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## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

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Groundfish Permits at (206) 526-4140

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### **2018 Trawl Gear EFP Enrollment Notice**

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) seeks **additional** federally licensed limited entry bottom trawl vessels to participate in the ongoing 201 *Testing the Removal of Certain Gear, Time, and Area Restrictions for Limited Entry Groundfish Bottom Trawl and Midwater Trawl Vessels*.

You can find additional information on this EFP, including eligibility requirements, here:  
[http://www.westcoast.fisheries.noaa.gov/publications/fishery\\_management/groundfish/public\\_notices/nmfs-sea-17-19.pdf](http://www.westcoast.fisheries.noaa.gov/publications/fishery_management/groundfish/public_notices/nmfs-sea-17-19.pdf)

If you are already a participant in this EFP you **do not** need to re-enroll.

**To register your interest in participating in this EFP, please contact the NMFS Permits Branch at (206) 526-4140 by April 1, 2018.**

For more information contact: NMFS West Coast Region at 206-526-6140 or visit our website at <http://www.westcoast.fisheries.noaa.gov>, click on "Fisheries" then "Groundfish"