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NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE FISHERIES MARKET NEWS

BULLETIN BOARDS

Several National Marine Fisheries Service offices provide public access to electronic bulletin board services operating 24-hours a day to furnish the fishing industry with current information. Listed below are necessary facts needed to access these bulletin boards via a personal computer.

Alaska Region:

The Alaska Regional service is available by dialing **907-586-7259** at no parity, 8 data bits, 1 stop bit, full duplex. The bulletin board operates on a 80486 standalone PC with 4 MB of memory and four 14,400 baud modems. A menu-driven system directs callers to areas and manages viewing of files, downloading, and in certain cases, uploading files. A message utility handles transfer of mail between users and to the sysop. Information is organized in ANSI format into categories consisting of: news releases; regulations; current catch statistics; allocations / seasons / closure histories; PacFIN data; and miscellaneous information. Catch statistics are updated weekly, other files are added as needed. For additional information contact Galen Tromble, 907-586-7228, at the Alaska Regional Office.

Northwest Region:

The Northwest Regional Office service is available by dialing **206-526-6405** at 2400 baud, no parity, 8 data bits, 1 stop bit, full duplex. (The region plans to upgrade baud rate to 28.8 by January 1995.) Information is presented through a system of menus and displayed on-line. A variety of reports are included: current groundfish and salmon regulations; current entry program, limited entry groundfish permits; foreign trade news and data files; HACCP FDA information; Saltonstall / Kennedy Program; view your account; testing system; NMFS news and phone numbers; list of files or transfers; and miscellaneous information. For additional information contact John Bishop, 206-526-6119, at the Northwest Regional Office.

Southwest Region:

The Southwest Regional Office service is available by dialing **310-980-4059** at 2400 baud, no parity, 8 data bits, 1 stop bit, full duplex. Information is presented in the form of bulletins organized through a system of menus and displayed on-line. Announcements include Federal Register notices of seasons, trip limits, and quotas for groundfish, salmon, and coastal pelagic fisheries. Trade and industry reports are available for fishery product imports into Southern California / Arizona / Hawaii, canned tuna industry updates and status of canned tuna import quotas, catch reports and the status of quotas or allocations for various California fisheries, a calendar of public meetings and events, Pacific Council News and information concerning protected species and marine recreational fisheries. For additional information contact Dan Viele, 310-980-4039, at the Southwest Regional Office.