



D5 Universal Data Collection

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Action Memo

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Action Required: 1. Review the discussion paper
2. Take action as necessary

BACKGROUND

In October 2022, the Council tasked staff to develop an expanded discussion paper evaluating the implementation of a Universal Data Collection program to collect Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADFG) or Commercial Fisheries Exchange Commission (CFEC) crew license data; crew compensation; and the number of crew positions on vessels operating in federal fisheries. This discussion paper is also to evaluate the scale of data to be collected by fishery and area and outline a simple annual collection mechanism(s) and associated cost/burden. The associated analytical value and ability of NMFS to collect quota lease costs as part of the annual quota applications administered by the NMFS Restricted Access Management Division, for those programs that currently do not report lease costs, should also be evaluated. The discussion paper provided is in response to this directive.

This discussion paper is addition to action the Council took in February 2022 to revise the current EDRs and the subsequent discussion paper reviewed in October of 2022 that examined data components that 1) are not currently collected across all sectors but that could improve FMP and regulatory impact analyses if collected from all sectors or all vessels participating in federally managed fisheries, and/or 2) should continue to be collected from catch share programs and could inform potential revisions to current Economic Data Reports (EDR) requirements.