

67th Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission Annual Meeting



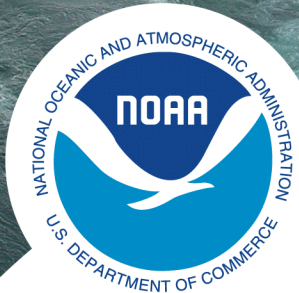
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Electronic Monitoring Cooperative Research

Partnership with PSMFC, NPFMC Electronic Monitoring Workgroup, and Industry

Track 1

Underway, deploying SWI and AMR systems on 5-10 vessels

Track 2-

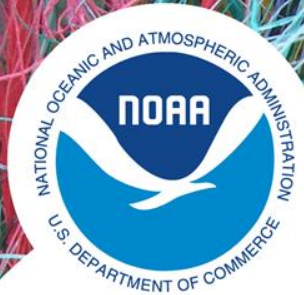
Summer 2014, pairing EM with Observers on 3-5 vessels

Track 3-

Summer 2014, deploying new stereo cameras with Observers on 5-10 vessels

Track 4-

Summer 2014, R&D on integrating E-logbooks w/ EM



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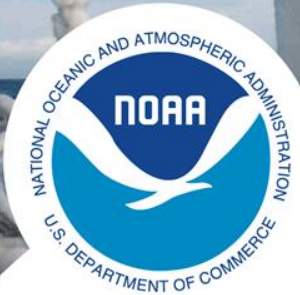
Critical 2014 Surveys

- Eastern Bering Sea bottom trawl survey
- EBS acoustic-bottom trawl survey (including station in Russia)
- Aleutian Island bottom trawl survey
- GOA/AI Black Cod long-line survey (underway)
- Bering Arctic Salmon Integrated Survey (BASIS)
- Annual Survey of Arctic Marine Mammals (ASAMM)
- Arctic Coastal Ecosystem Survey (ACES)
- EBS Deep Water Corals & Sponges Survey

Regional Office Updates

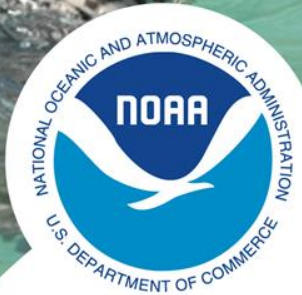
Sustainable Fisheries:

- Observer Program Restructuring
- Incentivizing Bycatch Reduction
- Gulf of Alaska Rationalization (Catch Share)
- Halibut Catch Sharing Plan
- New Fisheries Management Regime for West Aleutian Islands (2015)



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Protected Resources

- Steller Sea Lion Biological Opinion
- Bearded Seal Listing
- Chukchi Sea Exploratory Drilling
Lease Sale 193



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Commercial Fisheries Failure

- 2010-2012 Yukon Chinook fishery
- 2011-2012 Kuskokwim Chinook fishery
- 2012 Cook Inlet salmon fishery
- \$20.8M Award administered by PSMFC



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