

Council motion
NMFS B-2 management report
June 5, 2026

The Council supports using Section 305(d) rulemaking authority for the specific actions outlined in the June 2026 discussion paper to respond to EO 14276. The Council supports further work on solutions for two issues included in the EO discussion paper: 1) under Section 2.2, to meet the intent of requiring electronic monitoring (cameras) to be on during the entirety of fishing but not during the entirety of transiting from port to the fishing grounds and 2) under Section 2.8, on modifications to the statement of projected observer assignments that must be submitted by the observer provider. Separately, the Council requests NMFS identify specific updates to the regulations that reflect how current monitoring systems such as flow scales, observer data, electronic monitoring, and integrated catch accounting systems are used as the measures of total catch in the AFA catcher processor and mothership sectors; improve requirements for the allowable retention of pollock roe; and reflect how NMFS uses retained catch estimates from daily production reports and product transfer reports in management.