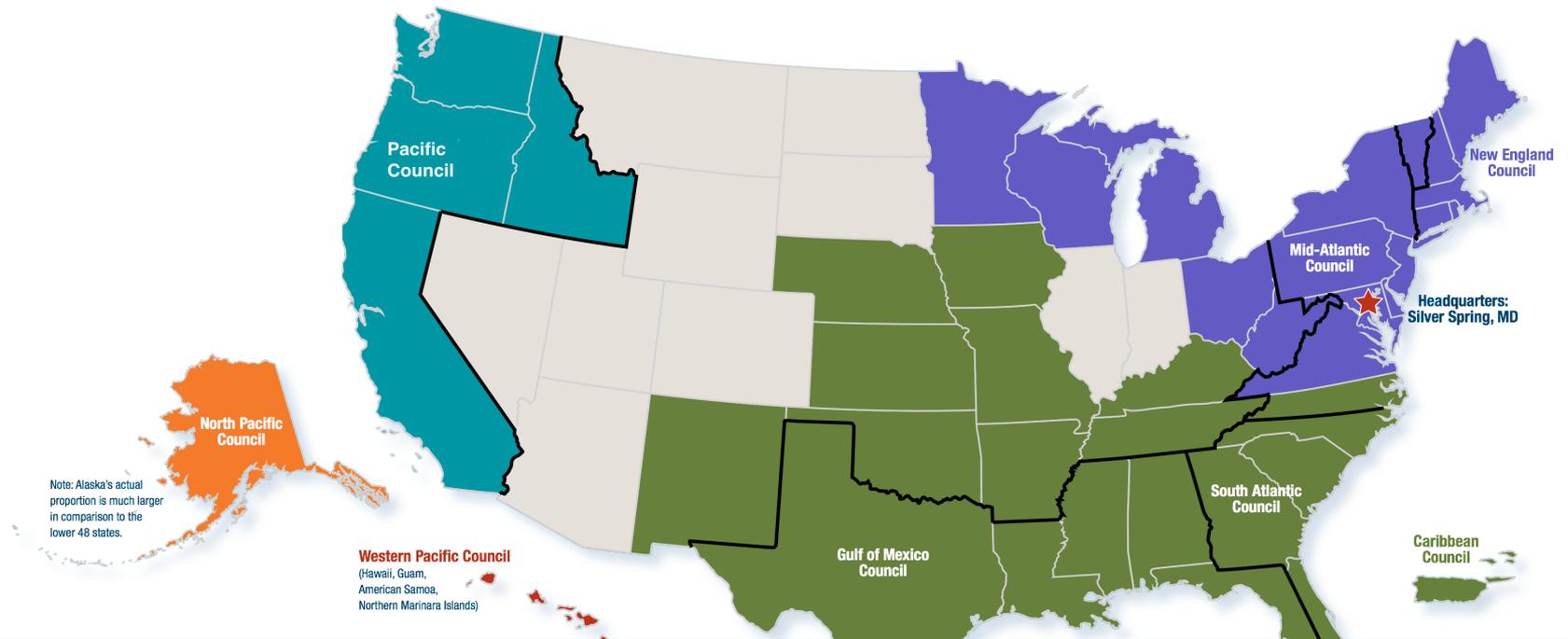


# U.S. Fisheries Data Collection – What, How, and Cost?

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Second  
Data  
Symposium

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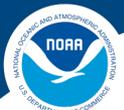
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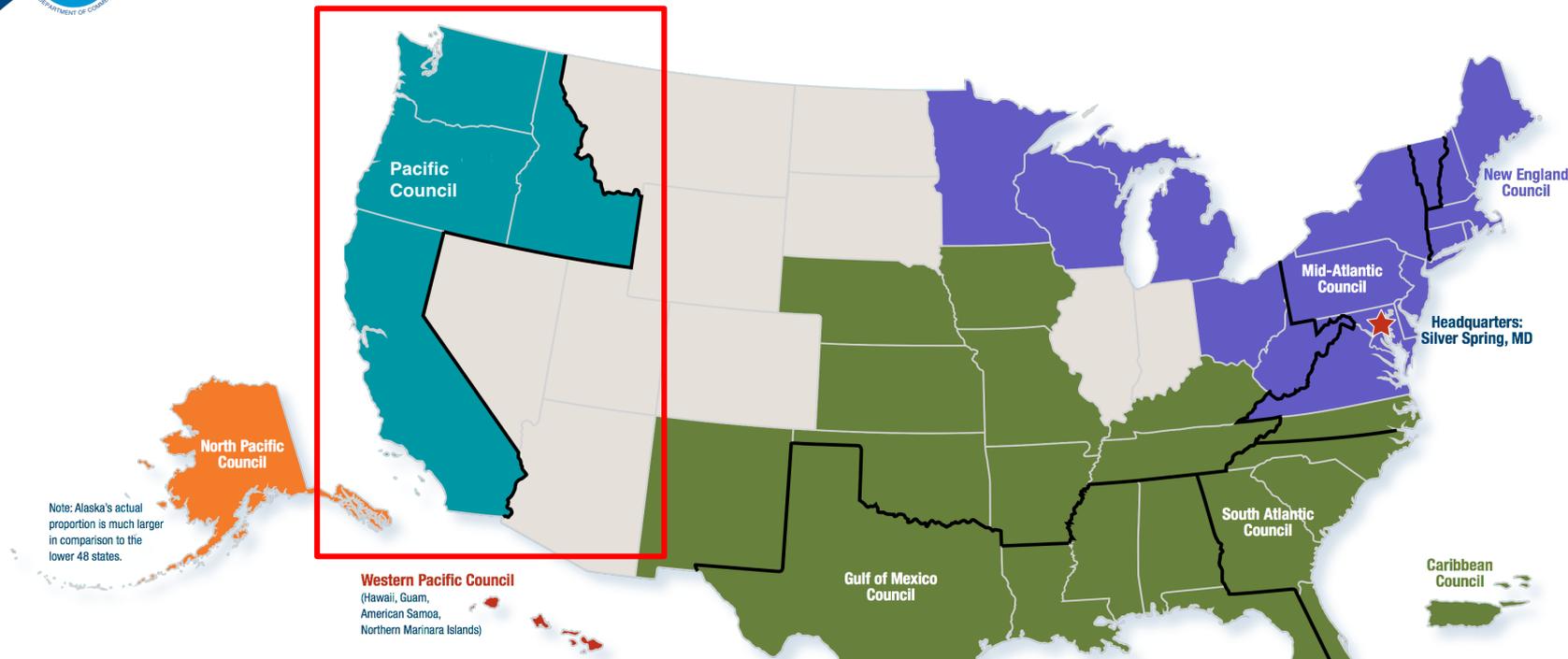
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# U.S. Federal Fisheries Data

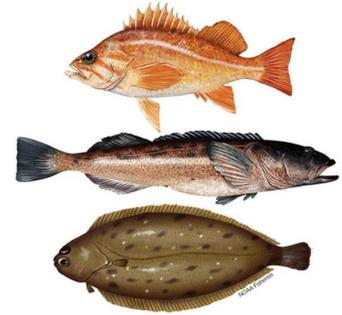
# Fisheries data collection starts with:

- type of fishery
- individual stocks or stock complexes
- the goals of the fishery and fishery management

Agreement on the goals is critical.

