

D4 Trawl EM Committee Report
Council motion
February 2023

The Council recommends the FMAC membership be updated to include the following representation to provide expertise on EM programs: shoreside processing, full coverage EM, WGOA EM fisheries. The May FMAC meeting agenda should include a discussion of how EM issues are addressed at FMAC meetings.

The Council recommends that a specific EM subcommittee be identified by the FMAC as needed when specific EM projects arise that require more involved Council engagement.

The current Trawl EM Committee should convene only if necessary to provide feedback on the Trawl EM proposed rule or implementation issues that warrant Council involvement as identified by Council or agency staff and at the discretion of the Chair. The Trawl EM Committee will dissolve when final regulations are published implementing the Trawl EM program.