

ENFORCEMENT CONSULTANTS COMMENTS ON
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GROUND FISH STRATEGIC PLAN

The Enforcement Consultants (EC) in reviewing the Groundfish Strategic Plan do not see anywhere where enforcement costs are identified in the plan. As the Council moves forward with different phases in implementing the strategic plan, the cost of enforcement is highly variable depending on actions taken. Two specific examples are observer coverage and marine reserves both of which have substantial enforcement elements. We ask that the Council recognize these costs as both state and federal resources are limited. The trend now is for less money for enforcement programs. The ability of enforcement to react to newly implemented programs is very limited.

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