science Program Publications of Interest

- The Spatial Economics Toolbox for Fisheries (FishSET), is an R package for modeling fisher behavior and simulating policy scenarios

[Link to article](#)



Online Midwater Trawl Fishery Data Workshop



📅 Tuesday, April 21 | 🕒 1-4pm

Who: stakeholders with direct experience or knowledge in shoreside midwater fishing operations

Share what you know to help scientists better understand and interpret trends in fishery data. This will inform work reviewed by the PFMC Science and Statistical Committee with the aim to improve stock assessments of midwater rockfishes like widow, yellowtail, and canary.

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10th Fishermen-Scientists Roundtable

May 19th, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Oregon State University
Hatfield Marine Science Center
Newport, Oregon

Who: Oregon commercial, recreational and charter fishermen; OSU, ODFW, OR Sea Grant and NMFS scientists

Goals: Build stronger connections and collaborations, share observations about ocean conditions and fisheries, identify needs and new research opportunities, inform ongoing work.

Discussion topics: Climate and ecosystem observations, stock assessments, and socio-economic indicators and research



The Integrated West Coast Pelagics Survey

Virtual Outreach Event!

with Survey Directors Annie Yau & Jon McVeigh

Wednesday, April 15 @ 9:30

Google Meets: <https://meet.google.com/kis-rnsd-mgi>

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Questions?

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