

DRAFT Motion
C-3 Annual Deployment Plan
October 5, 2019

The Council supports NMFS' recommendations for the three gear-based deployment strata and allocation scheme of 15% plus optimized allocation based on discarded groundfish and halibut PSC and Chinook PSC as described in the Draft 2020 Annual Deployment Plan (ADP).

The Council recommends that NMFS continue to evaluate coverage levels achieved on vessels delivering to tenders using EM and observers in the Annual Report.

The Council recommends that if additional funds become available that NMFS expand the EM trip selection pool with 30 additional vessels, using the order of priority as presented in the Draft 2020 ADP.

To the extent possible, consider expansion of the zero selection pool to include vessels unlikely to cause data gaps. A more robust assessment should be included in the 2019 annual report (provided to the Council in June 2020).