

# Vessel Movement Monitoring – Agenda Item C2

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Supplemental Staff Overview PowerPoint  
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Attachment 1: Vessel Movement Monitoring Public Scoping Document.  
Attachment 2: Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Case Study.



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## Council Action

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

# Management Measures

1. Monitoring Restricted Areas with VMS (Previously titled - "Monitoring for Continuous Transit in the Groundfish Fishery")
2. Removal of Derelict Crab Pots from Rockfish Conservation Areas (RCAs)
3. Fishery Declaration Enhancements
4. Movement of IFQ Fishpot Gear Across Management Lines

## MM1 - Monitoring Restricted Areas with VMS

- ❑ Areas that have continuous transit requirements with fishing closures (Rockfish Conservation Areas, Cowcod Conservation Areas, Some EFH Areas inside RCAs)
- ❑ Areas with just fishing closures (EFH, Protected Species, Salmon Conservation areas)

# MM1 - VMS Considerations

- ❑ NMFS type-approved units costs were adjusted by vendors
- ❑ New non-type-approved VMS units can meet monitoring needs, cheaper overall costs
- ❑ Albacore tuna fishery may not need action (vessels >24 m)
- ❑ Can chose a suite of options for a fishery (EC Report)

# Some Other Considerations

## MM2: Derelict Crab Gear Removal

- ❑ Magnitude of additional recovery is unknown
- ❑ States can be more restrictive

## MM4: Movement of IFQ Pots

- ❑ Council considering separate action to require vessels to return all pots to port (Omnibus #76)