

E.5 Fixed Gear Logbooks – Final Action

Council Action:

1. Review Council Objectives for Fixed Gear Logbook
2. Adopt Final Recommendations to Clarify Fixed Gear Logbook Requirements

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I move the Council adopt the following recommendations to clarify the federal fixed gear logbook requirement:

- The logbook requirement would apply to the “non-trawl” groundfish fleets as opposed to the “fixed gear” groundfish fleets.
- Vessels using non-trawl gear in the following fishery sectors would be required to submit the Federal logbook to NMFS at initial rollout:
 - o Directed open access for groundfish (not incidental open access for groundfish):
 - Directed open access means that a fishing vessel is target fishing for groundfish
 - o LEFG Primary Sablefish
 - o LEFG trip limit
 - o Vessels using non-trawl gear in the trawl IFQ program (gear switching)
- The Council may recommend expanding the logbook requirement for additional non-trawl fisheries retaining groundfish in the future.

And provide the following guidance:

- Request that NMFS continue to:
 - o Work with state agencies where there are overlapping logbook requirements to determine whether the federal or state logbook should be used to meet both requirements, and on other aspects such as data elements, deadlines, etc. as needed to ensure consistency for industry, enforcement, and data users.
 - o Work with stakeholders in making a determination on whether IFQ gear switching vessels using electronic monitoring will continue recording discard information on the EM Program Fixed Gear Logbook or transition to the new federal fixed gear logbook.

Moved by Maggie Sommer

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Motion passed unanimously.