

**C9 Deploying Observers to Catcher Vessels from Tender Vessels
Council Motion – February 7, 2016**

The Council recommends that NMFS:

- Continue to evaluate observer data from catcher vessels delivering to tenders in the 2015 Observer Program annual report. Specifically, the Council requests NMFS to analyze the performance metrics for catcher vessels delivering to tenders by gear type, or other analyses NMFS considers appropriate to evaluate the quality of observer data from these vessels.
- Evaluate creating a separate stratus in the 2017 Annual Deployment Plan for catcher vessels delivering to tenders (described as Alternative 2 in the discussion paper)
- Move forward now with a proposed rule to require tender vessel operators to create landing reports using tLandings (described as Alternative 4 in the discussion paper). The Council requests that NMFS update the Council on the progress of this rulemaking and notify the Council if any further Council action is necessary to implement this requirement.
- Not exclusively NMFS staff, but all staff, would provide options for changing the definition of a trip, and options for how observers can safely be transported by, and transferred to, tenders.