

Questions from the PDT to OLE regarding dockside monitoring¹

1. What percentage of trips are currently monitored dockside by OLE?
 - In 2017 OLE performed approximately 300 inspections of groundfish/NE Multispecies inspections.
 - Currently, OLE does not differentiate between dockside and at-sea inspections.
 - OLE's enforcement priorities for ground fish has focused away from dockside inspections due to the self-policing construct of the sector management system.

2. What percentages of those trips are in violation?
 - Based on an initial review, approximately 2% may face enforcement actions

3. Is the OLE monitoring sufficient to ensure landings are reported accurately?
 - No. We have limited resources to cover the amount of trips landed, even with the JEA program as a force multiplier. Our focus is based on egregious violations or cases initiated by actionable intelligence.
 - To ensure accurate reporting, a dockside inspection accompanied with confirmation of dealer reporting is necessary.

4. Does OLE inspect fish holds?
 - Yes. Inspection of fish holds is a fundamental component of any fishing vessel inspection.
 - Officer discretion to inspect or not can be used in cases of poor weather, poor material condition of the vessel or other relevant circumstances.

5. Can DSM replace OLE dockside enforcement to avoid duplicative efforts?
 - YES, but fish holds should be inspected.

6. Does anyone compare the landings estimates from NEFOP to the dealer reports as an independent check of accuracy?
 - OLE does not perform this type of check but believes data sharing of this type would extend our enforcement capacity.
 - Due to current OLE staff levels, this type of comparison would best be between NEFSC / APSD.

¹ Excerpt from PDT memo: https://s3.amazonaws.com/nefmc.org/7_190503-PDT-memo-to-GF-Committee-re-analyses-for-A23-with-attachments.pdf