

ENFORCEMENT CONSULTANTS REPORT ON
ELECTRONIC TECHNOLOGY PLAN

The Enforcement Consultants (EC) have reviewed November 2014 Agenda Item C.4. The EC also received a briefing from Dr. Steve Freese of NOAA West Coast Region staff and have the following comments regarding the Electronic Technology Plan (Plan).

Dr. Freese provided a presentation on the proposed Electronic Technology Plan to the EC at the September Council meeting and solicited our feedback. At this meeting, Dr. Freese updated the EC regarding agenda item C.4., Regional Electronic Technologies Implementation Plan for West Coast Marine Fisheries Draft October 2014. The EC appreciates Dr. Freese providing us with information on the Plan, as well as incorporating EC recommendations from the September meeting into the October 2014 draft Plan.

In general, the EC supports the draft Plan. However, the EC notes the draft plan lists “Umbrella Rulemaking” for electronic fish ticket regulations to cover landings from all fishery management plan fisheries (groundfish, salmon, coastal pelagic species and highly migratory species fisheries) under the 2018-2020 timeframe. The EC recommends the Plan place a higher priority on the umbrella rulemaking and that it be pursued in a more near term timeframe.

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