

C-12 Observer Program – Update on Electronic Monitoring

Council motion

February 10, 2014

The Council endorses the recommendations of the OAC regarding EM, on page 5 of the OAC report.

Excerpt from OAC report, page 5:

The Committee recommends that the Council:

1. ***Endorse the conceptual framework for cooperative research in 2014, between NMFS and the fixed gear industry. That is, the Council would endorse the proposal to cooperatively develop and test the functionality of multiple approaches for integrating EM systems in the North Pacific Groundfish and Halibut Observer Program (i.e., a standard camera system with manual review, and a stereo camera system with automated review) in the spring and summer of 2014.***
2. ***Support NMFS AFSC and the fixed gear industry convening a February EM Fixed Gear Workshop, to develop details and parameters of 2014 cooperative research.***
3. ***Establish an EM Workgroup, to create an ongoing forum for EM discussions (initially with a fixed gear focus), and to inform Council decisions and recommendations to NMFS on EM integration.***