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Instructions for Electronic Monitoring Participants

Thank you for volunteering your vessel to participate in the electronic monitoring (EM) project executed by Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission (PSMFC) in support of the Pacific Fishery Management Council's EM efforts. We ask for your cooperation during this project to ensure high quality data collection from your vessel for the EM project for all IFQ fishing trips made while the equipment is on the vessel.

High quality data from the fishing industry is crucial to the progression of the implementation of EM and to determine the ability of EM to serve as a substitute for 100% at-sea compliance monitors in the west coast IFQ groundfish fishery.

Below is a list of guidelines to follow while the EM equipment is on your vessel. If necessary, vessel specific feedback will be given as video is reviewed.

For all IFQ fishing trips:

- Keep EM equipment powered and operational for the entire fishing trip
- Discard fish from the designated location on the vessel that was determined during installation
- Accurately fill out the logbook provided by PSMFC
- Do not block the camera view while sorting fish – i.e. stand on any side of the sorting table but the one closest to the camera to ensure full view of the fish retained and discarded
- Retain all rockfish species due to difficulties in differentiating rockfish species using current low-cost EM technologies
- If possible, retain all IFQ species
- Immediately notify program staff in the event of a system malfunction

Every 2 weeks (or whenever you come to port if it is less frequent than every 2 weeks):

- Contact the contractor maintaining the equipment to ensure timely data retrieval and continued equipment maintenance
- Provide logbooks to the contractor for imaging or provide logbook data directly to PSMFC by emailing electronic copies to EMSupport@psmfc.org