

## **Agenda Item F.8 Council Action:**

### **Review progress reports and adopt preliminary EFP for public review, as appropriate.**

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**Adopt the preliminary 2018 Year-Round Midwater Rockfish EFP as proposed in Agenda Item F.8.b Supplemental Public Comment PowerPoint, June 2017, with the following additions and recommendations:**

- **Work with NMFS OLE to modify the declaration process in order to accommodate the use of multiple trawl gears on one trip, and to document gear type use at the individual haul level.**
- **Enable the EFP to test whether observers or EM can confirm the type of gear being used, as recommended by the EC in Agenda Item F.8.a Supplemental EC Report, June 2017**
- **Require EFP participants to provide information on specific gear configurations by haul to NMFS, as recommended by the GMT in Agenda Item F.8.a Supplemental GMT Report, June 2017**
- **Specify an area-based sub-cap of 80 chinook for the area South of 42 degrees N, out of the 800 allowed in the entire EFP area prior to May 15.**

**Additionally, request NMFS to review the options for decision-making on the operation of this EFP south of 42 degrees N and report to the Council in September, including consideration of delaying approval of the EFP south of 42 until 2018 pre-season Chinook forecasts are available, and/or approving only limited elements of the EFP for the area south of 42 deg N. Moved by: Maggie Sommer; seconded by: Marci Yaremko. Mr. Lockhart abstained; motion carried.**