

## Observer ADP

The Council approve the Annual Deployment Plan for 2015 with the following recommendations:

- Use trip selection strata to assign vessels in 2015.
- Use two selection strata for 2015: small vessel trip selection and large vessel trip selection.
- Use 12% selection probability for the small vessel trip selection stratum and 24% selection probability for the large vessel stratum.
- Allow conditional releases in 2015 for vessels in the small vessel trip selection stratum that: 1) do not have sufficient life raft capacity to accommodate an observer, and 2) to assist in addressing bunk space limited vessels, have been selected for two consecutive trips (e.g., the third consecutive trip is released).
- Vessels selected by NMFS to participate in EM Cooperative Research will be in the no selection pool while participating in such research.
- Trawl vessels that fish for Pacific cod in the BSAI will be given the opportunity to opt-in to full observer coverage and carry an observer at all times while fishing in the BSAI using the same approach as 2014.
- The Annual Report will include information to evaluate a sunset provision, including information on the potential for bias that could be introduced through life raft conditional release, the costs to an individual operator of upgrading to a larger life raft, and the enforcement disincentives from downgrading one's life raft.