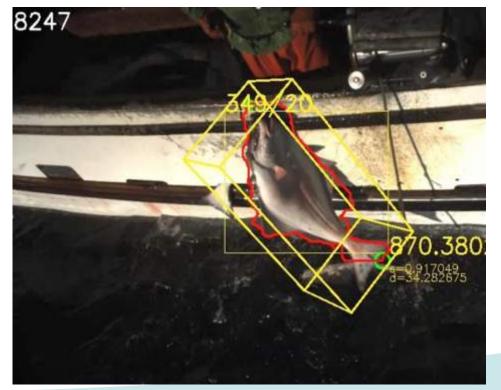


Overview of Electronic Technologies in U.S Fisheries





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Electronic Technologies in U.S Fisheries

- Vessel monitoring systems (VMS)
- Observer technologies
- Electronic reporting (ER)
- Electronic monitoring (EM)
- Progress in 2019
- In the year 2024......









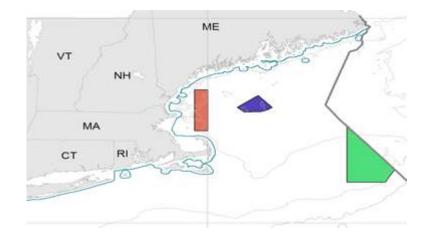
U.S VMS Program

Program Basics

- > 4,000 vessels
- Satellite-based communications
- Operates all the time, in real-time
- Location, hail in/out, catch reporting
- Data confidentiality requirements

How it is used

- Monitoring closed areas and transiting
- Effort and quota monitoring
- Validating other data sources
- Port arrivals for sampling programs









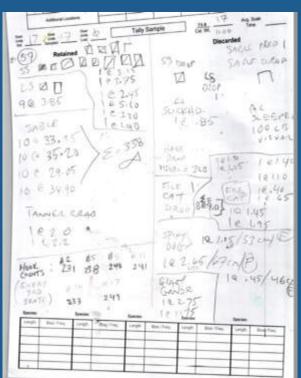


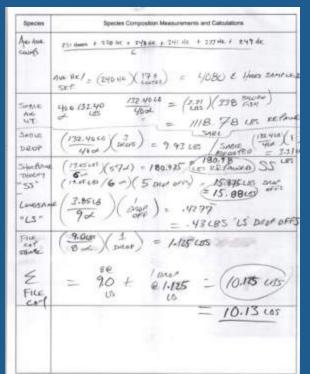
















Observer Technologies in U.S Fisheries

Existing Technologies

- Efficient, timely, and legible
- Customization and adaptation
- Auto-calculation and sync to databases
- Front-end error checks and validation

Future Development

- Barcoding and GPS integration
- Application-driven sampling
- Bluetooth with scales
- Species ID and image collection









Electronic Reporting in U.S. Fisheries

Commercial and For-Hire Fisheries

- Vessels, processers, and dealers
- Long history of paper programs
- Different requirements and participation
 - NE ~200 (out of 2,100) all commercial vessels
 - SE ~500 (out of 840) Gulf of Mexico snapper/grouper
 - PI ~10 (out of 165) Hawaii deep-set longline

Challenges

- Data housing
- Minimum standards (multi-governance)
- Design and data elements
- Compliance and enforcement





