

## VESSEL MOVEMENT MONITORING ALTERNATIVES

At the September 2014 Council meeting, four management measure concepts designed to deal with vessel and gear movement issues were aggregated to be addressed under a single vessel movement monitoring (VMM) agenda item. During the April 2015 meeting, the Council adopted a range of alternatives for the following four management measures:

1. Monitoring Restricted Areas with VMS
2. Removal of Derelict Crab Pots from Rockfish Conservation Areas (RCAs)
3. Fishery Declaration Enhancements
4. Movement of IFQ Fishpot Gear Across Management Lines

Council staff incorporated the guidance provided by the Council into the public scoping document (Agenda Item C.2, Attachment 1). The document includes some minor revisions to clarify the purpose and need statements. Since the Council previously adopted purpose and need statements, consideration of adopting more refined statements may be necessary. Specifically the title and the purpose and need statement for Management Measure 2 was clarified to show that the action is related to the monitoring of all restricted areas and not just for monitoring continuous transit requirements for rockfish conservation areas. The document also incorporates the Council's revision of Alternative 5 under Management Measure 2. That revision incorporates monitoring technologies under Management Measure 1.

Under this agenda item, the Council is scheduled to consider the purpose and need for the management measures, select preliminary preferred alternatives, and provide guidance for further consideration and analysis. The Council is scheduled to adopt final preferred alternatives at the April 2016 meeting.

### **Council Action:**

- 1. Adopt revised purpose and need statements.**
- 2. Adopt preliminary preferred alternatives for each management measure.**
- 3. Provide guidance for further consideration and analysis.**

### **Reference Materials:**

1. Agenda Item C.2, Attachment 1: Vessel Movement Monitoring Public Scoping Document.
2. Agenda Item C.2, Attachment 2: Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Case Study.

### **Agenda Order:**

- C.2 Vessel Movement Monitoring Alternatives Brett Wiedoff
- a. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
  - b. Public Comment
  - c. **Council Action:** Consider Revising Purpose and Need Statements and Adopt Preliminary Preferred Alternatives for Vessel Movement Monitoring Regulations in Council Area Commercial Fisheries