

**ADVISORY PANEL**  
**Motions and Rationale**  
**October 1-5 2019 - Homer, AK**

**C3    Observer 2020 ADP**

**AP Motion 1**

The AP recommends the Council approve the sampling design for Observer and EM deployment in 2020 as outlined by the NMFS recommendations in the Draft ADP.

The AP endorses the FMAC recommendation to continue evaluating coverage levels achieved on vessels delivering to tenders in the Annual Report.

The AP supports the overall request that the agency consider how to present a more aggregate view of at-sea monitoring which integrates EM and observer coverage in future documents.

The AP notes future ADPs must incorporate cost containment measures in order to expedite program reforms.

*Motion passes 18-1*

Rationale:

- *The NMFS sampling design continues the trip selection approach, allocation strategy, zero selection criteria, and the recommended EM expansion criteria, thus providing stability and continuity*
- *Continued expansion of the EM pool was endorsed by the Council in June and is consistent with implementing necessary cost efficiencies. The recommendation by NMFS to include criteria for screening new EM vessels to minimize gaps is reasonable until work under the analytical priorities to more fully explore EM optimization is complete. (i.e re-evaluating the 15% hurdle to integrate EM data, assessment of biological sampling needs, evaluation of zero selection to improves EM cost efficiencies etc.)*
- *Rationale for the removal of the tender strata are outlined in Appendix B and include potential mitigation of tenders concerns through the Trawl EM EFP, the small number of vessels in the remaining tender stratum, and the ability to use post stratification to ensure tender and non-tender trips are appropriately accounted for in catch accounting.*
- *The draft 2020 ADP lists the selection rate for EM vessels as 30% but provides little information on the estimated number of trips or sea days that will result. Likewise, the Trawl EFP is also listed in the ADP with little information on expected trips or sea days that will be covered by the Trawl EM program presented. This should be in final 2020 ADP report.*

**Motion 2**

*The AP recommends the council prioritize 'Partial Coverage Cost Efficiencies' on the Observer Analytical Projects list.*

*Motion passes 19-1*

*Rationale:*

- *The issue of improving cost efficiencies within the Observer Program partial coverage category is of extreme importance to all fishery stakeholders, as demonstrated by the significant amount of conversation on this topic over multiple agenda items at this meeting. As such, dedicating the necessary time and resources to tackling this issue should be a high priority amongst the other Observer Analytical Projects. The intent of this motion is to signal overall support for placing priority on improving cost efficiencies and not necessarily for assigning priority amongst the various cost efficiency options themselves.*