

TRAWL COST RECOVERY REPORT

As authorized under Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA) Sections 303A(e) and 304(d)(2), Amendment 20 included a Council recommendation that fees be charged for cost recovery. This was followed, in September 2011, with a Council recommendation on the methodology for identifying and assessing “management, data collection and analysis, and enforcement programs that are directly related to and in support of the program” (MSA303A(e)(1)). The [Council’s final recommendation](#) on cost recovery is available on the [trawl trailing action webpage](#) and included the following statement: “The Council should have an ongoing, periodic role in the cost recovery program, including reviewing cost recovery levels, after the cost recovery program becomes established.” This agenda provides the Council an opportunity to review the cost recovery levels established by NMFS.

Cost recovery fees were first charged starting in 2014; and NMFS provided its [first report](#) on cost recovery at the April 2014 Council meeting. The NMFS report under this agenda item (Agenda Item E.2.a, NMFS Report) covers the 2015 cost recovery fee calculation, including more detailed examples of incremental tasks than the 2014 report, and results from the 2014 collections.

Council Action:

Consider any necessary action based on the cost recovery report.

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item E.2.a, NMFS Report: Trawl Rationalization Program Cost Recovery Annual Report Fee Calculation for 2015 and Fishing Year 2014 Payments.

Agenda Order:

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| E.2. Trawl Cost Recovery Report | Jim Seger |
| a. NMFS Report | |
| b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities | |
| c. Public Comment | |
| d. Council Action: Consider any Necessary Action Based on the Cost Recovery Report | |