

ELECTRONIC TICKET REPORTING TIMELINE REQUIREMENTS

The trawl catch share program includes a 24-hour submission requirement for electronic fish tickets and a similar requirement was included when the Council recommended extension of the electronic fish ticket requirement to all deliveries that include sablefish. The purpose of the electronic fish ticket requirement for sablefish deliveries was to “improve the timeliness and accuracy of catch data for monitoring harvest relative to applicable tier limits in the [limited entry fixed gear (LEFG)] sablefish fishery and trip limits in the LEFG non-sablefish fishery and [open-access] fishery.” (p. 10-11 of the [Fixed Gear Sablefish Environmental Assessment](#) published October 2016).

The final rule implementing the electronic fish ticket requirement for sablefish deliveries was published on November 23, 2016. At its March 2017 meeting, the Council heard from the public that the 24-hour reporting requirement may be creating a hardship for small operators that do not have personnel available on Saturdays or weekends to complete paperwork for deliveries coming in on Fridays. At its April 2017 meeting, the Council discussed the issue and possible solutions and asked that the Enforcement Consultants (EC) work with industry and have a joint meeting with the Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) to explore possible non-regulatory solutions and present them at the June 2017 Council meeting. During the April meeting, there was also discussion of a desire for consistency between fisheries in how the 24-hour reporting requirement is applied. The GAP and EC will have a joint meeting on this topic at the June Council meeting and provide reports to the Council.

Council Action:

Review reporting requirements and provide guidance on future Council action, if any.

Reference Materials:

None.

Agenda Order:

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| F.6 | Electronic Ticket Reporting Timeline Requirements | Jim Seger |
| a. | Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities | |
| b. | Public Comment | |
| c. | Council Action: Review Reporting Requirements and Provide Guidance on Future Council Action, if Any | |