

IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH ELECTRONIC FISH TICKETS

Agenda Item F.6.a, Attachment 2, *Action to the Fixed Gear Sablefish Fishery Managed under the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery Management Plan*, analyzes the alternatives regarding implementation of an electronic fish ticket for sablefish landings in the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery. During development of this analysis, several implementation issues have been identified. These issues are listed below in the form of open-ended questions. NMFS plans to release a supplemental NMFS Report that addresses these questions.

Issue 1: Under Alternative 4, for open access, daily trip limit, sablefish landings, how will fishermen know whether they will have to land to a first receiver that has electronic fish ticket capabilities? In other words, what is the threshold for open access sablefish landings such that an electronic fish ticket is required?

Issue 2: What burden(s) are placed on the state management agencies?

Issue 3: Would first receivers be required to have some type of current, valid first receiver site license?

Issue 4: Would incidentally caught species on sablefish directed trips be required to be recorded on the electronic ticket?

Issue 5: Could transport tickets still be used? How would this work?