



C4 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**
- **Supports funding being set aside for dockside monitoring in those ports and for EM service/maintenance on WG 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

GAO 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 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?

