

PROPOSED AGENDA

Groundfish Electronic Monitoring Policy and Technical Advisory Committees Webinar

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 9 A.M-4:00P.M.

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The purpose of these meetings is to discuss materials and develop recommendations that are scheduled to be considered during the March 2021 Pacific Council meeting. Specifically, the Committees will discuss recommendations for further development of the draft electronic monitoring (EM) guidance documents and EM provider manual for West Coast groundfish fisheries. The Committees may also discuss other items on the Pacific Council's March agenda, particularly administrative matters.

Thursday, February 25 – 9:00 A.M.

A. Call to Order (9:00 AM)

1. Opening Remarks
2. Webinar Instructions and Agenda Overview
3. Approve Agenda

Dave Hanson
Chuck Tracy
Brett Wiedoff
Committees

B. Public Comment (9:15 AM)

C. Application of National Acts Regarding EM Use (9:20 AM)

1. Status of national policy development (e.g., confidentiality, Federal Records Act, and Freedom of Information Act)
2. Applicability to EM data held by the third-party provider on behalf of the vessel owner
3. Applicability to EM data on a web portal hosted by the third-party provider for access by NMFS for debriefing.

Melissa Hooper

D. Public Comment (10:30 AM)

E. Review of 2021 EM Program Guidelines/EM Manual (10:45 AM)

1. Review current drafts - discuss suggested additions
2. Percent Review Reduction Options and Halibut Discard Mortality Rates
3. Discussion, comments, and suggested changes

Melissa Hooper

- F. Public Comment (11:45 AM)
- G. GEMPAC/TAC Administrative Matters (1 PM)
 - 1. Draft and Review Statements
 - 2. Workload planning for 2021

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