

**North Pacific Fishery Management Council
Agenda Item C-6**

**FINAL MOTION: Draft 2018 Annual Deployment Plan
October 7, 2017**

The Council supports the following recommendations for the draft 2018 Annual Deployment Plan (ADP):

Continue the trip-selection method, definition of the “no-selection pool”, the policy of not granting exemptions, and ODDS logging procedures described in the draft 2018 ADP.

Use the following sampling strata for 2018:

- EM selection pool: Fixed gear vessels that have opted-in and been approved to be in the EM selection pool and have an approved VMP.
- Hook-and-line vessels greater than or equal to 40 feet (ft) length overall (LOA)
- ~~Hook and line vessels greater than or equal to 40 ft LOA delivering to tenders~~
- Pot vessels greater than or equal to 40 ft LOA
- Pot vessels greater than or equal to 40 ft LOA delivering to tenders
- Trawl vessels
- Trawl vessels delivering to tenders

Use an observer deployment allocation strategy of full optimization based on discarded groundfish and halibut PSC (as described in Appendix C of the draft 2018 ADP).

Continue to collect salmon genetic samples, and use the methodologies for vessels delivering shoreside or to tender vessels described in the draft 2018 ADP

The Council suggests analysts consider the impacts of reduced Pacific cod TACs on fishing effort and coverage rates in the BSAI and GOA. Information from the November groundfish plan team meetings be used to guide the analysts.

Based on the information at the time the draft ADP was prepared, the Council supports the following preliminary deployment rates for the trip-selection strata in 2018:

- No selection - 0%
- EM selection pool - 30%
- Hook-and-line - 19%
- ~~Tender hook and line - 15%~~
- Pot - 4%
- Tender Pot - 6%
- Trawl - 22%
- Tender trawl - 12%

For the 2017 Annual Report (provided in June 2018) and the 2019 Annual Deployment Plan:

- In coordination with the OSC, consider the comments from the SSC and the AP to include an evaluation of gear specific “hurdle” approaches, incorporate crab PSC estimates, and develop additional metrics for optimization in the annual evaluation process, to the extent possible.
- Evaluate the impacts of mixed gear trips on future sampling designs with the implementation of sablefish pot fishery.
- Consider the recommendations from the OAC to separate EM stratum information by gear type.
- Evaluate the cost implications and operational implications, for vessels and EM service providers, of deploying EM on 100% of trips in the EM selection pool, with selection for video review occurring after the trip is completed.

The Council requests that NMFS reprogram ODDS and CAS to allow vessels to be in the EM pool for fixed gear and in the observer pool for trawl gear in the same year. The prioritization will be determined in staff tasking.

The Council requests staff to provide the EM/ER Strategic Plan of 2013 and descriptions of proposed EM projects. This information will help the Council prioritize projects, and determine whether and when an EM workgroup should be appointed to shepherd new projects.