

H.7 Electronic Monitoring

Council Action:

1. Adopt a Range of Alternatives.
2. Discuss Process and Schedule for Future Action.

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Electronic Monitoring Motion

I move that the Council adopt the following range of alternatives for public review relative to 50CFR Part 660 Subpart J, West Coast Groundfish Electronic Monitoring Plan:

Modify Federal regulatory language regarding data submission deadlines – applies to all EM Providers:

Alternative 1: Status quo - *three weeks* to submit feedback to vessels and EM summary report to NMFS

Alternative 2: 60 days to submit feedback to vessels and EM summary report to NMFS

Alternative 3: 90 days to submit feedback to vessels and EM summary report to NMFS

Modify Federal regulatory language regarding logbook submission deadline – applies to all EM Providers

Alternative 1: Status quo – “Logbook data must be submitted to NMFS within **two** business days of receipt from the vessel operator.”

Alternative 2: “Logbook data must be submitted to NMFS within **seven** business days of receipt from the vessel operator.”

Modify Federal regulatory language regarding determining estimates of discards – Applies to all EM Providers

Alternative 1: Status quo – Language to remain as “The EM service provider must process vessels’ EM data according to a prescribed coverage level or sampling scheme, as specified by NMFS, and determine an estimate of discards for each trip using standardized estimation methods specified by NMFS. NMFS will maintain manuals for EM data processing protocols on its website.”

Alternative 2: Modify language to be “...EM service provider must process vessels’ EM data and logbooks according to a prescribed review methodology, as specified by NMFS in the EM Manual on its website.”

Moved by Phil Anderson

Seconded by Bob Dooley

Motion passed unanimously.