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Dan Hull, Chairman
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SUBJECT:
Electronic Monitoring

ESTIMATED TIME:
4 Hours

ACTION REQUIRED:
Workgroup Report; Discuss Alternatives; Review Cooperative Research Plan.

BACKGROUND:
The Electronic Monitoring Workgroup met on November 19-20, 2014 in Seattle, with a short follow-on conference call on December 1st (minutes attached). The Workgroup made progress with preparing the 2015 Cooperative Research Plan, which is scheduled for review by the SSC in February 2015. The 2015 fieldwork will focus both on operational testing of EM camera systems in the under 58 ft longline fleet, as well as further research on EM systems to allow for an evaluation of whether they will successfully achieve the Council's goal to integrate EM used for catch estimation into the Observer Program. The Workgroup outlined a timeframe for how the fieldwork and pre-implementation years will intersect with the Council's analytical process and EM's eventual integration into the Annual Deployment Plan process. The Workgroup also discussed budget and funding for the 2015 fieldwork, and opportunities for funding for the 2016 pre-implementation year.

The Workgroup also heard a presentation from the North Pacific Fishing Association about research in EM on pot cod boats, which is being conducted independently of the NMFS cooperative research work, and supports the continuation of that work.

All materials reviewed by the EM Workgroup are available on the Council website, www.npfmc.org/observer-program/ <<http://www.npfmc.org/observer-program/>>.