

# Step by Step Guide to Participate

## in Electronic Monitoring (EM) on a Small Fixed Gear Vessel

### Joining the EM program

Request to join the EM pool between Sept 1 - Nov 1 through the Observer Declare and Deploy System (ODDS), then follow steps 1 – 6. The EM selection pool criteria are specified at § 679.51(f) and described in the Annual Deployment Plan.

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After Nov 15, check in ODDS to see if your vessel was selected to participate in the EM program

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If selected, work with your EM service provider to develop a Vessel Monitoring Plan (VMP)

### Staying in the EM program

Participants in EM are automatically enrolled for the following year. Participants must follow steps 2 – 6 every year.

## EM Annual Process

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Review and sign your VMP, then return it to EM service provider for submission

4

Receive email from NMFS with approved VMP and keep it aboard your vessel

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Log your trips in ODDS

6

Follow your approved VMP while fishing

### Leaving the EM program

Participants in EM are automatically enrolled for the following year. Request to leave the EM program between Sept 1 - Nov 1 through ODDS.

ODDS can be reached through the call center at 1-855-747-6377

or online at: <http://odds.afsc.noaa.gov/>

EM program Frequently Asked Questions: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/alaska/resources-fishing/frequent-questions-electronic-monitoring-em-small-fixed-gear-vessels>



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