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NPFMC Reps Plan May 13th Trip to Sand Point for Meeting on Proposed GOA TBM Program

Representatives of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC) are planning to travel out to Sand Point for an outreach meeting to provide information to fishermen and the public on the proposed Gulf of Alaska Trawl Bycatch Management (GOA TBM) program. Council Member Ed Dersham, Council Staff Sam Cunningham and ADFG Federal Fisheries Coordinator Nicole Kimball will host a discussion at the **Aleutians East Borough office in Sand Point May 13th @ 10:30AM**. The group hopes to help explain the current Council motion, provide guidance on how western Gulf fishermen can provide constructive input within the current motion, and to outline the process to suggest elements that are not currently in the Council motion.

The NPFMC April 2014 GOA TBM motion can be found here:

<http://www.aebfish.org/april2014goatbm.pdf>

AK Fisheries Science Center Collecting Data from GOA Trawl Fishery Participants



The Alaska Fisheries Science Center is collecting data from Gulf of Alaska (GOA) trawl fishery participants and support businesses prior to implementation of any new trawl bycatch program. The survey team completed work in Kodiak in March, and are scheduled to be in **Sand Point April 27 - May 3**, and in **King Cove May 5 - 10**. The GOA Groundfish Trawl Social Survey is available online, over the phone, and in person when the survey team is in the community. The survey is intended to provide a snapshot of participation in the GOA groundfish fishery of all involved sectors, including processors, vessels, crew members, and support service businesses before any yet-to-be-determined management changes take place in the fishery.

The survey is available at <http://tinyurl.com/GOATrawlSurvey>.

Contact Survey Team members Mike Downs and Stev Weidlich when they are in the community through the Sand Point and King Cove Harbor Houses or AEB offices.

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