



**ARCHIPELAGO MARINE RESEARCH LTD.  
GHLCMP DOCKSIDE MONITORING PROGRAM  
RECOUNT PROCESS**

Concerns raised by industry with regard to inaccurate DMP piece counts have compelled us to develop a process whereby skippers are not only more involved with the piece count processes occurring at the dock, they will now have an opportunity to clarify any concerns they have at the time of the offload.

In order to ensure accuracy and agreement with all stakeholders, a discretionary recount process will be implemented for the 2008/2009 season. Please refer to the information below for details on how this process will take place.

- Recounts will be done at the skipper's request only.
- Recounts will be considered only for those species with 30 pieces or more.
- Keep in mind that any recount done will take additional time and there are costs associated with completing them. Who bears the cost of doing them may depend on whether the source of the errors can be identified.
- If there is any question or concern over the DMP Observer's piece counts during or at the end of the offload, there are a number of steps that should be taken before the option of recounting is exercised.
- If the recount of the species in question is completed and the new counts are within 5% of the original count, the costs of doing the extra time will be borne by the vessel and added to the Validation Record.
- In those cases where the new counts are more than 5% out, Archipelago will not bill the vessel for the extra time unless concerns regarding the Observer's ability to carry out accurate piece counts and request for offload adjustments were not addressed.
- Where a recount is carried out, it should be done in a way that minimizes impact and expense for the offloader.

If there are any questions or concerns with regard to the process outlined above, please check with the Port Supervisor in your region or call the Victoria office at 1-888-383-4535.