

**Council motion**  
**D-3 Universal Data Collection**  
**June 2023**

The Council initiates an analysis to establish collection of crew data from federal fisheries with the following purpose and need statement and alternatives.

**Purpose and Need:**

Currently only two federal fisheries in the North Pacific consistently collect information relative to crew on fishing vessels through a NMFS economic data collection (EDR) program, thus there is not a regular mechanism in place to provide quantitative data in most Council analyses to understand impacts on this important component of fisheries participation. The Council is considering annual data collection to include crew license data, crew compensation, and number of crew positions on vessels operating in federal fisheries to support economic and community impact analyses required for FMP and regulatory amendments. Any proposed collection mechanism should provide useable data by fishery while minimizing reporting burden and costs to fisheries participants and NMFS.

Alternative 1. No action

Alternative 2. Implement an annual survey to collect crew license data, crew compensation, and number of crew positions on vessels operating in commercial federal fisheries in the North Pacific. Data need to be able to be delineated by fishery and area. Charter halibut vessels and vessels only active in State waters are not included.

Option 1: Fisheries currently subject to EDR that include crew data (BSAI crab rationalization and BSAI Am 80) will not be subject to a new survey effort but have their existing EDR forms modified to be consistent with the data points under Alternative 2.