

Enforcement Committee Minutes
Anchorage, Alaska
December 8, 2015

Committee: Roy Hyder (Chair), Will Ellis, CAPT Phil Thorne, LT McGovern, Steve Bear, Chris Rilling, Nathan Lagerwey, Brian McTague (by telephone), Alisha Falberg (by telephone) Glenn Merrill, and Jon McCracken (staff)

Others attending in person include: Bill Tweit, Mike Conley, Josh Ryder, Nicolai Tykalsky, Jaden Smith, Paul MacGregor, Kiril Basargin,

I. Review Draft Enforcement Precepts

At the December 2014 meeting, the Enforcement Committee provided a report to the Council that assessed the utility of several advance Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) in the North Pacific. These features include geo-fencing, increased polling rates, declarations of species, gear, and area, and two-way communication. The report was tasked to the Committee out of a series of discussion papers during 2012 that evaluated the use and requirement of VMS in the North Pacific fisheries and other regions. The report provided an overview of the VMS, advance features of VMS not currently utilized in the North Pacific, uses of VMS by the different user groups, where VMS fits into the Strategic Plan for Electronic Monitoring/Electronic Reporting (EM/ER) in the North Pacific, and the Enforcement Committee's implementation recommendations to the Council.

After reviewing the report, the Council tasked the Enforcement Committee to review its April 2005 "Enforcement Considerations for NOAA Fisheries and North Pacific Fishery Management Council Staff" paper to include advance VMS features, where appropriate, amongst the matrix of different management measures noted in the paper. In addition, the Council also tasked the Committee to review other enforcement considerations in other regions to determine if there are other enforcement tools that might be of use for the North Pacific.

Since the December 2014 tasking, a draft North Pacific Enforcement Precepts has been updated to include VMS advance features and other enforcement considerations from other regions. In addition, the precepts have been revised to reflect an updated enforcement perspective.

At this meeting, the Enforcement Committee reviewed the final draft of the enforcement precepts and made changes to the precepts for presentation to the Council at this meeting (see December 2015 Enforcement Considerations for NOAA Fisheries and North Pacific Fishery Management Council).