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C1 Observer Program Reports

June 2026 Council Meeting

Action Memo

- Council Staff: Sara Cleaver
- Other Presenters: Lisa Thompson (NMFS AFSC), Dr. Jason Jannot (NMFS AFSC), Geoff Mayhew (AFSC), Jaclyn Smith (NOAA OLE)
- Action Required:
1. Review the 2025 Observer Annual Report & additional NMFS updates, provide recommendations to NMFS.
 2. Receive the May FMAC Report, action/ recommendations as necessary.

BACKGROUND

(a) 2025 Observer Annual Report & additional NMFS updates

The Council is scheduled to receive a presentation on the North Pacific Observer Program 2025 Annual Report. The primary purpose of the Annual Report is to determine whether the Annual Deployment Plan (ADP) met its monitoring objectives and to provide a guide for future ADPs. The 2025 report includes descriptive information on the Program, enforcement trends and outreach efforts, and agency recommendations for the 2027 ADP. As a reminder, a new monitoring plan was implemented in 2024, therefore the 2025 report can only be compared to 2024 and not prior years. This year, NMFS is not recommending significant changes for the 2027 ADP.

Included in this presentation are additional NMFS updates and plans for abbreviated reporting in future years.

(b) Fishery Monitoring and Advisory Committee Report

The Council's Fishery Monitoring and Advisory Committee (FMAC) held a hybrid meeting on May 18, 2026. At this meeting, the committee:

- Received a presentation from NMFS including the North Pacific Observer Program 2025 Observer Annual Report and provided recommendations for the Draft 2027 ADP.
- Received other updates from NMFS such as budget information and items related to E.O. 14276 that may be addressed under Section 305(d) authority.
- Received an update from the Freezer Longline Coalition (FLC) on plans for developing an EM program for their fleet.
- Heard from committee members and members of the public on additional monitoring-related topics.