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## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

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### **PACIFIC COAST GROUND FISH FISHERY**

#### ***Trawl Rationalization Program:*** **IFQ – Notice of QP transfer deadline**

The deadline for transferring reapportioned whiting quota pounds (QP) from quota share (QS) accounts to vessel accounts and the deadline for transferring all QP or individual bycatch quota (IBQ) between vessel accounts is 11:59 pm on December 14, 2012. From 12:00 am on December 15 through December 31, 2012, QP or IBQ pounds will not be transferrable. Any pending transfers that have not been accepted by the receiving vessel account as of December 15 (12:00 am) will be retracted and credited to the originating vessel account. Any reapportioned whiting QP remaining in QS accounts as of December 15 (12:00 am) will expire.

Also, please note that the landing date determines in which year the catch from a trip is debited. If you are planning to fish during the last days of December and wait to offload until the first days of 2013, the discards and landings will be debited from your 2013 vessel account, even if the discards and target species harvests actually occurred in 2012. The offload date as reported on the electronic fish ticket determines the year in which the vessel account is debited.

#### ***Groundfish E-mail Group***

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#### ***NMFS Trawl Program Website***

<http://www.nwr.noaa.gov/Groundfish-Halibut/Groundfish-Fishery-Management/Trawl-Program/index.cfm>