



# C1 Observer Program Reports

June 2024 Council Meeting

## Action Memo

- Council Staff: Sara Cleaver
- Other Presenters: Jennifer Ferdinand (AFSC), Geoff Mayhew (AFSC), Phil Ganz (AKRO), Dennis Jaszka (NOAA OLE)
- Action Required:
  1. Review the 2023 Observer Annual Report, provide recommendations to NMFS if appropriate (SSC review Chapter 6, NMFS recommendations on 2025 ADP only).
  2. Receive the May FMAC Report, action as necessary (AP/Council only)

## BACKGROUND

(a) 2023 Observer Annual Report:

The Council is scheduled to receive a presentation on the North Pacific Observer Program 2023 Annual Report. The primary purpose of the Annual Report is to determine whether the Annual Deployment Plan (ADP) met its monitoring objectives and to provide a guide for future ADPs. The 2023 report includes descriptive information on the Program, enforcement trends and outreach efforts, and agency recommendations on the 2025 ADP. As a reminder, the monitoring plan evaluated in the 2023 report is very different from the plan that was selected in the 2024 ADP and therefore is not comparable to the plan on the water for the current fishing year. This year, NMFS is not recommending significant changes for the 2025 ADP, because information is not yet available to inform how the 2024 ADP performed.

(b) Fishery Monitoring and Advisory Committee Report

The Council's Fishery Monitoring and Advisory Committee (FMAC) met in person with a virtual component on May 13-14, 2024. At this meeting, the committee:

- Received the North Pacific Observer Program 2023 Observer Annual Report and provided recommendations on the report and on the 2025 draft ADP;
- Received other updates from NMFS on the Program budget, supreme court cases, and changes to data collection; and
- Heard from committee members and members of the public on additional monitoring-related topics.