



D1 Observer Update with respect to COVID-19 Response

June 2020 Council Meeting

Action Memo

Council Staff: Dr. Kate Haapala
Other Presenters: Jennifer Ferdinand (AFSC)
Action Required: 1. Update on agency response to fishery monitoring related to COVID-19
2. Receive FMAC Report

BACKGROUND

(a) Observer Update Related to COVID-19 Response:

The Council is scheduled to receive an update on changes to observer deployment and data collection in the full and partial coverage fleets resulting from COVID-19. Specifically, the update will address current challenges and responses to observer deployment and data collection in the full and partial coverage fleets as well as the related implications for management and decision-making.

(b) Fishery Monitoring and Advisory Committee Report:

The Council's Fishery Monitoring and Advisory Committee (FMAC) met virtually on May 19th, 2020 to discuss COVID-19 issues related to observer deployment and data collection in the full and partial coverage fleets. This meeting provided a forum for dialogue among multiple stakeholders and agency staff to address challenges.