

ELECTRONIC MONITORING - REVIEW OF EXISTING AND OUT-OF-CYCLE  
EXEMPTED FISHING PERMITS

At the September 2018 meeting, the Council received an Electronic Monitoring (EM) Program update from NMFS that the final regulations for the midwater trawl whiting fishery and fixed gear fishery are delayed, and the EM bottom trawl and non-whiting midwater trawl environmental assessment with proposed and final rule will not be complete in 2018. Since the current EM exempted fishing permits (EFPs) for all four catch share fisheries will expire at the end of 2018, the Council considered an extension of the EFPs during the September meeting. The Council will take final action at the November regarding a recommendation for an extension.

The Council also scheduled preliminary review of any out-of-cycle EM EFPs for the November meeting. No EM EFPs have been received at the time of briefing book development.

**Council Action:**

**Final Recommendations on Extending Existing EM EFPs and Preliminary Review of Proposed Out-of-Cycle EFPs.**

Reference Materials:

None.

Agenda Order:

- G.7 Electronic Monitoring (EM) - Review of Existing and Out-of-Cycle  
Exempted Fishing Permits Brett Wiedoff
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
  - b. Public Comment
  - c. **Council Action:** Final Recommendations on Extending Existing EM EFPs and Preliminary Review of Proposed Out-of-Cycle EFPs