

The Pacific Council's Groundfish Trawl Fishery Catch Share Program: The 30,000 feet Overview



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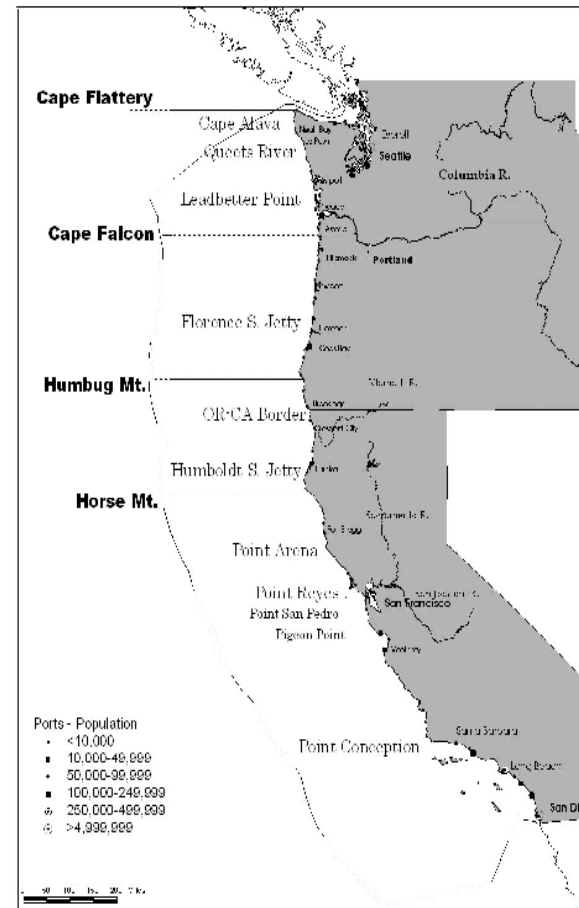
West Coast Groundfish Trawl Fishery Catch Share Program

- General Fishery Description
- History of Catch Share Program Development
 - Timeline
 - Process
- Major Program Elements



The Fishery Context

- Four FMPs
 - Salmon, Groundfish, CPS, HMS
- Eight Groundfish Fishery Sectors
 - Recreational
 - Tribal
 - Limited Entry Fixed Gear
 - Open Access
 - **Shoreside whiting Trawl**
 - **Shoreside non-whiting Trawl**
 - **At-sea whiting catcher-processors Trawl**
 - **At-sea motherships (Trawl)**



Development Process

History: Now in Sixth Year of a Seven Year Process

- **November 2003: Stakeholders Ask Council to Start**
- **2004: Detailed Scoping**
- **2005 – 2007: Analysis and Option Refinement Feedback Loops**
 - **Trawl Individual Quota Committee**
 - **Groundfish AP**
 - **Groundfish Management Team**
 - **SSC**
- **2008:**
 - **DEIS Built as the Decision Document**
 - **Council takes Final Action on Base Program, Schedules 3 Trailing Actions for June, 2009**

Development Process (continued)

- 2009:

- Council Takes Final Action

- Quota Share Estimates Sent to Permit Holders

- DEIS to NMFS November 20, 2009

- 2010:

- Secretarial Approval Process

- NMFS/States Infrastructure Completion

- Quota Shares Notification and Appeal Process

- 2011:

- January 1 Target Implementation Date

Major Program Elements

- The Primary Multi-species Shoreside Trawl Fishery (Whiting + Non-Whiting) Sector
 - Managed with an Individual Quota Share Program
 - Quota Shares based on equal sharing of about half of the annual catch, and catch history on the other half of the catch



Major Program Elements....

The Primary Multi-species Shoreside Trawl Fishery (*continued*)

- 10% of the annual catch set aside for an Adaptive Management Program
 - Unanticipated Consequences
 - Community Protection
 - Other goals
- Gear Switching
- Accumulation Limits



Major Program Elements....

- The Catcher-Processor Whiting Fishery Sector
- The Mothership Whiting Fishery Sector
 - Both Sub-Sectors Managed by a Co-operative Program

