

## ELECTRONIC MONITORING SCOPING

In November 2012, the Council decided to hold a workshop on electronic monitoring (EM) as a step in the initial consideration of EM for the trawl catch share program (trawl rationalization). At its April, 2013 meeting the Council received the workshop report and decided to move forward with consideration of the possible use of EM. A set of regulatory objectives and a calendar for moving ahead were adopted; and, the Council decided the primary focus of integrating EM into the trawl catch share program would be to achieve the compliance monitoring required for individual accountability of catch and bycatch. Also at the April meeting, the Council tasked staff with developing a document on performance standards, and a set of recommendations for the 2013 EM field study was approved for forwarding to Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission. In May 2013, funding was received to support the Council's consideration of EM. At its June meeting, the Council directed that Council staff modify the document on performance standards to focus on scoping for the September Council meeting (Agenda Item G.10.a, Attachment 1). The scoping document provides background regarding the scoping process to date, a draft purpose and need statement for EM development, as well as the goals and objectives and an update of the calendar adopted by the Council at its April meeting.

Also at its June, 2013 meeting, the Council established a Groundfish Electronic Monitoring (GEM) Policy Committee (GEMPC) to focus on the development of options for EM use in the trawl catch share program and a Groundfish Electronic Monitoring Technical Advisory Committee (GEMTAC) to advise the GEMPC. On August 20-21, 2013, both committees met to review the draft scoping document and discuss development of EM. The August GEMPC Report contains a draft set of Key Components for an EM Program as well as meeting notes (Agenda Item G.10.b, Supplemental GEMPC Report). Under this agenda item, the Council is scheduled to hold a public scoping session and provide further guidance to the GEM Committees on developing policy alternatives and analysis.

### **Council Action:**

- 1. Provide guidance to the GEM Committees for development of alternatives and impacts for consideration in the analysis.**
- 2. Provide responses to recommendations and issues identified in the GEMPC Report to the Council, as necessary.**
- 3. Provide other guidance as necessary.**

### **Reference Materials:**

1. Agenda Item G.10.a, Attachment 1: Information for Public Scoping of Electronic Monitoring in the Pacific Coast Limited Entry Trawl Groundfish Fishery.
2. Agenda Item G.10.b, Supplemental GEMPC Report: GEM Committees Report to Council.
3. Agenda Item G.10.c. Public Comment.

Agenda Order:

- a. Agenda Item Overview Brett Wiedoff
- b. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
- c. Public Comment
- d. **Council Action:** Provide guidance to Groundfish Electronic Monitoring Committees for development of draft alternatives and impact analyses.

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