

C7 Electronic Monitoring – COUNCIL MOTION 2/7/2016

2017 Electronic Monitoring Pre-implementation

The Council requests the EM Workgroup to continue developing proposals for two separate pre-implementation pools for 2017, for longline and pot vessels.

- The Council endorses the Workgroup's efforts to expand the longline pre-implementation pool in 2017 to 90 vessels, and to remove the constraint that vessels must be less than 57.5 ft LOA. However, first priority in the pool would continue to be given to small longline vessels (40 to 57.5 ft LOA) that have liferaft or bunk space limitations with carrying a human observer.
- The Council also endorses developing a pre-implementation pool for 30 pot vessels (of any length) for 2017.
- For vessels under 40 foot, the Council supports EM Workgroup work in 2017 to undertake a demographic study of the under 40' fleet occur in 2017, to evaluate effort both by the number of trips and vessel length, in order to identify priorities for phase in of coverage. This work would support the development of a plan for specific field research in the under 40 ft fleet in 2018.