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## Action Memo

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**Dan Hull, Chairman**  
**Chris Oliver, Executive Director**

**SUBJECT:**  
Electronic Monitoring Workgroup Report

**ACTION REQUIRED:**  
Receive report from the EM Workgroup

**BACKGROUND:**  
The Council's Fixed Gear Electronic Monitoring (EM) Workgroup met on April 27, 2015, by teleconference (minutes are available as a separate attachment). The Workgroup is composed of representatives of the commercial fishing industry, agencies (Council, NMFS regional office, AFSC Observer Program, IPHC, ADFG, PSMFC, NOAA GC, NMFS Enforcement), and observer service providers, with the intent of working cooperatively and collaboratively to design, test, and develop EM systems consistent with the Council's goal to integrate EM into the Observer Program. The EM Workgroup's Cooperative Research Plan for 2015 is focusing on operational and research testing of EM camera systems in the under 58 ft fixed gear fleet.

At the April meeting, the Workgroup began work on the development of an EM pre-implementation plan for this fleet in 2016. The draft as it currently stands is an attachment to the minutes, and will be discussed further at the Workgroup's July 2015 meeting. All materials reviewed by the EM Workgroup are available on the Council website, [www.npfmc.org/observer-program/](http://www.npfmc.org/observer-program/) <<http://www.npfmc.org/observer-program/>>.

Also attached as an FYI are two notices of symposiums at the annual AFS meeting in August, one on electronic monitoring, and one on observer contributions.