HOW EM WORKS

Audit

- EM validates captain’s reported groundfish discards.
- Measure groundfish discards within camera view.
- Record all catch using eVTR.
- Use sub-sampling protocols for faster processing of high volumes of groundfish.
- Submit the video footage from the trip to your EM service provider.
- Reviews video from randomly selected trips and provides NOAA Fisheries with a summary report documenting the groundfish discards.
- Compares your eVTR report to the EM provider’s summary report for quota accounting.
- Provides feedback to you explaining whether the eVTR and EM summary report matched to help you improve your reporting and groundfish discard estimates.
- Reviews a subset of trips to monitor the EM provider’s performance.

Maximized Retention

Goal

- EM confirms vessel retained all allocated groundfish for dockside monitor to observe.
- Retain and land all allocated groundfish, regardless of size, for sampling by a dockside monitor.
- Record all catch using eVTR.
- Meet dockside monitor upon landing to observe offload. All landed fish may be sold.
- Submit the video footage from the trip to your EM service provider.

What Your EM Provider Does

- Reviews the video from trips and provides NOAA Fisheries with a summary report verifying discard compliance.
- No allocated groundfish discards are attributed to the trip, but all landed groundfish counts against the sector's quota.
- Reviews EM provider’s summary report to ensure compliance with retention requirements.
- Uses catch data collected by the dockside monitor for science.
- Reviews a subset of trips to monitor the EM provider’s performance.

What NOAA Fisheries Does

Changes to How You Fish