



C3 Monitoring Committee Reports

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Partial Coverage Fishery Monitoring Advisory Committee (PCFMAC)



- Provides Council with recommendations specific to the partial coverage observer program (e.g., fees, observer and EM deployment, and cost efficiencies)
- Met on September 15, 2024
- Meeting Agenda:
 - Draft 2025 ADP
 - ODDS Trip Cancellations discussion paper
 - NMFS Updates
 - Addtl Issues as needed

PCFMAC: Looking back: 2024 target coverage rates

2024 target coverage rates for vessels remaining in partial coverage were:

- At-sea observer:
 - Fixed gear, BSAI: 44%
 - Fixed gear, GOA: 13%
 - Trawl, GOA: 21%
 - Trawl, BSAI: 72%
- EM:
 - Fixed gear, BSAI: 74%
 - Fixed gear, GOA: 24%
 - Trawl EM GOA: 100% EM coverage at-sea and shoreside salmon and halibut accounting, plus 33% shoreside sampling for biological data



PCFMAC: Draft 2025 Annual Deployment Plan (ADP)

The Committee:

- **Supported the Draft 2025 ADP, with addtl recs**
- **Supports trawl EM participation in the WGOA in 2025 as intended in the newly regulated program and supports funding being set aside for dockside monitoring in those ports and for support to WG tenders.**
- **Recommends NMFS allocates funding for EM service/maintenance on tender vessels in the Final ADP.**



PCFMAC: ODDS Trip Cancellations and Inheritances

June 2024 Council recommendation for NMFS to work with PCFMAC on ODDS trip cancellation

NMFS proposed 3 solutions:

- Option 1: Limit the number of logged/pending trips to two.
- Option 2: Apply inheritance to the next pending trip (rather than the next newly logged trip) in the observer strata.
- Option 3: Modify rather than cancel trips

Members recommended either Option 2 or Option 3

Vessel operators / ODDS users are encouraged to modify, rather than cancel, trips prior to the trip start date



PCFMAC:
NMFS
UPDATES

Loper Bright v. Raimondo

Final Rule on Confidentiality
Requirements

Delayed NOAA Funds

GOA Engagement on Bycatch
Reduction

PCFMAC: Other Issues

- **If vessels do not plan to fish next year and still have EM systems, those vessels should login to ODDS or call (855-747-6377) to opt out for 2025.**
- **The PCFMAC recommended NMFS pursue changes to the zero-selection pool, including adding vessels with consistently very little quota/fishing or very few trips.**
 - **Recommendation for agency to pursue efforts to remove EM systems on vessels that have not used them for a certain number of years.**



Fishery Monitoring Advisory Committee (FMAC)

- Met on September 25, 2024
- Meeting Agenda:
 - NMFS updates, including Trawl EM
 - Observer availability discussion paper
 - FMAC Recs under Agenda Item D1
 - NFWF EM Proposals, other project updates



FMAC: NFWF EM Proposals

- 2 new NFWF proposals
 - ALFA/Archipelago AI in EM data review
 - Real Time Data- elogbook
- 1 extension of project previously funded through NFWF
 - testing EM on trawl catcher vessels (pelagic and NPT) in the Rockfish Program.
 - current performance period is being extended to 2025
- **Committee supported both NFWF Proposals and the extension of the rockfish EM project.**



Future Scheduling

- FMAC May 2025, review annual report
- PCFMAC normally meets September to review next ADP



Questions?

