

C9 Motion
EM Workgroup Report
Sunday, April 9, 2017

EM Deployment Plan in 2018

The Council requests that the agency incorporate the following program elements for EM deployment in 2018, as part of the Observer Annual Deployment Plan:

- deployment using trip selection,
- for longline and pot vessels of any size,
- at a 30% selection rate,
- with EM service in major ports (Sitka, Homer, and Kodiak for longline, and Homer, Kodiak and Sand Point for pot) and other ports limited to remote support or periodically-scheduled visits by primary port technicians, as funding permits.

With respect to the size of the EM pool in 2018, the Council supports accommodating up to 120 longline vessels and up to 45 pot vessels, provided there is funding to support this pool size.

EM Integration Proposed Rule

The Council directs staff to submit comments on behalf of the Council to the agency on the EM Integration Proposed Rule during the public comment period. The comments should reflect the six issues that the EM Workgroup recommended should be revised or further considered before the final rule is published, listed in bullets on the bottom of page 4 and top of page 5 of the EMWG March 28-29, 2017 minutes.