

## ENFORCEMENT CONSULTANTS REPORT ON FINAL CONSIDERATION OF INSEASON ADJUSTMENTS

The Enforcement Consultants (EC) have reviewed the information relating to inseason management and have the following comments:

### Issue 1.

**Chaffing Gear:** The EC sees this as an attempt to clarify existing language. This clarification does not change the intent of the regulation. Because of this, the EC supports the proposed language.

### Issue 2.

**Selective Flatfish Trawl:** The EC sees this as an attempt to clarify existing language. This clarification does not change the intent of the regulation. Because of this, the EC supports the proposed language.

### Issue 3.

The EC continues to support consistency with regards to groundfish open areas. We support increased fishing opportunity as better science evolves; however, the complexity of boundary changes for the general public has impacts on enforcement efforts. We strive to protect the resources the Council manages, but can only do so with the support of the regulations, the understanding by the constituents, and the courts. Complexities associated with inseason changes directly affect the enforcement impact.

In addition, depth based management lines should be described through latitudinal and longitudinal coordinates for all depths in excess of 30 fathoms. This assists with consistency and enforceability because it allows the use of enforcement tools, such as aircraft, GPS, and other techniques.

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