



D3 Universal Data Collection Components

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Action Memo

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

BACKGROUND

In February 2022, the Council tasked staff to develop a discussion paper identifying a few (e.g., 2-4) economic data components, including crew data, 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. Staff were asked to evaluate the appropriate data collection mechanism and the suitable frequency that minimizes burden and collection costs. The discussion paper provided is in response to this directive.

Although discussion papers are not routinely reviewed by the SSC, this discussion paper is scheduled for SSC consideration (along with the AP and Council) because the paper considers types of data that may improve Council analyses. The SSC has previously recommended consideration of a broader data collection across fisheries,¹ thus this topic could benefit from additional SSC feedback.

¹ SSC minutes from April 2021 (see D-6 Economic Data Report Workshop and Social Science Planning Team Report) <https://meetings.npfmc.org/CommentReview/DownloadFile?p=18a502af-a848-4c92-a7cb-9d2151dd2666.pdf&fileName=SSC%20FINAL%20Report%20April%202021.pdf>