

## ELECTRONIC MONITORING PROGRAM GUIDELINES AND DATA STORAGE PROCEDURAL DIRECTIVE: PRELIMINARY REVIEW

The Council is scheduled to review and provide recommendations to the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) regarding draft electronic monitoring (EM) Program Guidance documents (Agenda Item H.3.b, NMFS Report 1). The documents are intended to provide EM participants and EM Providers written guidance on how to comply with the EM regulations for the West Coast Region.

During the June 2019 Council meeting, NMFS provided an overview of current efforts to develop an EM data storage procedural directive. The Council is scheduled to review and provide recommendations regarding the draft directive. The draft directive considers the costs and benefits of storing EM video for various lengths of time, as well as the management, scientific, and enforcement needs of EM programs around the country. NMFS intends to submit a draft document for review prior to the start of the September Council meeting.

These topics will be presented to the Council's Ad Hoc Groundfish Electronic Monitoring Policy Advisory Committee and Technical Advisory Committee on September 12, 2019.

In June 2019, the Net Gains Alliance hosted an Electronic Monitoring Video Data Management Workshop at the Cedarbrook Lodge, SeaTac Washington (Agenda Item H.3, Attachment 1). The workshop was designed to spark cross-sector conversations about EM program design, with a focus on data handling and management. Along with a summary of topics discussed, the report identifies several topics for follow-up including development of an EM glossary and possible development of quality control protocols for auditing third-party EM providers.

### **Council Action:**

**Review the Draft Program Guidelines and Data Storage Procedural Directive and Develop Recommendations to National Marine Fisheries Service.**

### **Reference Materials:**

1. Agenda Item H.3, Attachment 1: Electronic Monitoring Video Data Management Workshop Summary.
2. Agenda Item H.3.b, NMFS Report 1: Draft Groundfish EM Program Guidelines.

### **Agenda Order:**

- H.3 Electronic Monitoring Program Guidelines and Data Storage Procedural Directive:  
Preliminary Review Brett Wiedoff
- a. National Marine Fisheries Service Presentation Melissa Hooper
  - b. Reports and Comments of Management Entities and Advisory Bodies
  - c. Public Comment
  - d. **Council Action:** Review the Draft Program Guidelines and Data Storage Procedural Directive and Develop Recommendations to National Marine Fisheries Service