

Agenda Item E.6.a
Supplemental NMFS Presentation 1
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NMFS Report on EM Agenda Item E.6

Supplemental NMFS Reports 1 and 2
PFMC Meeting, Boise, ID
September 14, 2017

Pacific Halibut DMRs

- Met with IPHC staff in July to review WCGOP and PSMFC analyses, and DMR options.
- In general, not much information to support options that rely on extrapolating observer data, due to low sample sizes, high variability.
- PSMFC and GMT work looks promising. Needs SSC and IPHC review between now and November.
- IPHC buy-in important in any solution.

Discard Species List

- Proposed EM regulations: Handle discard species list changes through routine process, with full rulemaking.
- In April, the Council requested NMFS investigate a process for changing the discard species list that would:
 - Not require rulemaking
 - Provide opportunity for Council consideration of changes, before final

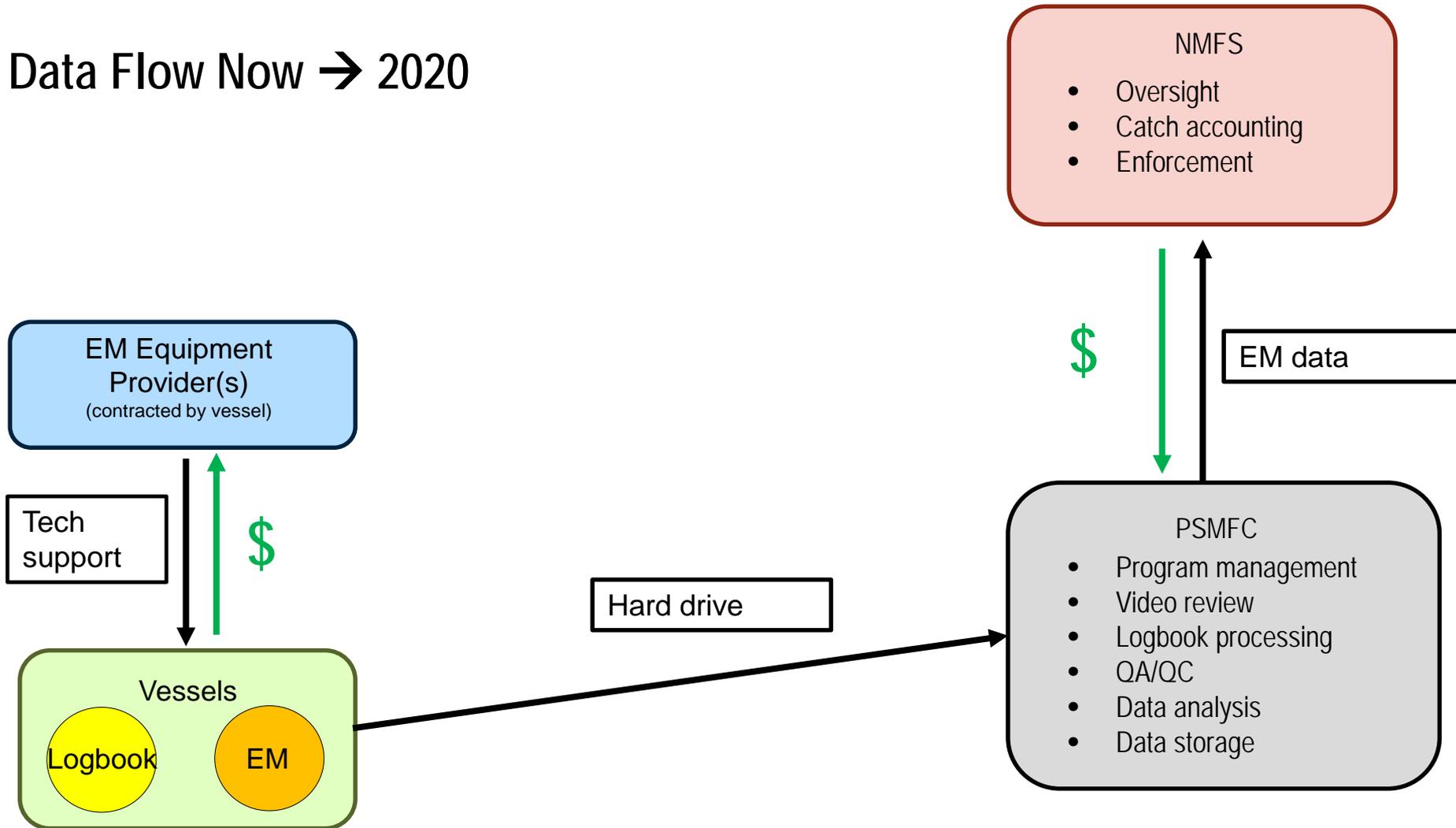
Discard Species List

- Option 1 – Status quo proposal
 - Routine action, one Council meeting
 - Proposed and final rule (possibly just a final rule)
 - Incorporate into VMPs
- Option 2 – Accelerated process
 - One Council meeting
 - NMFS issues public notice
 - Incorporate into VMPs

