



D5 PCFMAC Report

October 2022 Council Meeting

Action Memo

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Action Required:

1. Receive the Partial Coverage Fishery Monitoring Advisory Committee (PCFMAC) Report
2. Provide recommendations to the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) as necessary.

BACKGROUND

The Council's PCFMAC held a hybrid meeting on September 12, 2022, which was available to join remotely with an in-person option at the Alaska Fisheries Science Center (AFSC). The purpose of this meeting was for the PCFMAC to receive an update on the Partial Observer Coverage Cost Efficiencies Integrated Analysis, which is meant to evaluate deployment designs to more efficiently spend observer fee revenues (fixed as a percentage of ex-vessel revenue) such that greater coverage and/or improved monitoring is achieved using both observers and electronic monitoring (EM). This analysis is being conducted in 2022, released for public and Council review in 2023, and incorporated into the 2024 Annual Deployment Plan (ADP). The Council would review the draft 2024 ADP at its October 2023 meeting. NMFS also provided a budget update at this meeting.

The PCFMAC provided feedback on the proposed sampling designs and requested NMFS analytical staff bring back further information on specific topics to assist in the committee's understanding of each of the proposed designs. These topics are outlined in the committee report.