

COST RECOVERY REPORT

As authorized under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA) Sections 303A(e) and 304(d)(2), Amendment 20 included a Council recommendation that fees be charged for cost recovery. This was followed, in September 2011, with a Council recommendation on the methodology for identifying and assessing “management, data collection and analysis, and enforcement programs that are directly related to and in support of the program” (MSA 303A(e)(1)). The Council’s final recommendation on cost recovery is available on the [trawl trailing action webpage](#) and includes the following statement: “The Council should have an ongoing, periodic role in the cost recovery program, including reviewing cost recovery levels, after the cost recovery program becomes established.” This agenda provides the Council an opportunity to review the cost recovery levels established by NMFS.

Cost recovery fees were first charged starting in 2014, and NMFS provided its first report on cost recovery at the April 2014 Council meeting. The NMFS report under this agenda item (*Agenda Item F.4.a, Supplemental NMFS Report 1*) covers the 2018 cost recovery fee calculation and results from the 2017 collections. Over this past winter, NMFS met with industry to discuss industry concerns about the degree of detail in the cost recovery report and other cost recovery-related matters (*Agenda Item F.4.a, Supplemental NMFS Report 2*). Adjustments to the current report, in response to these discussions, is likely to be limited due to time constraints.

Council Action:

Review and Comment on the 2017-18 Cost Recovery Report.

Reference Materials:

1. *Agenda Item F.4.a, Supplemental NMFS Report 1: Trawl Rationalization Program Cost Recovery Annual Report.*
2. *Agenda Item F.4.a, Supplemental NMFS Report 2.*

Agenda Order:

- F.4 Cost Recovery Report Jim Seger
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Review and Comment on the 2017-18 Cost Recovery Report