

[These addenda will not be codified in the Code of Federal Regulations.]

## ADDENDUM 1-INVITATION TO BID: FISHING CAPACITY REDUCTION PROGRAM FOR THE PACIFIC COAST GROUND FISH FISHERY

### **I. Invitation:**

The United States of America, acting by and through the Secretary of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Marine Fisheries Service, Financial Services Division (referred to herein as "NMFS"), does hereby extend an invitation to those holding limited entry fishing permits endorsed for the operation of trawl gear and issued under the Federal Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Management Plan, other than those issued for vessels harvesting and processing whiting in the catcher-processors sector (as defined under section 660.323(a)(4)(A) of title 50, Code of Federal Regulations), to submit bids for the West (Pacific) Coast Groundfish Fishing Capacity Reduction Program (Program), in response to this invitation.

After a successful industry referendum, and in exchange for the payments specified in their respective bids, those accepted for participation shall relinquish their abovementioned groundfish trawl permits, other than permits for whiting catcher-processors, (herein referenced as "groundfish reduction permit"); relinquish all permits for pink shrimp or coastal Dungeness crab issued by the States of Washington, Oregon or California and registered to the reduction vessel (herein referenced collectively as "fee-share reduction permits"); relinquish any of their Federal permits or privileges issued on the basis of their operation or ownership of the vessel or vessels named in their respective bids (hereinafter known as the reduction vessel); scrap the reduction vessel or allow the revocation of fishing endorsements and the restriction of title of the reduction vessel; and relinquish any other present or future rights, entitlements, privileges, fishing permits or harvest authorizations derived, in whole or in part, from the use or ownership of the reduction vessels or from any harvests made under any permit, license or other harvest authorization. Those participating shall do so voluntarily.

### **II. Eligible Parties:**

NMFS invites, as qualified bidders, all those who possess groundfish reduction permits to submit bids for capacity reduction. All those submitting bids must be able to relinquish such groundfish reduction permits, fee-share reduction permits, other Federal permits associated with the reduction vessel, as well as relinquish or surrender any claim to any future harvest privileges stemming from such permits. In addition, bidders must be able to agree to scrap their reduction vessels or agree to title restrictions that permanently revoke their vessels' legal authority to fish. Although only qualified bidders may submit bids in response to this invitation, all persons holding permits for any reduction fishery or fee-