

Council Motion
C4 Cost Recovery Letter
June 6, 2026

The Council understands there is a national effort ongoing looking at consistency across regions, as appropriate, regarding cost recovery program methodologies and categories of recoverable costs under Limited Access Privilege Programs (LAPPs).

The Council recommends sending a letter to NOAA Fisheries encouraging timely completion of this effort and asking to see a summary of results, with a particular interest in NOAA Office of Law Enforcement around the country and their methodology for determining incremental costs, what the cost categories are, and how personnel track time spent towards LAPPs.

The letter should reflect concerns with the approach to OLE cost recovery in the North Pacific region and a request for information to understand the base funding provided to NOAA OLE in the North Pacific compared to other regions, and the proportion of cost recovery fees contributing to each region's annual budget.