

Subject: 2017 Pre-Implementation Plan

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Hi Diana,

Attached is a revised draft of the 2017 EM Pre-Implementation Plan based on discussions today with the Deployment Options subgroup. There was agreement that we would go with the ODDS trip selection approach in 2017. Many of the details regarding the functioning of the ODDS system will still need to be worked out (i.e. how the 72 hour advance notice will function in practice, cancellation or changing trip dates, etc). In general there is an expectation that vessels should work with the EM service provider and NMFS to ensure a complete EM system is installed prior to logging a trip in ODDS, and that any changes to selected trips will also need to be coordinated through NMFS.

We also agreed on the terminology and description of the primary and secondary ports. All in all a good meeting and we look forward to the report out next Thursday. I will be on AL Mon-Wed so I won't be able to fine tune the document between now and then, but wanted you to have the latest copy. Dan, Howard, Liz, and Jennifer may have additional edits/comments.

All of the changes are highlighted in track changes. I also updated the budget section and removed the highlighted text in that section since it is now complete.

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