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SUBJECT:

EM - Review Analytical Components (*SSC only*)

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ACTION REQUIRED:

EM Integration Analysis - Review analytical components (*SSC only*)

BACKGROUND:

In advance of the upcoming initial review draft of the Council's EM Integration analysis, currently scheduled for October 2016, the SSC asked for an opportunity to review some analytical components of the document at the June 2016 SSC meeting. As context, an EM overview discussion paper, which has been updated since the SSC reviewed it in February 2016, provides the Council's adopted purpose and need statement, alternatives, timeline, and a preliminary description of the components of an EM program that will be evaluated in the analysis. The discussion paper also includes a preliminary discussion of performance metrics for evaluating the EM program, which has been requested by the SSC at previous meetings.

In addition, the Council's Fixed Gear Electronic Monitoring Workgroup (EMWG) identified two other specific items that would be useful for the SSC to review in advance of the analysis:

- A report from the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission, which summarizes 2015 and 2016-to-date EM fieldwork and video review results. The report provides information on the accuracy of species identification with camera review, and on the reliability of EM system data.
- A discussion paper on catch estimation methods for integrating EM data into catch accounting. The paper lays out different ways to do catch estimation for EM data, and the different information needs under those methods.

Background materials and EM Workgroup discussions are available on the NPFMC website at www.npfmc.org/observer-program <<http://www.npfmc.org/observer-program>>.