

**North Pacific Fishery Management Council**  
**MOTION – Staff tasking, April 14, 2014**

Move that the Council send a letter to NMFS Administration, asking that the issue of observer insurance costs in the North Pacific be examined in regards to:

1. There appear to be inconsistencies around the nation that require different insurance coverages for Federal observers, which concerns the NPFMC as it seeks to maximize efficiencies in the Observer Program.
2. The method necessary to reduce observer costs by eliminating unneeded insurance for observers in the North Pacific that are in regulation (50 C.F.R. 679.52(b)(11)(vi) which includes obligations to provide coverage for claims under the Jones Act, while some current law seems to say that observers are not seamen and the Jones Act does not apply.