



# NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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## Action Memo

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**Eric Olson, Chairman**  
**Chris Oliver, Executive Director**

**SUBJECT:**

Community Fishing Association (CFA) Workshop

**ESTIMATED TIME:**

5 hours (Workshop 1-5pm, February 10, 2014)

**ACTION REQUIRED:**

- (1) Presentations by invited speakers
- (2) Open Question & Answer session

**BACKGROUND**

During the process of scoping elements and options for a comprehensive Gulf of Alaska (GOA) trawl bycatch management program, the Council received stakeholder proposals and public testimony requesting the exploration of how best to incorporate community protection measures. The Council is convening this workshop as an opportunity to hear “lessons learned” from comparable efforts in other U.S. regions. Specifically, the session should elicit whether or not other programs have achieved, or are expected to achieve, the objective of anchoring fishing quota in communities, and which design features were either successful or led to implementation or performance challenges. The session also aims to highlight issues or design features for which the Council could develop explicit objectives at an early stage in the action process, in order to avoid confusion, delay, and unintended outcomes if and when the bycatch management program enters the regulation writing phase. The focus of the discussion will be on the invited speakers’ experience in their own regions, and is not intended to be a “brainstorm” of particular design elements that stakeholders wish to see enacted for the GOA.

The Council’s plenary session will be in recess while this workshop takes place on Monday, February 10, at 1 p.m. in the Renaissance Hotel (Seattle, WA) South Room. The workshop is open to the public, and will be broadcast and recorded in the same manner as the regular Council meeting agenda. Any items remaining on the Council’s meeting agenda will be taken up on Tuesday morning.

The panel of presenters features three individuals who are experienced with the development and implementation of the trawl bycatch program on the west coast, including a current member of the Pacific Fishery Management Council and two representatives of the Morro Bay (CA) Community Quota Fund. Four presenters bring experience from the New England region’s groundfish “sector” program, including a former New England Council chairman, the director of a quota bank, a legal postgraduate fellow, and the lead NMFS policy analyst on the sector program’s development team. Biographical summaries for each presenter are included as an attachment. The representative from NMFS Northeast Region office will participate via teleconference. He has provided some written comments to help workshop attendees follow along with his presentation; these comments are also attached.

Each set of presenters will speak to his or her experience in regards to the session goals described above.

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After the presentations, the Council members and the public will have an opportunity to address the speakers in a moderated question-and-answer format.

Council staff will develop a summary of the workshop presentation and discussions that will be made available after the meeting.