

## **Council Motion**

### **D1 Partial Coverage Cost Efficiencies**

**January 31, 2020**

The Council adopts the following three priorities for continued and newly initiated work on cost efficiencies in the partial coverage observer program:

1. Ongoing support for the pelagic trawl electronic monitoring (EM) EFP
2. Integration of EM into the overall monitoring of fixed gear and evaluation of the baseline observer coverage needed to inform fixed gear EM to obtain average weight data for discards and biological samples. The evaluation should also explore existing data sources (e.g., surveys) that could provide information on average weight.
3. Evaluate different criteria to define the 'zero selection' pool to meet both data needs and improve cost efficiency. If possible, these changes would be incorporated in the draft 2021 ADP.

The Council recommends the changes to the observer analytical tasklist, including incorporation of the above tasks, as identified in the Partial Coverage Fishery Monitoring Advisory Committee January 2020 minutes.