

# Washington Fish Dealer's Responsibilities Under NOAA Fisheries Capacity Reduction Program

As a Licensed Commercial Fish Business in the state of Washington, you are obligated under Title 50 Section 600.1102, Pacific Coast Groundfish Fee, to collect fees for repaying the \$35,662,471 reduction loan which financed the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishing Capacity Reduction Program.

## WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR YOU?

If you are the first buyer of fish, you are responsible for collecting from the vessels (fish sellers) the fee for every pound of fee fish landed on every day until further notice. Fee fish are the following species:

- Groundfish harvested under a Limited Entry Trawl Permit (except whiting catcher-processors)
- Coastal dungeness crab

## HOW DO I COLLECT THE FEE?

You simply deduct the fee from the net trip proceeds owed to the vessel (fish seller). (ie: Vessels sells \$1,000 worth of fish to you, the fee rate on the fish is 5%, then the fee is \$50, thus you pay the vessel \$950 and retain and remit the \$50 collected fee). The fee is based on the full, fair-market value of the fee fish which the vessel sells to you. This includes the value of all in-kind compensation or all other goods and services which you pay the vessel in lieu of cash plus any and all deferred cash compensation.

## FEE RATE

Each fee rate is a percentage of the full, fair market, gross ex-vessel value of the fee fish and is subject to change:

- Groundfish – 5%
- Dungeness Crab – 0.16%

## WHAT DO I DO WITH THE FEES I COLLECT?

At a minimum, at the end of each month you must deposit the fees collected for that month into a Federally insured depository institution. All deposit accounts must be Federally insured.

You must disburse to NOAA Fisheries the collected fees in the depository accounts at least once a month so that the disbursement reaches NOAA Fisheries by the 14<sup>th</sup> calendar day of the following month. However, if the depository account of any month is less than \$100, then you do not have to disburse the collected fees until there is over \$100 in the account, except at the end of the year, all funds must be disbursed and received by NOAA Fisheries by the 14<sup>th</sup> day of the new year.

You may disburse the collected fees to us either electronically or by check. The electronic payment system is named Pay.Gov and can be access at:

<https://www.pay.gov>

You have two Pay.Gov payment options: 1) Bank account debit (ACH) or 2) Credit Card.

Paper checks shall be mailed to the following address:

NOAA Fisheries Pacific Coast Groundfish Buyback  
Post Office Box 979059  
St. Louis, MO 63197-9000

## FEE COLLECTION REPORT

With each disbursement, you are required to submit a Fee Collection Report that identifies you (the buyer), the fee fish on which the collected fees are being disbursed, and how the disbursement is to be credited to one or more of the fee fisheries. If paying electronically, the report can be completed and transmitted electronically at the same time of payment. If paying by check, the fee collection report must be submitted with the payment. The Fee Collection Report is available at:

[http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/mb/financial\\_services/buyback.htm](http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/mb/financial_services/buyback.htm)

## PENALTIES

Fee payment and fee collection is mandatory. There are severe penalties for you and the vessel (fish sellers) for failing to pay or collect/disburse fees.

This represents a portion of the full regulations governing your responsibilities under the NOAA Fisheries Groundfish Capacity Reduction Program, for a complete set of rules and regulations please visit our website at:

[http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/mb/financial\\_services/buyback.htm](http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/mb/financial_services/buyback.htm)

or contact the people listed below:

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## Species list of Groundfish

The term "groundfish" is officially defined at 50 CFR 660.11, which may be amended from time to time. Fish sellers and fish buyers are officially guided by the "groundfish" definition in 50 CFR 660.11 available at this website:

[http://www.westcoast.fisheries.noaa.gov/publications/fishery\\_management/groundfish/regulations.pdf](http://www.westcoast.fisheries.noaa.gov/publications/fishery_management/groundfish/regulations.pdf) .

A list of species is provided below is for your convenience.

Groundfish include:

(a) Sharks, (b) Skates, (c) Ratfish, (d) Morids, (e) Grenadiers, (f) Roundfish, (g) Rockfish, (h) All genera and species of the family Scorpaenidae, and (i) Flatfish.

### Species

1. Leopard shark	46. Kelp rockfish
2. Soupfin shark	47. Longspine Thornyhead
3. Spiny dogfish	48. Mexican rockfish
4. Big skate	49. Olive rockfish
5. California skate	50. Pacific ocean perch
6. Longnose skate	51. Pinkrose rockfish
7. Ratfish	52. Pink rockfish
8. Finescale codling	53. Pygmy rockfish
9. Pacific rattail	54. Quillback rockfish
10. Cabezon	55. Redbanded rockfish
11. Kelp greenling	56. Redstripe rockfish
12. Lingcod	57. Rosethorn rockfish
13. Pacific cod	58. Rosy rockfish
14. Pacific whiting	59. Rougheyeye rockfish
15. Sablefish	60. Sharpchin rockfish
16. Aurora rockfish	61. Shortbelly rockfish
17. Bank rockfish	62. Shortraker rockfish
18. Black rockfish	63. Shortspine thornyhead
19. Black and yellow rockfish	64. Silvergray rockfish
20. Blackgill rockfish	65. Speckled rockfish
21. Blue rockfish	66. Splitnose rockfish
22. Bocaccio	67. Squarespot rockfish
23. Bronzespotted rockfish	68. Starry rockfish
24. Brown rockfish	69. Stripetail rockfish
25. Calico rockfish	70. Swordspine rockfish
26. California scorpionfish	71. Tiger rockfish
27. Canary rockfish	72. Treefish
28. Chameleon rockfish	73. Vermilion rockfish
29. Chilipepper	74. Widow rockfish
30. China rockfish	75. Yelloweye rockfish
31. Copper rockfish	76. Yellowmouth rockfish
32. Cowcod	77. Yellowtail rockfish
33. Darkblotched rockfish	78. All Scorpaenidae
34. Dusky rockfish	79. Arrowtooth flounder
35. Dwarf-red	80. Butter sole
36. Flag rockfish	81. Curlfin sole
37. Freckled	82. Dover sole
38. Gopher rockfish	83. English sole
39. Grass rockfish	84. Flathead sole
40. Greenblotched rockfish	85. Pacific sanddab
41. Greenspotted rockfish	86. Petrale sole
42. Greenstriped rockfish	87. Rex sole
43. Halfbanded rockfish	88. Rock sole
44. Harlequin rockfish	89. Sand sole
45. Honeycomb rockfish	90. Starry flounder