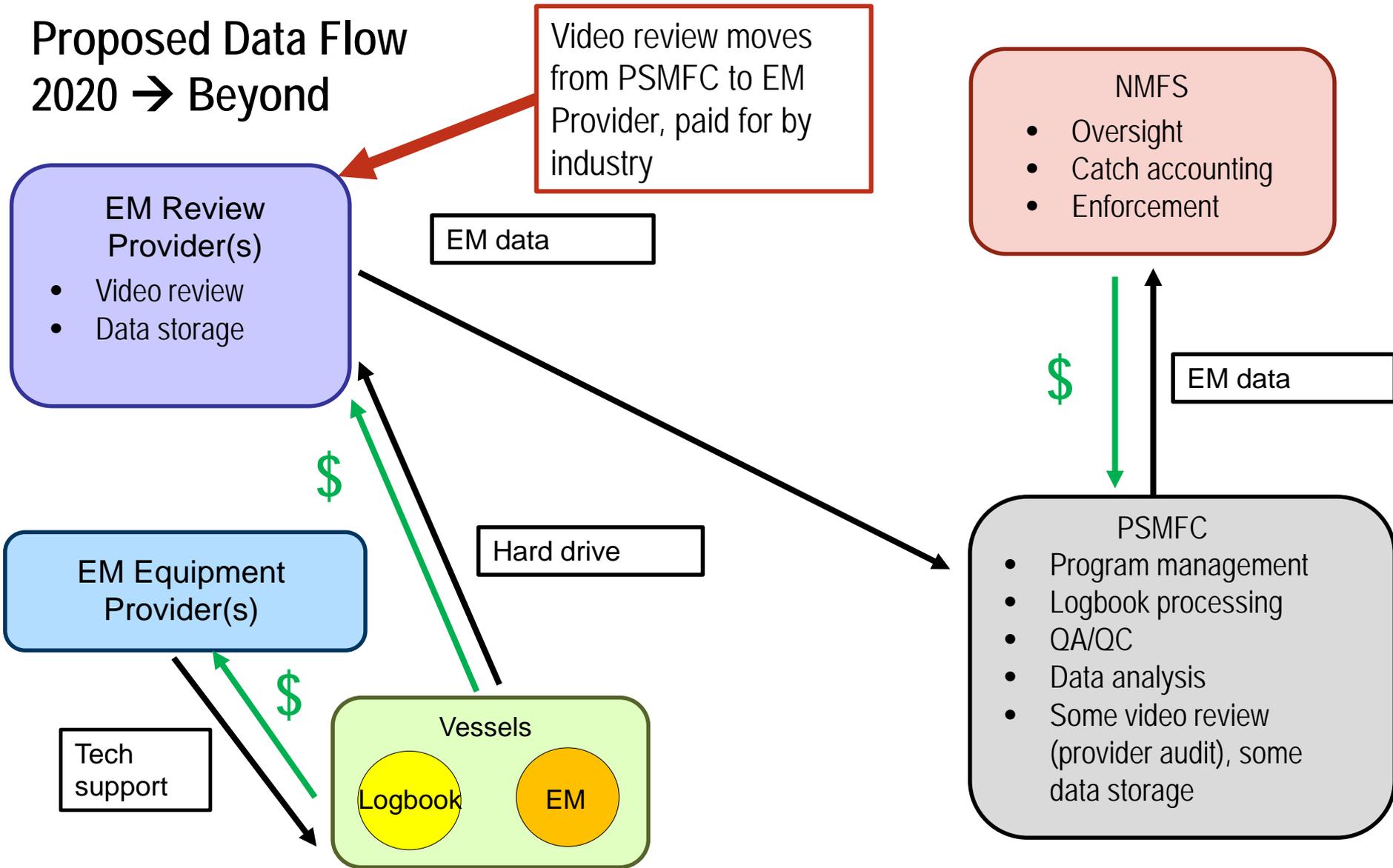
Third Party Video Review

- EFPs for whiting, fixed gear, and bottom trawl vessels through 2018.
- Proposed rule published for whiting and fixed gear September 2016, included third party video review beginning January 1, 2020.
- Council scheduled final action for bottom trawl April 2017, delayed to consider role of PSMFC.
- NMFS present findings on PSMFC role at September 2017 Council meeting.

