

NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Observer Policy Committee

I. STATUS

A. Meetings:

- The Observer Committee held its first meeting on August 19, 2014 to review progress regarding development of the Omnibus Industry-Funded Monitoring (IFM) Amendment, which will establish provisions for industry-funded monitoring across all Council-managed fisheries, and to discuss the details of the amendment alternatives and develop related recommendations.
- The Omnibus IFM Plan Development Team (PDT)/Fishery Management Action Team (FMAT) met via webinar on September 22, 2014 to continue its work on the Omnibus IFM Amendment and to discuss the Observer Committee recommendations.
- The Observer Committee is scheduled to meet on December 17, 2014 to continue work on the Omnibus IFM Amendment.

II. COUNCIL ACTION

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- Consider/approve Observer Committee recommendations regarding the Omnibus IFM Amendment alternatives (see August 19, 2014 Observer Committee Meeting Summary, Document #2)

III. INFORMATION

1. Draft Discussion Document for Omnibus Industry-Funded Monitoring Amendment (August 19, 2014)
2. August 19, 2014 Observer Committee Meeting Summary
3. August 15, 2014 Memo from Industry-Funded Monitoring PDT/FMAT re. IFM Omnibus Amendment Development
4. Draft Action Plan for Omnibus IFM Amendment
5. Correspondence