

ENFORCEMENT CONSULTANTS REPORT ON
LIMITED ENTRY FIXED GEAR ACTIONS: GEAR ENDORSEMENTS, COST
RECOVERY, AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES

The Enforcement Consultants (EC) have reviewed the documents associated with Agenda Item H.7, Limited Entry Fixed Gear Actions: Gear Endorsements, Cost Recovery, and Other Administrative Changes.

The EC participated in a joint Groundfish Advisory Subpanel/Groundfish Management Team session and received a briefing from Council staff, and have the following comments:

Regarding H.7 Attachment 1, the EC has no preference between the proposed Alternatives. Implementation of and possible expansion of Gear Marking regulations will play a key role in helping enforcement distinguish gear types during at-sea patrols.

Regarding the [H.7.a NMFS Report 1](#), the EC greatly appreciates the analysis and consideration of the concerns expressed by the EC in [G.2.a Supplemental EC Report 1 June 2021](#) and [E.4.a Supplemental EC Report 1 March 2022](#) in reference to the owner-on-board exemptions in the primary fishery. The EC will continue to monitor this issue and request reconsideration should there be a significant increase in observed violations.

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