Data Flow Now → 2020



Proposed Data Flow 2020 → Beyond



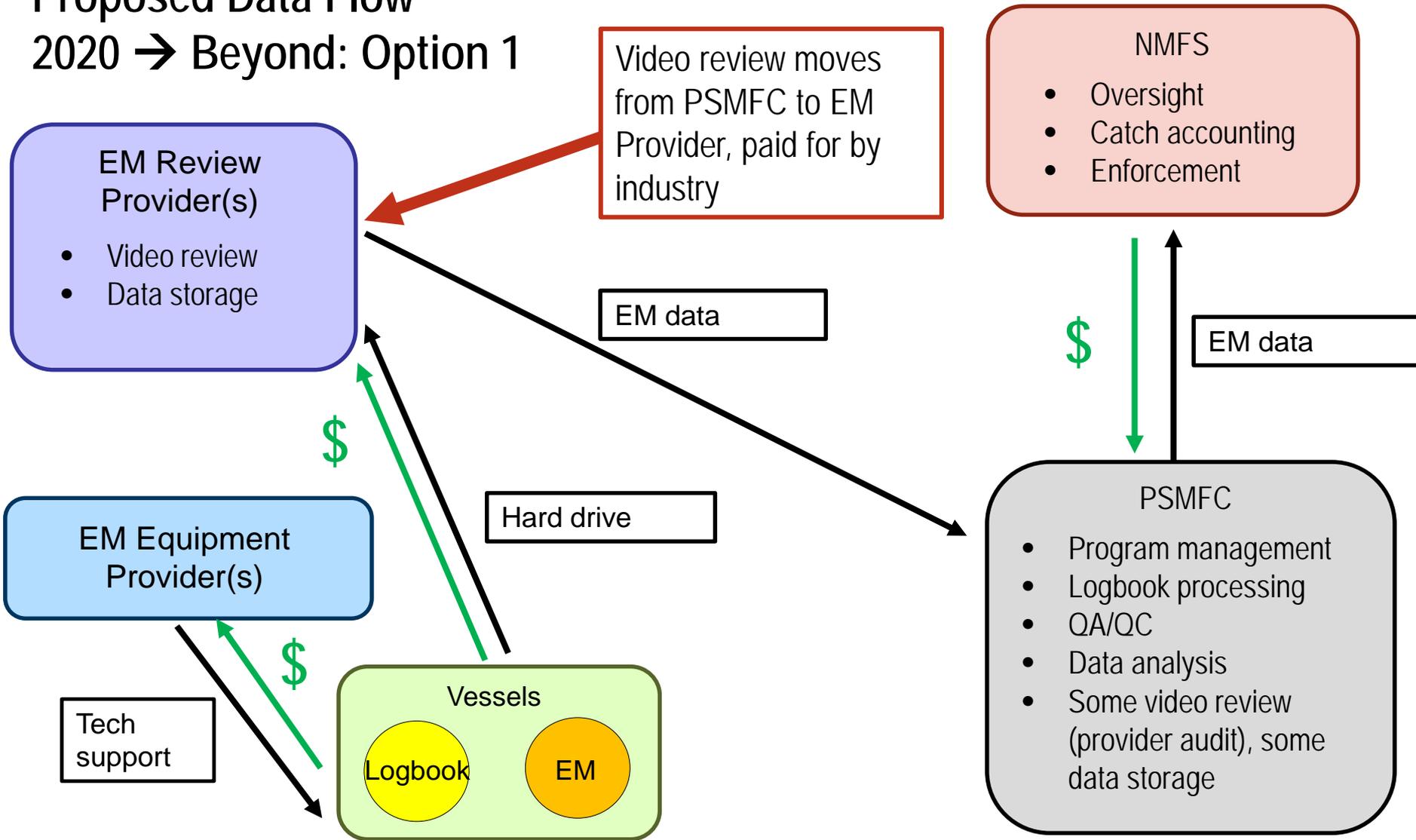
Third Party Video Review

- Can NMFS designate a sole service provider for video review? (i.e., PSMFC?)
 - No, NMFS cannot favor one provider over another.
- If not, can PSMFC be one of the providers certified by NMFS to do video review and selected by industry to work with?
 - Yes, PSMFC can be a third party video review provider and conduct video review on behalf of the industry.
 - But PSMFC could then not also run the program for NMFS (e.g., audit video review, track compliance, etc.). It would have to be one or the other.

