

ELECTRONIC MONITORING UPDATE

At the [November 2021](#) Council meeting the Council revised the membership of the Ad Hoc Groundfish Electronic Monitoring Policy Advisory and Technical Advisory Committees (GEMPAC/TAC) and scheduled an Electronic Monitoring (EM) Program Update for the April 2022 Council meeting. National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) West Coast Region staff have been working with NMFS Headquarters staff to discuss potential EM Program policy changes identified by the Council. The Council is scheduled to review the forthcoming NMFS Report that provides an update on these potential changes to the EM Program.

Specifically, the Council requested that NMFS examine the potential use of the Trawl Cost Recovery Program to collect funds for EM video data review. The Council also asked NMFS to examine whether those funds could be used to develop a “sole source contract” with an EM provider to conduct the video review on behalf of the industry. The GEMPAC/TAC met on February 25th and will meet on March 30th to discuss the policy updates from NMFS and discuss future workload and timeline for continued development of the EM Program. The GEMPAC will provide a supplemental report for Council consideration during the April meeting.

Council Action:

Provide Guidance on Issues, Priorities, Workload, and Schedule for Continued Program Development.

Reference Materials:

1. *F.1.a., Supplemental GEMPAC Report 1: Electronic Monitoring Update.*
2. If received, Public Comments are electronic only ([see e-portal](#)).

Agenda Order:

- F.7 Electronic Monitoring Update Brett Wiedoff
- a. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. **Council Action:** Provide Guidance on Issues, Priorities, Workload, and Schedule for Continued Program Development