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SUBJECT:

Observer Program - Annual Report

ACTION REQUIRED:

Review the Observer Program 2014 Annual Report

BACKGROUND:

The Groundfish and Halibut Observer Program Annual Report provides information, analysis, and recommendations based on deployment of observers in the North Pacific. The attached report provides an Annual Report of the 2014 Observer Program, with descriptive information and scientific evaluation of the deployment of observers in 2014, to assess whether the objectives of the Observer Program have been met, and to provide a process to make recommendations to improve implementation of the program to further these objectives.

The Observer Advisory Committee is meeting on May 29, 2015, and their recommendations on this agenda item will be included in the minutes under Agenda C5.