



C1 Fishery Monitoring Advisory Committee (FMAC) Report



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Topics Covered at the May 2026 Meeting

- 2025 Observer Annual Report, including enforcement and compliance
- NMFS Budget Update
- Additional NMFS Updates
- Updates from committee members



Committee Members

Fishery Monitoring Advisory Committee (FMAC)/ Partial Coverage Fishery Monitoring Adv Committee (PCFMAC)

Membership updated 5/2026

Staff: Sara Cleaver	Bob Alverson**	Charlotte Levy
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	Ruth Christiansen	Mike Orcutt
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	Kathy Hansen**	Chelsae Radell**
	Stacey Hansen**	Chad See
	Todd Hoppe**	Abigail Turner-Franke**
	Julie Kavanaugh**	Paul Wilkins
	Nicole Kimball (Chair)**	
	Michael Lake	



FMAC Recommendations: 2025 Annual Report

- **The FMAC supports continuing the proximity allocation method and the strata used in 2024, 2025, and 2026 for the 2027 ADP, and other NMFS recommendations on pages 130-131 of the annual report.**
- **The Committee continues to support modifying the zero-selection pool in the draft 2027 ADP for increased cost efficiencies.**
- **The FMAC recommends that in the enforcement section of the annual report, the agency include whether the vessel or processor was able to resolve the issue in response to the statement during the season.**
- **The FMAC recommends the report provide additional clarity on overall full coverage costs.**



FMAC Recommendations: Estimates for discards of pollock

Public comment brought attention to discrepancy between discard estimates of pollock in AFA fleet reported by vessel operators and EM video reviewer estimates.

In response, the committee recommended:

- **improving communication pathways among AFA, NMFS, and PSMFC to clarify what vessel operators are required to report**
- **ensuring vessel logbook explanations are available to EM reviewers to provide additional context for discard events**
- **developing a formalized secondary blind review process for discard estimates that may advance toward enforcement actions**



Additional NMFS Updates



Budget



Future annual reporting structure



Regulatory changes - E.O. 14276



Changes to Data Collections



Additional NMFS Updates, FMAC Recommendation



NOAA's planned transition to login.gov multi-factor authentication

The committee recommended the Council send a letter to the Department of Commerce highlighting the challenges and requesting reconsideration or accommodations for Alaska fisheries participants.



Updates from Committee Members

- Development of an EM pilot project for the FLL fleet
- Pot cod catch handling project preliminary findings
- Update on new plant sampling design-functioned well but will receive updates after B season



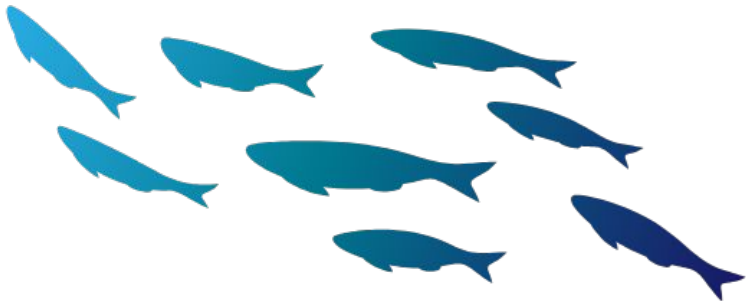
Committee Scheduling and Future Agenda Topics

- Next meeting(s): September 2026
 - PCFMAC: Review draft 2027 ADP, make recommendations
- FMAC (t?)
 - EM projects (NFWF proposals)





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Questions?

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