Updates on Observer Provider Insurance Workshop

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Presentation Overview

• Results of Observer Provider Insurance Workshop

• Progress on national policy and guidelines for contracted observer services

• Status of NOP and NMFS General Counsel pursuing regulatory language addressing gaps in coverage
Observer Provider Insurance Workshop Results

Insurance Coverage Gaps Identified

- Observers are covered when deployed at sea with FECA
- Maritime Employer's Liability supplements FECA (NEFOP)
- Worker’s Compensation at State level supplements FECA (NPOP)
- In Alaska Region, 2 insurance coverages in MSA are not appropriate (Jones Act and GML)
# Observer Provider Insurance Coverage Derived from Workshop

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*Represents both industry funded and NMFS contracted observers
National Policy and Guidelines for Contracted Observer Services

Guidelines for contracted observer services

- National Observer Program and NOPAT developing national guidelines for future observer services contracts
- Results from Workshop assisted with crafting language in several future contracts for observer services
National Regulatory Process MSA

National Observer Program and NMFS General Counsel

• Request for Information to collect more details on minimum coverage requirements (green text in table)
• Develop national regulations to address specific observer coverage needs while deployed and working on land
• Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Public Comment
Questions?
Thank You!

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