These drive what data is needed to manage the fishery.

# U.S. West Coast Groundfish Case Study



Example goals of groundfish fishery management in 2001 (as agreed to by participants within the Pacific Fishery Management Council):



Goal: Harvest removals are consistent with long-term sustainability

Goal: Capacity aligned with economic value of the available resource

Goal: Maintain product throughout the year for coastal markets

# U.S. West Coast Groundfish Case Study

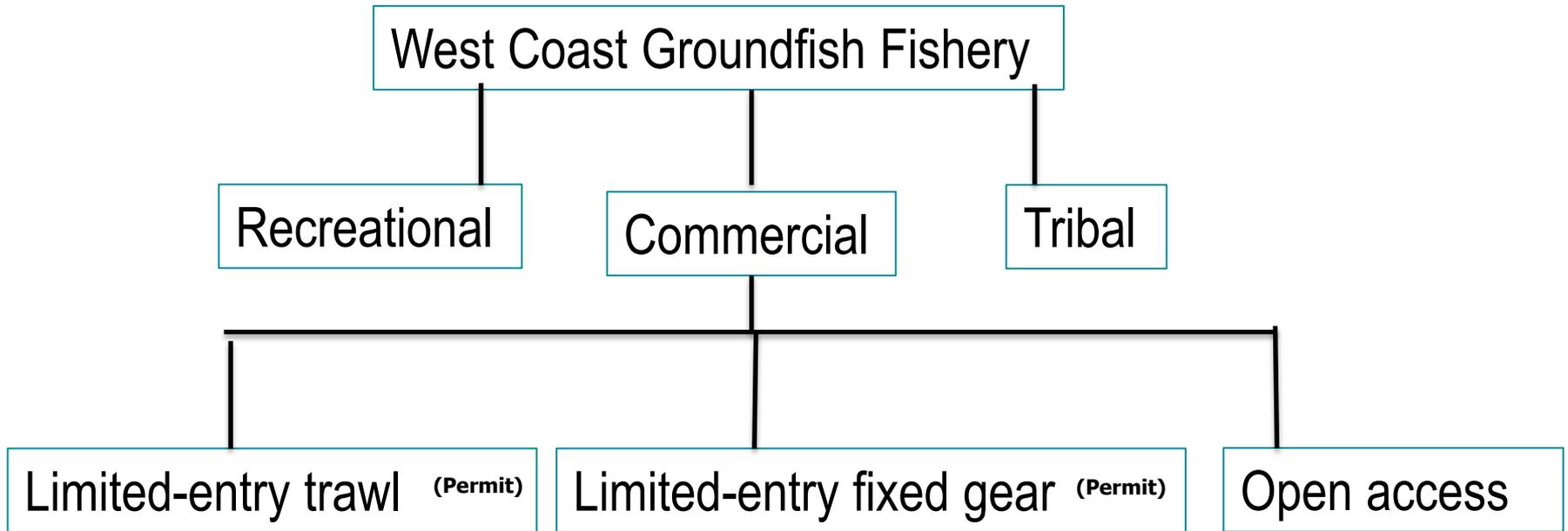
Data collection depends on the **scale of fishing** and the **resources available** for management, monitoring and enforcement.

