

GROUND FISH MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT ON TRAWL LOGBOOK
REQUIREMENT

The Groundfish Management Team (GMT) was briefed on this item by Mr. Todd Phillips, Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) staff, and recommends that the Council:

1. Reaffirm its intent under Amendment 4 regarding Fishery Data Collection Programs;
2. Recommend the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) implement a Federal Trawl Logbook Program; and
3. Recommend a Federal Data Collection Program for Trawl Logbooks to NMFS.

The GMT believes that the Amendment 4 language simultaneously provides the states the ability to collect the necessary data and NMFS the ability to collect additional information as needed. Overall, the continuation of collecting this data off of California is important for fisheries management and science.

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