

C5 PARTIAL COVERAGE FISHERY MONITORING ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

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PCFMAC RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE DRAFT 2021 ADP

Overall, the PCFMAC supported NMFS' recommendations for electronic monitoring (EM) and observer placement in the partial coverage category.

- The prioritization of placement for new fixed-gear EM equipment.
- Continued support for the pelagic trawl EM EFP and increasing shore-based observer coverage where possible.
- Continued utilization of a port-based approach, and recommends NMFS use this opportunity to gather cost information for this approach.
- Continued use of three strata defined by gear type for deploying observers.
- Continued use of the allocation strategy of 15% plus optimization for 2021 ADP, and recommends the 15% hurdle be reevaluated to consider fixed-gear EM data.
- Continued use waivers for observer coverage to provide flexibility to participants in the partial coverage observer program.



OTHER COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Fixed gear EM optimization:** PCFMAC recommends that future analyses incorporate improved cost data, continue to recognize the need to accommodate bunk space limited vessels, and focus on cost efficiencies gained through a re-evaluation of the zero-selection pool.
- **Stock assessment evaluations:** A priority is to evaluate whether there are other sources of data, such as surveys, to provide biological data for stock assessments.
 - Suggested that the Council determine who can best evaluate the integration of multiple sources of information to meet biological data needs (e.g., SSC, Plan Teams).
- **Future scheduling:** The PCFMAC recommends the agency complete the 2019 Observer Annual Report as planned but only produce an abbreviated 2020 Observer Annual Report.

