

C5 TRAWL ELECTRONIC MONITORING COMMITTEE REPORT

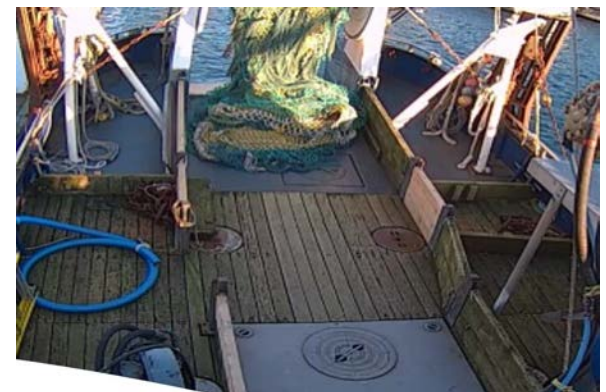
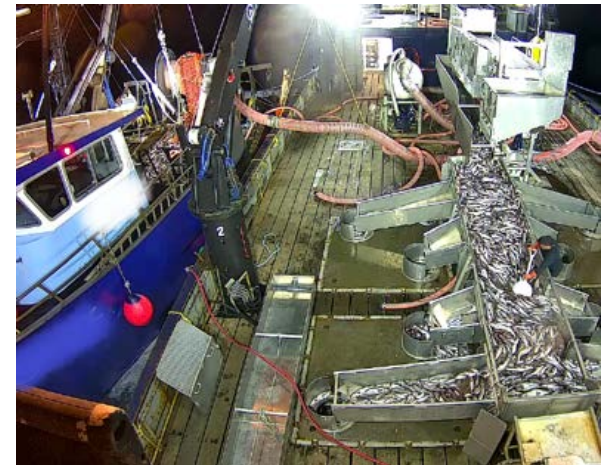
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UPDATE ON 2020 TRAWL EM PROGRAM

- Trawl EM fishing in 2020 in the BS and GOA pollock fisheries, under EFP, funded by NFWF grants
 - BS/CGOA: 27 active vessels in 2020
 - WGOA: 16 vessels + 3 tenders
- Largely successful despite COVID-19 disruptions
 - EFP team's frequent communication is key to adaptable problem solving
 - Vessel operators increasingly learning systems, procedures
 - Detail in the minutes



COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2021 TRAWL EFP

1. Support adding 26 new vessels to Trawl EM EFP in 2021

- Brings all eligible trawl vessels fishing pollock into the program
- Funding: some in hand, some anticipated through upcoming NFWF grant

2. Support specific changes to some EFP requirements in 2021

- Detailed in the minutes

3. Continue working towards 2023 trawl EM implementation

- Recommend asking NMFS to see if EFP can be extended for 2022 gap year
- Recommend Council support of industry applications for 2022 funding

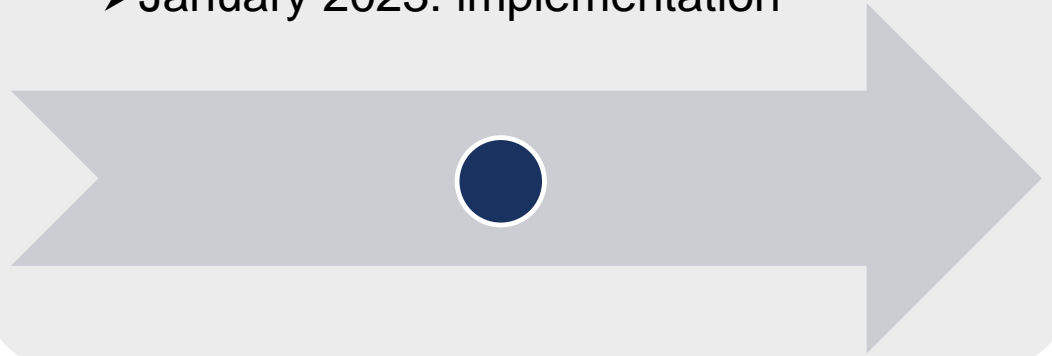


PLAN FOR TRAWL EM REGULATORY ANALYSIS

- Committee requests Council stay on schedule for 2023 implementation

Regulatory analysis target milestones:

- June 2021: Council approves alts
- December 2021: initial review
- February 2022: final action
- January 2023: implementation



ALASKA REGIONAL ELECTRONIC TECHNOLOGIES IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

- Update of existing plan, for 2020-2024
 - Final needs to be submitted to NMFS HQ in February 2021
 - NMFS will review with FMAC in May 2021 (and Council in June), and submit any resulting revisions
- Committee provided feedback on vision statement, priorities
- EM cost reporting:
 - Working to come up with consistent EM cost reporting categories across programs (fixed gear/trawl gear, and consistent across providers)
 - Trawl EM regulated program: working to identify which funding mechanism (pay as you go, observer fee, cost recovery) appropriate for each cost category



QUESTIONS?

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