

ELECTRONIC MONITORING - FINAL ACTION

At the [June 2021 meeting](#), the Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) received an update from National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) regarding implementation of the West Coast Electronic Monitoring (EM) program. At that meeting, the Council directed staff to send a letter to NMFS requesting a delay in EM Program implementation and extension of the EM exempted fishing permits through at least 2022 (Agenda Item C.4, Attachment 1). The Council also requested NMFS examine the potential use of West Coast catch share cost recovery funds to support the EM Program video review and storage through a grant contract with Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission. NMFS anticipates submitting a letter in response to the Council's requests prior to the September 2021 Council meeting.

Council Action:

Consider Potential Final Action on Delaying Implementation and Extending Exempted Fishing Permits; Provide Additional Guidance on Program Implementation, as Appropriate.

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item Agenda Item C.4, Attachment 1: Council Recommendation to Delay Final Rule Effectiveness for Electronic Monitoring Program Regulations for the West Coast Until 2023.
2. If Received, Public Comments are Electronic Only ([see e-portal](#)).

Agenda Order:

- C.4 Electronic Monitoring – Final Action Brett Wiedoff
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Consider Potential Final Action on Delaying Implementation and Extending Exempted Fishing Permits; Provide Additional Guidance on Program Implementation, as Appropriate.