Fishery monitoring is expensive and involves trade-off decisions



# U.S. West Coast Groundfish Case Study

First, the fishery structure:



# U.S. West Coast Groundfish Case Study

## Fishery Dependent Data

Shoreside sampling

Recreational

At-Sea sampling

Commercial

Creel Sampling

Observer measurement & sampling of retained and discarded catch

Fish Tickets

Effort Surveys

Trawl logbooks

Species composition sampling of assemblages

Fishery-Dependent: derived from the commercial or recreational fisheries

## Fishery Independent Data

NMFS Bottom Trawl Survey

NMFS Pacific Hake Survey

NMFS Hook & Line Survey

NMFS Juvenile Survey

Evolving/emerging State agency nearshore surveys

Oceanic and other data

Fishery-Independent: collected directly by scientists, i.e., derived from activities that do not involve the commercial or recreational fisheries.

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## Fishery-Dependent Data

### Commercial

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Biological sampling &  
species-composition  
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At-Sea Fishery  
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### Recreational

Creel Sampling:  
species composition

Effort  
Surveys

Biological sampling  
of retained catch

NMFS-funded; NMFS-executed

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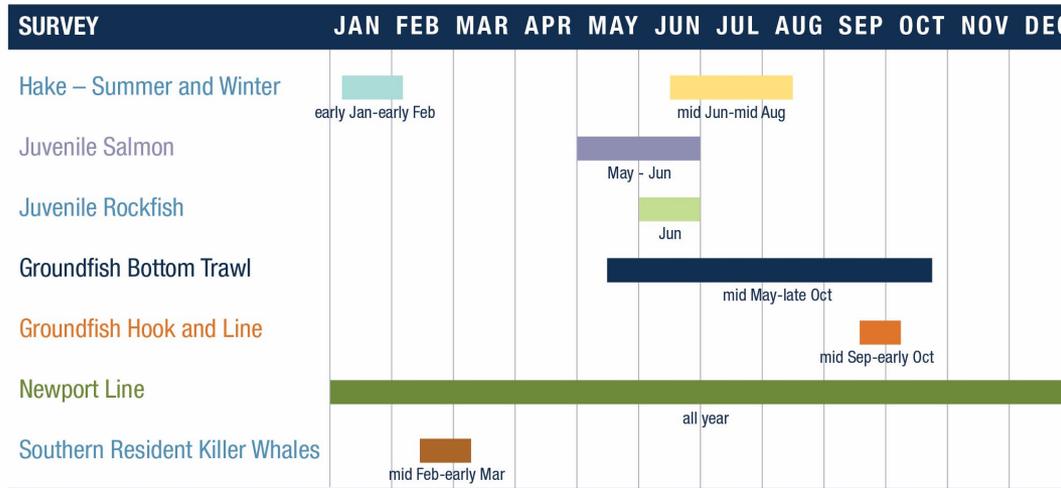
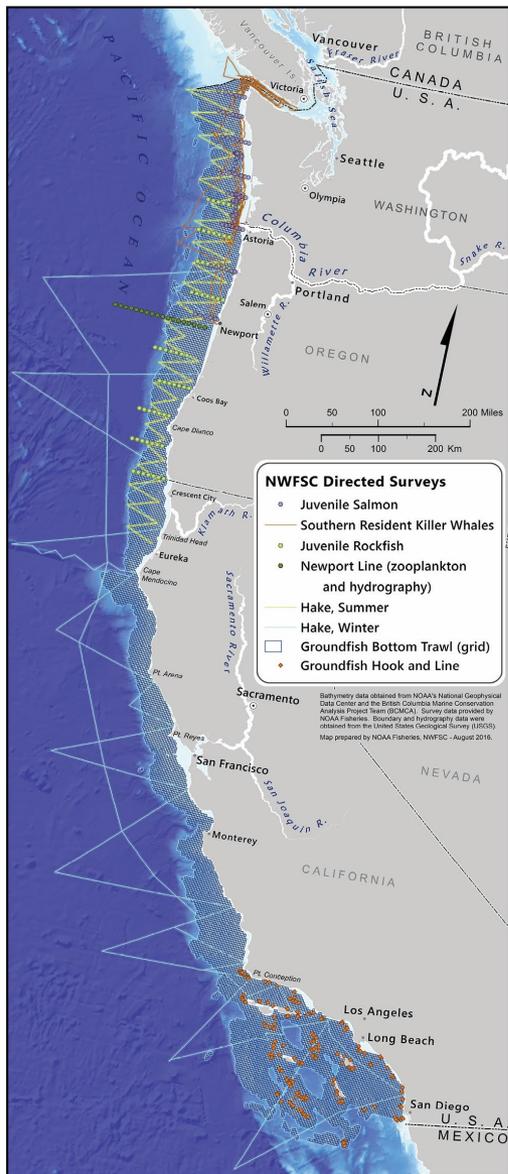
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# Fishery Independent Surveys

