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SUBJECT:
EM Analysis - Review Alternatives

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ACTION REQUIRED:

1. Review draft purpose and need and alternatives for the EM analysis
2. Review EM Workgroup recommendation for developing the 2017 pre-implementation proposal

BACKGROUND:

The Council's Fixed Gear Electronic Monitoring Workgroup (EMWG) has revised a draft purpose and need statement for the Council's upcoming EM Integration analysis, as well as the draft alternatives, to reflect the current thinking on EM research and development. The attached discussion paper includes the draft language, as well as a preliminary description of the components of an EM program that will be evaluated in the analysis. At this meeting, the EM Workgroup is requesting the Council review the draft purpose and need statement and alternatives, to ensure they are consistent with the Council's intent with developing the EM Integration analysis.

The paper also describes the Workgroup's intentions for developing a 2017 pre-implementation proposal, to include pre-implementation pools for both longline and pot vessels. The Workgroup would appreciate any feedback from the Council about this direction, as the Workgroup and NMFS will begin to explore funding sources for the 2017 work in the coming months.

Also attached under this agenda item are recent EM Workgroup minutes. The EM Workgroup met on November 2-3, 2015, and again on January 11-12, 2016, in Anchorage, to finalize the parameters for the 2016 pre-implementation program, and to begin planning for the EM integration analysis and 2017 pre-implementation. The background materials for both meetings are available on the NPFMC website at <http://www.npfmc.org/observer-program/>