

Council Motion
February 11, 2023
C5 Pot CP monitoring

The Council selects Alternative 2 as its preferred alternative:

Alternative 2: Implement additional monitoring requirements for Pot CPs participating in BSAI groundfish fisheries.

Element 1: Require a minimum of one Level 2 Observer on board at all times.

Element 2: Require vessel operators comply with pre-cruise notifications when requested by NMFS.

Element 3: Additional voluntary monitoring options:

Option 1: Allow a certified observer sampling station with motion-compensated platform (MCP) scale for the observer's use.

Option 2: Allow a motion-compensated, NMFS-Certified Scale to measure total catch of Pacific cod, in conjunction with an MCP scale for testing, electronic logbook, and video monitoring.

Option 3: Allow vessels to carry additional onboard observers.