## Annual Fishery Independent Surveys for West Coast Groundfish



# U.S. West Coast Groundfish Case Study

## Data Collection to Manage Trawl Catch Share Program



Two parts:

- Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) Program for the shore-based trawl fleet
- Cooperative programs for the at-sea mothership and catcher/processor trawl fleets



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### Welcome to the Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) Program for Pacific Coast Groundfish

**Important Messages - Please Read Before Logging Into Your IFQ Account By Clicking On The Message**

June 10, 2022 - NMFS allocated additional (top-off) Pacific whiting pounds into Quota Share (QS) accounts. The final allocation (total QP for 2022) for the shorebased IFQ sector is 306,887,877 pounds. Log in to your QS account, and click on QP Transfer Summary under the Account Details tab for more information. Please see the public notice on our website for more information on this final allocation: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/action/2022-harvest-specifications-pacific-whiting-and-2022-pacific-whiting-tribal-allocation>

Quota Year

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Shorebased IFQ Sector Balances (round weight) 6/17/2022 8:25:07

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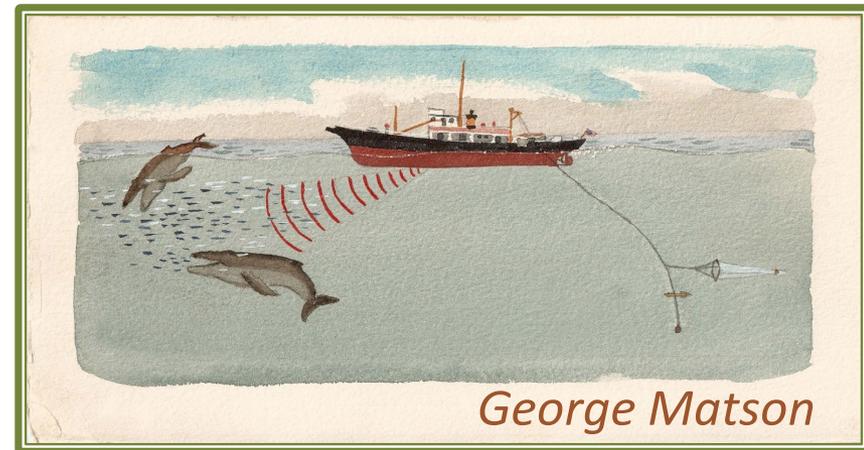
Quota Year	IFQ Species	Sector Quota Pounds (A)	Carryover Quota Pounds (B)	Catch To Date (C)	Quota Pounds Remaining (A+B-C)
2022	Arrowtooth flounder	13,172,113	0	802,716	12,369,397
2022	Bocaccio rockfish South of 40°10' N.	1,442,660	0	327,646	1,115,014
2022	Canary rockfish	1,892,800	0	342,638	1,550,162
2022	Chillipepper rockfish South of 40°10' N.	3,573,693	0	774,668	2,799,025

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# Data Acquisition Planning

# New NMFS Data Acquisition Plan (DAP) 2022/2023

- NMFS' data needs are evolving rapidly
- New plan will describe current and future data, platforms, and data collection methodology needs, laying the framework for acquisition of traditional, as well as new and expanded data sets, technologies, and approaches.
- New DAP will guide data acquisition within NMFS for the next 10-15 years.



# Questions?