

Council Motion 2  
D1 NMFS Annual Cost Recovery Report and Discussion Paper  
April 6, 2025

The Council requests initiation of a regulatory amendment to remove Economic Data Reports (EDRs) from limited access privilege programs (LAPPs).

**Purpose and Need**

The Council has successfully analyzed the economic performance of numerous fisheries without the use of Economic Data Reports (EDRs). The Council has reviewed and modified EDRs in the past to improve their usability, efficiency, and consistency and sought to minimize costs to industry and the Federal government. In response, the Council has removed EDR requirements for one program and streamlined others. EDRs are currently required for only two limited access privilege programs (LAPPs): the Crab Rationalization and Amendment 80 Programs. These LAPPs pay fees for administering their EDRs through cost recovery programs. Given the substantial cost recovery fees for submitting and maintaining EDRs, their inconsistent application across LAPPs, and the lack of a clear overriding management need, the cost of EDRs to fishery participants and the agency outweighs the value of EDRs to management.

**Alternative 1:** Status Quo

**Alternative 2:** Remove EDR requirements for LAPPs.