



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

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Dear Oregon Pink Shrimp Buyer:

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) published a notice in today's Federal Register to adjust the fee rate for the Oregon pink shrimp fee share fishery within the Pacific Coast Groundfish fishing capacity reduction program. The new fee rate is effective September 5, 2007.

The fee rate for the Oregon pink shrimp fee share fishery will increase from 3.75% to 4.7%. The fee rate increase is necessary to repay the amortized principal and interest on the loan within the 30-year loan term. Please see the enclosed notice for more details.

Accordingly, we have modified the fee collection report to account for the fee rate adjustment and enclose the revised version. The fee rates for the other 5 fee share fisheries and the reduction fishery have not changed. The online Pacific Coast Groundfish buyback loan fee collection report at Pay.gov will also be modified to reflect this increased fee rate.

We encourage fish buyers to disburse collected fee deposits electronically by using the Pay.gov system. We believe this method is more efficient and more reliable. Please visit the Pay.gov website at: <https://www.pay.gov/paygov/> and search for NOAA or Department of Commerce.

Fish buyers who use the Pay.gov system to disburse their collected fee deposits can complete the fee collection report at the same time they are reporting fees on the Pay.gov website. This form is easy to complete electronically, and will be transmitted electronically at the same time they make their electronic disbursements. Buyers can even arrange for the electronic form to remember most of their identifying information so they will not have to retype this each time they complete a disbursement's fee collection report.

The link to the Pay.gov website can also be found on our website at:
http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/mb/financial_services/buyback.htm.

If a fish buyer does not have access to the internet or simply, for whatever reason, does not want to use the Pay.gov system, you may still continue to mail a paper check to NOAA's lockbox, as you have been doing. You must still complete a paper copy of the new Pacific Coast Groundfish Buyback Loan Fee Collection Report form which is enclosed, and send the completed form to NOAA's lockbox along with a paper check for the amount being disbursed.



Please contact us at the following numbers and addresses if you need further buyback information of any kind:

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Sincerely,



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