

# Electronic Monitoring Program Goals and Objectives

The purpose of this action is to expand the range of monitoring tools for vessel operators to meet the 100 percent monitoring requirements of the Trawl Program. This action is needed to achieve the following objectives:

1. Reduce total fleet monitoring costs to levels sustainable for the fleet and agency;
2. Reduce observer costs for vessels that have a relatively lower total revenue;
3. Maintain monitoring capabilities in small ports;
4. Increase national net economic value generated by the fishery;
5. Decrease incentives for fishing in unsafe conditions;
6. Use the technology most suitable and cost effective for any particular function in the monitoring system;
7. Reduce the physical intrusiveness of the monitoring system by reducing observer presence.