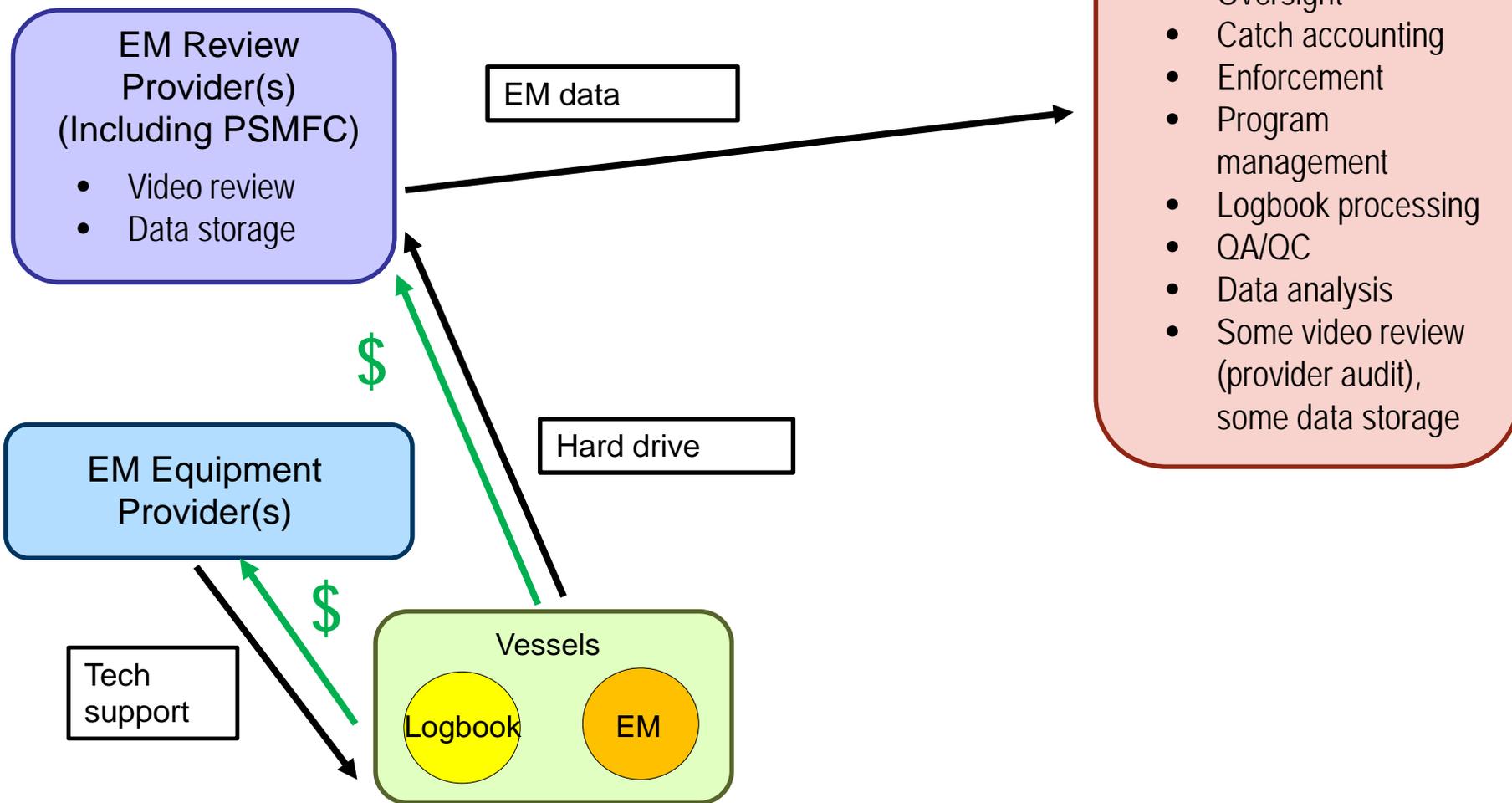
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Proposed Data Flow 2020 → Beyond: Option 1



Proposed Data Flow 2020 → Beyond: Option 2



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- None of this impacts the EM regulations or NMFS costs. It's an administrative decision for NMFS and PSMFC.
- NMFS will move forward with whiting and fixed gear final rule this fall for 2018 implementation.

Next Steps

Date	Action
Before September 6th	Present findings to PSMFC
September 6 th	Present findings to Groundfish EM Committee
September	Present findings to Council
Fall 2017	Publish final rule for whiting and fixed gear
November 2017	Council final action for bottom trawl
Spring/Summer 2018	Publish proposed and final rule for bottom trawl
January 1, 2019	All vessels under regulations
January 1, 2020	Transition to third party video review, NMFS program management