

Electronic Monitoring Proposed Rule Announcement

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81 FR 34947: Proposed rule to allow catcher vessels in the Pacific whiting fishery and fixed gear vessels in the shorebased Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) fishery to use EM in place of observers to meet the requirements of the Trawl Rationalization Program for 100-percent at-sea observer coverage; public comments must be received by 9/6/2016 – 10/6/16.

Copies of the regulatory amendment and draft analysis prepared by the Council are available from:

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The Regulatory Impact Review (RIR), draft environmental assessment (EA), and Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis (IRFA) prepared by NMFS for this action are accessible via the Internet at:

http://www.westcoast.fisheries.noaa.gov/fisheries/groundfish_catch_shares/electronic_monitoring.html