

G.2 Commercial Fishery Regulation Changes: Vessel Monitoring Systems, Seabird Avoidance, and Catch Reporting – Final

Council Action:

1. For Action 1 (VMS), adopt a final preferred alternative, taking into consideration the cost of VMS compared to the benefit of increased vessel location information on impacted vessels.
2. For Action 2 (Seabird Avoidance Measures), adopt a final preferred alternative, taking into consideration the cost of streamer lines compared to the potential benefit to seabirds.
3. For Action 3, (Catch Reporting), adopt a final preferred alternative, taking into consideration the management and implementation needs associated with 2 implementing the new reporting requirement compared to the benefit of any new additional catch information.

Agenda Item G.2. ODFW Motion 1

I move the Council adopt the following as the final preferred alternative, in priority order, for waters North of 42 degrees N. lat.:

- Action 1: Vessel Monitoring System (VMS), Alternative 1, with the following components:
 - Component 1A - Applicable waters. Require VMS on applicable vessels when fishing in the EEZ;
 - Component 2A - VMS ping rate requirement. Require a VMS Ping Rate of four times per hour (i.e. once every 15 minutes); and
 - Component 3B - VMS status requirement. VMS must be turned on and transmitting location data when participating in the Directed Commercial (DC) halibut fishery.
- Action 2: Seabird Avoidance Measures, the council adopt Alternative 1 (PPA), with the following component:
 - Component 1A - Applies to applicable vessels when fishing in the EEZ.
 - Until implementation, request NMFS do outreach promoting voluntary usage of streamerlines by directed commercial halibut fishery vessels
- Action 3: Catch Reporting on Fish Tickets
 - No Action

Moved by Lynn Mattes

Seconded by Christa Svensson

Motion passes, Josh Lindsay abstains

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Agenda Item G.2. CDFW Motion 1 (As Amended)

I move the Council adopt the following as the final preferred alternative, in priority order, for waters South of 42 degrees N. lat.:

- Action 1: Vessel Monitoring System (VMS), Alternative 1, with the following components:
 - Component 1B – Require VMS on applicable vessels when fishing in convention waters of IPHC Area 2A
 - Component 2A - VMS ping rate requirement. Require a VMS Ping Rate of four times per hour (i.e. once every 15 minutes); and
 - Component 3B - VMS status requirement. VMS must be turned on and transmitting location data when fishing when participating in the Directed Commercial (DC) halibut fishery.

- Action 2: Seabird Avoidance Measures, the council adopt Alternative 1, with the following component:
 - Component 1B – Applies to applicable vessels when fishing in convention waters of IPHC Area 2A.
 - Until implemented, request NMFS do outreach promoting voluntary usage of streamer lines by directed commercial halibut fishery vessels

Moved by Marci Yaremko
Seconded by Corey Ridings
Motion passes, Josh Lindsay abstains

Amendment to the CDFW Motion:

I move we delete “(PPA)” from action 2 in the bullet list in the main motion.

It would read:

- Action 2: Seabird Avoidance Measures, the council adopt Alternative 1 with the following component:
 - Component 1B – Applies to applicable vessels when fishing in convention waters of IPHC Area 2A.

Amendment by Lynn Mattes
Seconded by Heather Hall
Amendment to the motion passes unanimously

Amended to the CDFW Motion as amended:

I move, the Council strike Action 3, catch reporting on fish tickets from the final preferred alternative.

To read:

I move the Council adopt the following as the final preferred alternative, in priority order, for waters South of 42 degrees N. lat.:

- Action 1: Vessel Monitoring System (VMS), Alternative 1, with the following components:
 - Component 1B – Require VMS on applicable vessels when fishing in convention waters of IPHC Area 2A
 - Component 2A - VMS ping rate requirement. Require a VMS Ping Rate of four times per hour (i.e. once every 15 minutes); and
 - Component 3B - VMS status requirement. VMS must be turned on and transmitting location data when fishing when participating in the Directed Commercial (DC) halibut fishery.

- Action 2: Seabird Avoidance Measures, the council adopt Alternative 1, with the following component:
 - Component 1B – Applies to applicable vessels when fishing in convention waters of IPHC Area 2A.
 - Until implemented, request NMFS do outreach promoting voluntary usage of streamer lines by directed commercial halibut fishery vessels

Moved by Sharon Kiefer

Seconded by Lynn Mattes

Amendment to the motion passes unanimously