

GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON ELECTRONIC MONITORING
PROGRAM REVIEW AND COST ALLOCATION PROCEDURAL DIRECTIVE

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) received a presentation from Mr. Brett Alger on the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) cost policy directive, as well as an overview of the agenda item and the Groundfish Electronic Monitoring Policy Advisory Committee (GEMPAC) report from Mr. Brett Wiedoff. The GAP offers the following comments and recommendations.

The GAP supports the GEMPAC report. In particular, the GAP highlights the importance of renewing electronic monitoring (EM) exempted fishing permits (EFPs) for 2019. In light of that proposed extension, the GAP recommends consideration of expanding the 2019 EFPs to test potential solutions for EM in the nearshore bottom trawl fishery. The “subgroups” identified in the GEMPAC report plan to work on this issue between now and the November meeting. This is an important opportunity to test potential solutions prior to development and implementation of the final rule for the bottom trawl sector.

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