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Dan Hull, Chairman
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SUBJECT:
VMS Discussion Paper - Review

ESTIMATED TIME:
2 hours

ACTION REQUIRED:
Review discussion paper, action as necessary

BACKGROUND

At the December 2012 meeting, the Council reviewed an evaluation of how advanced features of vessel monitoring system (VMS) are being utilized in the other regions in the U.S. Based on those different usages, the Council recommended that the Enforcement Committee assess the utility of features such as geo-fencing, increased polling rates, and declarations of species, gear, and area for improving enforcement efforts and efficiency for vessels already subject to VMS requirements. Over a series of Enforcement Committee meetings, the Committee has prepared a discussion paper concerning the utility of these advanced features. Specifically, the discussion paper provides an overview of VMS program, advance features of the VMS not currently utilized in the North Pacific, uses of VMS by the different user groups, where VMS fits into the Strategic Plan for Electronic Monitoring/Electronic Reporting (EM/ER) in the North Pacific, and the Enforcement Committee's implementation recommendations to the Council.