

HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON  
VESSEL MOVEMENT MONITORING PUBLIC SCOPING DOCUMENT

The HMSAS suggests at a minimum that Alternative A in the Vessel Movement Monitoring Public Scoping Document, which is the no action (status quo) for the non-trawl vessels, needs to be evaluated by gear group rather than all considered as a non-trawl class.

All parties (HMSAS, NMFS Enforcement, USCG) seem to agree that the bait-troll albacore fisheries for vessels under 24 m do not need a VMS.

On the DGN fishery, when VMS is required, it should be recognized that it takes a minimum of four hours to retrieve a net. A one-hour ping is more than sufficient. Additionally, if VMS is required, NMFS should pay for the operations of the system.