

ELECTRONIC MONITORING PROGRAM GUIDELINES AND MANUAL REVIEW

The Council is scheduled to review and provide recommendations to the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) regarding revised draft Electronic Monitoring Program (EM Program) Service Plan Guidelines, Vessel Monitoring Plan Guidelines, and NMFS draft EM Program Manual (Agenda Item H.3.a, NMFS Reports 1 through 3, respectively). The documents are intended to provide EM participants and EM Providers with written guidance on how to comply with the West Coast EM Program regulations.

Agenda Item H.3.a, NMFS Report 4 requests specific input from the Council and its Advisory Bodies regarding NMFS Reports 1 through 3, and includes recommendations for specific video review rates for auditing logbooks in each catch share fishery sector.

Finally, Agenda Item H.3.a, PSMFC Report 1 is provided by Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission to examine possible video review rates to audit discard accounting in logbooks for the bottom trawl and fixed gear catch share fisheries. The report includes simulations for a range of possible auditing scenarios and provides background to examine the criteria that could be used to evaluate logbooks and potential review rates that could be applied in both sectors.

These topics will be presented to the Council's Ad Hoc Groundfish Electronic Monitoring Policy Advisory Committee and Technical Advisory Committee on November 14, 2019.

Council Action:

- 1) Final Recommendations on Revised Guidelines and Draft Program Manual,**
- 2) Consider Video Review Auditing Approach Options, and**
- 3) Provide Guidance on EM Program Implementation.**

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item H.3.a, NMFS Report 1: Draft EM Program Service Plan Guidelines.
2. Agenda Item H.3.a, NMFS Report 2: Draft EM Program Vessel Monitoring Plan Guidelines.
3. Agenda Item H.3.a, NMFS Report 3: Draft EM Program Manual.
4. Agenda Item H.3.a, NMFS Report 4: Implementation of the Pacific Coast Groundfish Electronic Monitoring Program.
5. Agenda Item H.3.a, PSMFC Report 1: Logbook Auditing for EM - Bottom Trawl and Pot Fisheries.
6. If received, Public Comments are electronic only ([see e-portal](#)).

Agenda Order:

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| H.3 | Electronic Monitoring Program Guidelines and Manual Review | Brett Wiedoff |
| | a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies | |
| | b. Public Comment | |

- c. **Council Action:** Final Recommendations on Revised Guidelines and Draft Program Manual; Provide Guidance on Program Implementation

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