NOAA Policy Encourages Catch Shares

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NOAA today released a national policy encouraging the consideration and use of catch shares. "Catch share programs have proven to be powerful tools to transform fisheries, making them prosperous, stable and sustainable parts of our nation's strategy for healthy and resilient ocean ecosystems," said Jane Lubchenco, NOAA administrator. "NOAA's policy encourages fishery management councils and stakeholders to explore the design possibilities of catch shares to tailor programs to best meet local needs." NOAA asserts that catch shares are helping eliminate overfishing and achieve annual catch limits, improve fishermen's safety and profits, and reduce the negative biological and economic effects of the race for fish that develops with some traditional fishery management. More here

To read the NOAA policy and profiles of catch share programs, go to http://www.nmfs.noaa.go v/catchshares

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