



C3 Observer 2018 Annual Report — Review, FMAC Report

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Action Memo

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Action Required: 1. Observer 2018 Annual Report – review, action as necessary
2. FMAC Report – action as necessary

BACKGROUND

Observer Program Annual Report for 2018

The North Pacific Observer Program 2018 Annual Report was distributed in draft form to the FMAC in mid-May and is attached here in final form for Council review. The report provides a scientific evaluation of the deployment of observers in 2018, to assess whether the objectives of the Observer Program have been met. The report also includes descriptive information on the program, including enforcement trends and outreach efforts, and agency recommendations for the 2020 Annual Deployment Plan, which will be developed over the summer.

FMAC Report

The Fishery Monitoring Advisory Committee (FMAC) met on May 20-21, 2019, in Seattle, and their report will be attached here before the meeting. The Committee reviewed the Observer Program 2018 Annual Report and discussed the status of analytical projects related to the Observer Program, and their relative priorities. The Committee received presentations from staff about the status of electronic monitoring (EM) for Fixed Gear and Trawl fisheries; a report from the FMAC partial coverage Subgroup; and, informational updates about Observer/EM Federal contracts, observer insurance, and the progress on the deck sorting rulemaking. Materials for discussion at the Committee are all posted on the Council's website, at meetings.npfmc.org. The Committee's recommendations are included in the FMAC Report.