

SCIENTIFIC AND STATISTICAL COMMITTEE REPORT ON TRAWL
RATIONALIZATION TRAILING ACTIONS

The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) discussed the electronic monitoring project being conducted with Pacific whiting vessels by the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission (PSMFC). Mr. Jim Seger was available to facilitate the discussion.

At the April 2012 meeting, in the absence of any specific details regarding the project, the SSC suggested general design considerations to allow rigorous comparison of data collected from electronic monitoring with on-board observer data. Information regarding the project available to the SSC at this meeting included (1) Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission Report on Electronic Monitoring (Agenda Item I.4.b, Supplemental PSMFC Report from the April 2012 Council meeting) – which was available to the Council but not the SSC in April, and (2) Electronic Monitoring Update (Agenda Item D.6.a, Supplemental Attachment 2). Both reports consist of bulleted points that identify administrative features of the project.

In order to review the electronic monitoring project, the SSC needs detailed information regarding project design and how data obtained from the project will be compared with observer data; general guidance regarding this is contained in our April 2012 statement. The SSC also notes that electronic monitoring is more straightforward for whiting vessels than for other sectors of the fleet. Design features for other sectors will need to be tailored to monitoring requirements for those sectors.

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