

**E1 Motion – Intent Statement for EM as part of GOA Trawl Fishery Management**

NPFMC Motion

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The Council intends to incorporate EM technologies into the observer requirements for a restructured program for the GOA Trawl Fishery Management. In advance of the Council establishing a Cooperative Research Program to facilitate EM implementation, the Council encourages industry to develop pilot projects for testing the feasibility of EM technology for monitoring directed harvest and bycatch in GOA trawl fisheries.