



Enforcement Committee

MINUTES

December 4, 2018

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council's Enforcement Committee met on December 4, 2018 in Anchorage, Alaska.

Committee Members in attendance included: Will Ellis (Co-Chairman), Steve Marx (Co-Chairman), Glenn Merrill, CAPT Allison Caputo, Jennifer Ferdinand, Nathan Lagerwey, and LCDR Yvonne Yang. The committee was staffed by Jon McCracken.

Others in attendance included: Alicia Miller, LT Rebecca Rebar, Chief Michael Crawford, Sonya Jordan, Dennis Jaszka, Jaclyn Smith, and Mark Fina.

1. Presentation of an OLE Report – A Comparative Analysis of Safety and Harassment Type Concerns in the 2016 and 2017 Deployment Years.

Jaclyn Smith from NOAA Office of Law Enforcement (OLE) presented the results from an OLE anonymous survey of all observers who deployed in the North Pacific Observer Program in 2016 and 2017. The survey sought to uncover the number of observers who experienced 20 different types of safety and harassment type violations, as well as how many observers reported it, and how many did not. The survey also sought to determine what barriers to disclosure observers may face when it comes to reporting. After the presentation, the committee and audience provided beneficial feedback concerning the survey and future surveys.

2. Review of the Terms of Reference

For the benefit of new committee members and as a refresher for continuing committee members, the committee reviewed the Terms of Reference and Enforcement Precepts. Recognizing the benefits of the Enforcement Precepts, the committee noted that Council staff and NMFS staff should be reminded of the precepts as a valuable reference in the development of future regulatory and Fishery Management Plan amendments.

3. Discussion of Potential Draft Agenda Items for Future Enforcement Committee Meeting

The committee reviewed the 3-meeting outlook to determine which agenda items the committee is planning on reviewing. Based on the agenda items currently scheduled for the February and April 2019 Council meetings, the Enforcement Committee is not scheduling a February meeting but is planning on scheduling a meeting in April. Below are the agenda items the committee would review at the April meeting. In conjunction with the below agenda items, the committee plans to review a progress report on the Trawl Electronic Monitoring (EM) Committee's cooperative research plan for 2019.

Agenda Issue and Type of Document	Schedule Council Review Date
Sablefish discards: Expanded discussion paper	April 1-9, 2019 (T)
Non-guided halibut rental boat registration: Initial review	April 1-9, 2019 (T)