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SUBJECT:
100% Observer Coverage on GOA Trawl Vessels

ACTION REQUIRED:
Review discussion paper; action as necessary.

BACKGROUND:
At the February 2015 Council meeting, staff was tasked to develop a discussion paper to evaluate the effects of moving all GOA trawl vessels into the Observer Program full coverage category. Currently, GOA trawl catcher vessels operate under partial observer coverage. The Council specifically requested information on the impact that such a move might have on fee liabilities that support the partial coverage category, the proportion of ex-vessel revenues that trawl participants pay towards observer coverage, and additional administrative costs that the Observer Program would have to bear. The paper also addresses the impacts that this action might have on the companies that provide full coverage observers, in terms of the number of new individual qualified observers that would be required to serve the GOA trawl fishery.