

**C-1 Council motion on Observer Program
4/4/13**

The Council requests the agency to complete the Electronic Monitoring Strategic Plan for review and adoption at the June 2013 Council meeting with the following revisions.

The Council requests the matrix (p. 4-7) in the Electronic Monitoring (EM) strategic plan be revised to include a broad list of tools and a relative ranking of the ability of those tools to meet the monitoring objectives, similar to those identified in the "Fisheries Monitoring Roadmap" document.

The Council requests the implementation section (p. 13) include the following:

1. Funding options, including whether fees collected under the Observer Program are applicable to EM development and implementation, or whether outside funds are going to be necessary.
2. Timelines and implementation schedules to meet the Council's objective to implement EM in the 40' – 57.5' fixed gear IFQ and Pacific cod fisheries.
3. Specific to the actions identified under Goal IV, a description of how the agency will coordinate and collaborate with an EM Working Group (described below) to inform a) the design and execution of pilot projects (including 2014) and b) the evaluation of alternative EM approaches, with OAC review,.
4. Include a description of the EFP process and what steps stakeholders would have to follow to propose the use of an EFP to achieve particular goals or strategies in the strategic plan.

The Council also approves formation of an EM Working Group to evaluate alternative EM approaches, with a consideration for tradeoffs between achieving monitoring objectives, timelines, and other factors (e.g., costs, disruption to fishing practices). The EM Working Group will be guided by the Electronic Monitoring Strategic Plan that the Council is scheduled to adopt at the June 2013 Council meeting.