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.





Changes to How You Fish





What NOAA Fisheries Does

Maximized Retention

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.

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.