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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 31, 2015

TO: Electronic Monitoring Working Group (EMWG)

FROM: Peter Kendall, EMWG Chairman

SUBJECT: EMWG meeting on Wednesday, April 8, 2015

The EMWG will meet at the Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office (GARFO) in Gloucester, MA on **Wednesday, April 8, starting at 9:30 AM.**

Purpose. The main purpose of the meeting is to develop recommendations regarding the EMWG's work to date on identifying barriers and possible solutions to implementing electronic monitoring in groundfish fishery sectors. These recommendations will be incorporated into the final version of the EMWG's white paper.

Meeting Materials. Please review this memo (Document #1) and the latest draft of the white paper (Document #2). GARFO's Electronic Technology Implementation Plan (dated January 30, 2015) is also being provided for your reference (Document #3). If you have any questions, please contact Jamie Cournane (jcournane@nefmc.org ; 978-465-0492 ext. 103).

Meeting Preparation. Please come prepared to discuss your recommendations with the group. To do so, please have at least 3-5 recommendations drafted to present at the meeting through discussion.

Agenda

9:30 am	Introductions and Overview (<i>P. Kendall</i>)
9:45 am	Discuss individual recommendations
12:30 pm	Lunch
1:30 pm	Finalize group recommendations
3:30 pm	Next Steps (<i>J. Cournane</i>)
3:45 pm	Other business (<i>P. Kendall</i>)
4:00 pm	Close