North Pacific Groundfish and Halibut Observer Program





To Find More Information:

 For more detailed information on the Observer Program and the Observer Program regulations, please visit: <u>http://www.alaskafisheries.noaa.g</u> <u>ov/sustainablefisheries/observers/</u>

 For more detailed information on the duties and responsibilities of observers, please visit: <u>http://www.afsc.noaa.gov/FMA/</u>

Upcoming Outreach Events

What do the Observer Program changes mean for you?

The new North Pacific Groundfish and Halibut Observer Program goes into effect January 2013 and makes important changes to how observers are deployed, how observer coverage is funded, and the vessels and processors that must have some or all of their operations observed.

NOAA Fisheries invites you to attend outreach meetings to learn more about this new program and what it means for you as a vessel owner, shoreside seafood processor, or registered buyer.

Nov 27 – 29, 2012: Pacific Marine Expo, Seattle WA

From noon -2:00 pm, each day, NMFS staff will be available at the NOAA booth to answer questions.

Nov 28, 2012: Petersburg

When: 6:00 pm Where: Petersburg Fire Hall Petersburg

Dec 12, 2012: Homer

When: 1:00 pm Where: 4786 Homer Spit Road, Land's End Resort, Harbor Room Homer

Dec 14, 2012: Kodiak

When: 10:00 am Where: Kodiak Wildlife Refuge 402 Center Street Kodiak

Dec 18, 2012: Newport, OR

When: 9:00 am

- Where: Recreation Room at the Port of Newport South Beach Marina and RV Park 2120 SE Marine Science Drive Newport, OR
- Map: <u>http://www.portofnewport.com/rv-parks/map.php</u>

Further outreach will be scheduled early in 2013, and NMFS welcomes input on locations where outreach would be helpful.