

THE ENFORCEMENT CONSULTANTS REPORT ON FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING
AGENDA AND WORKLOAD PLANNING, INCLUDING FINAL J.1, GROUND FISH
OMNIBUS REGULATION PRIORITIZATION

The Enforcement Consultants (EC) has reviewed the motion adopted under Agenda Item J.1, Groundfish Omnibus Regulations Prioritization and has the following comments.

The EC is prepared to develop a range of alternatives for Vessel Continuous Transit Monitoring that addresses Item 39 of the groundfish omnibus management measures (VMS Ping Rate) and Item 70 (Provide for Retrieval of Derelict Crab Pots in the rockfish conservation areas).

The EC asks the Council to provide time on the November Council meeting agenda to review the EC's range of alternatives for Items 39 and 70 and move forward with subsequent rulemaking.

Furthermore, the EC believes the evaluation of the range of alternatives under Item 39 would also inform the response to area management enforcement concerns in other fisheries under this Council's purview.

Finally, the EC discussed Item 43 (Fishery Declaration Enhancements), Item 47 (Remove Certain Area-Management Restrictions), and Item 76 (Pot Gear Retrieval Requirements). Since these items also have a nexus to monitoring vessel activity at sea, the Council may want to consider grouping them with Items 39 and 70, discussed above. However, if all five items are grouped, the EC recommends moving the packaged range of alternatives to March 2015, rather than November 2014.

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