

GROUND FISH ALLOCATION COMMITTEE (GAC) REPORT ON TRACKING AND
MONITORING FOR TRAWL RATIONALIZATION PROGRAM

The GAC reviewed a preliminary presentation on tracking and monitoring from Steve Freese (Northwest Region). The presentation contained draft objectives and some initial revisions to the tracking and monitoring provisions. Based on the presentation, the GAC provided the following guidance for staff to consider in developing the report that will be provided to the Council in supplemental materials at this meeting.

1. Include an objective pertaining to the accurate estimation of prohibited species catch.
2. Do not include a separate tracking and monitoring alternative which explicitly provides fishermen a choice between discarding and not discarding (this was the third alternative in the preliminary report viewed by the GAC). The first alternative in the preliminary report allows discarding and implicitly allows retention, therefore, in that regard, the third alternative in the report duplicated the first.

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