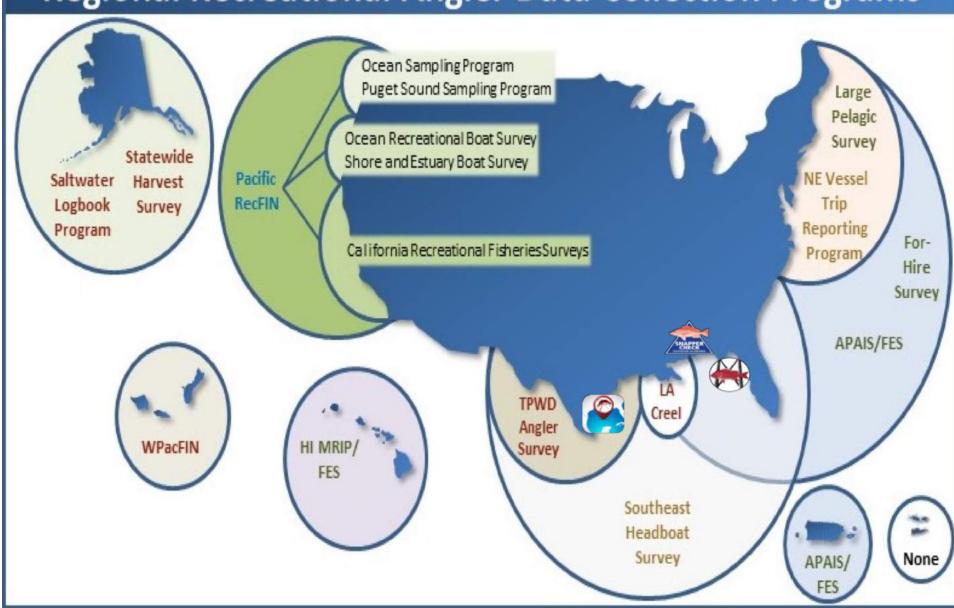








Regional Recreational Angler Data Collection Programs





ER in Recreational Fisheries



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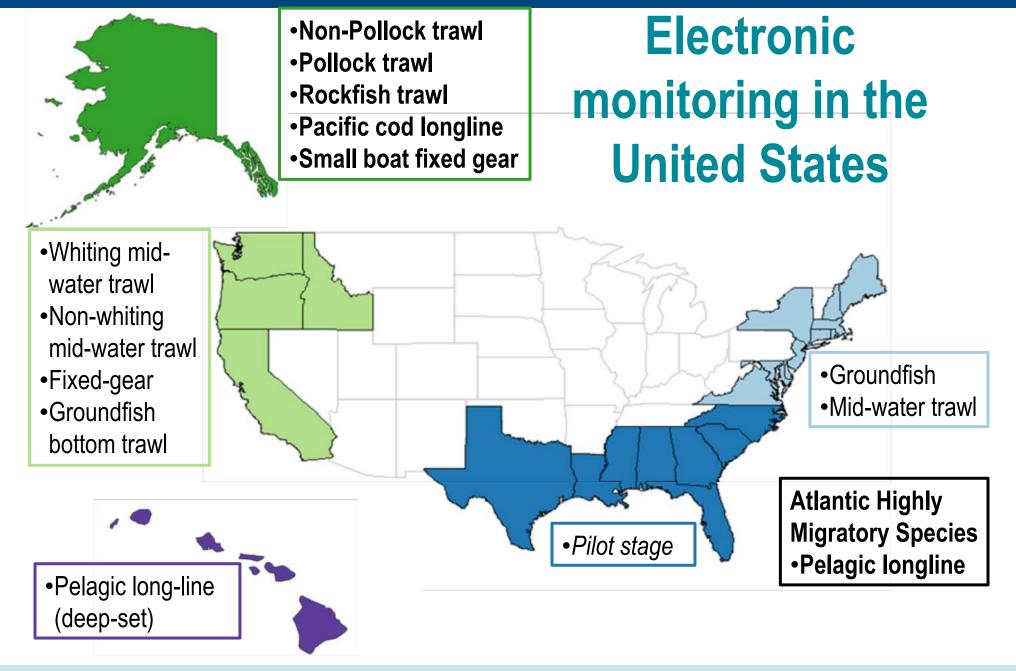


Anglers **must** participate.

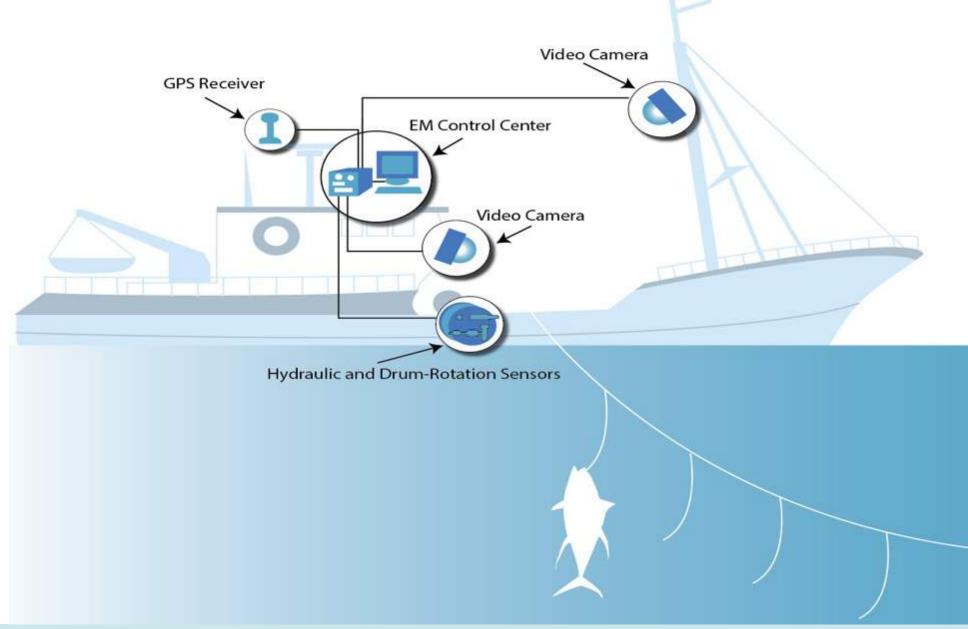


Participants must report all catch from all trips.









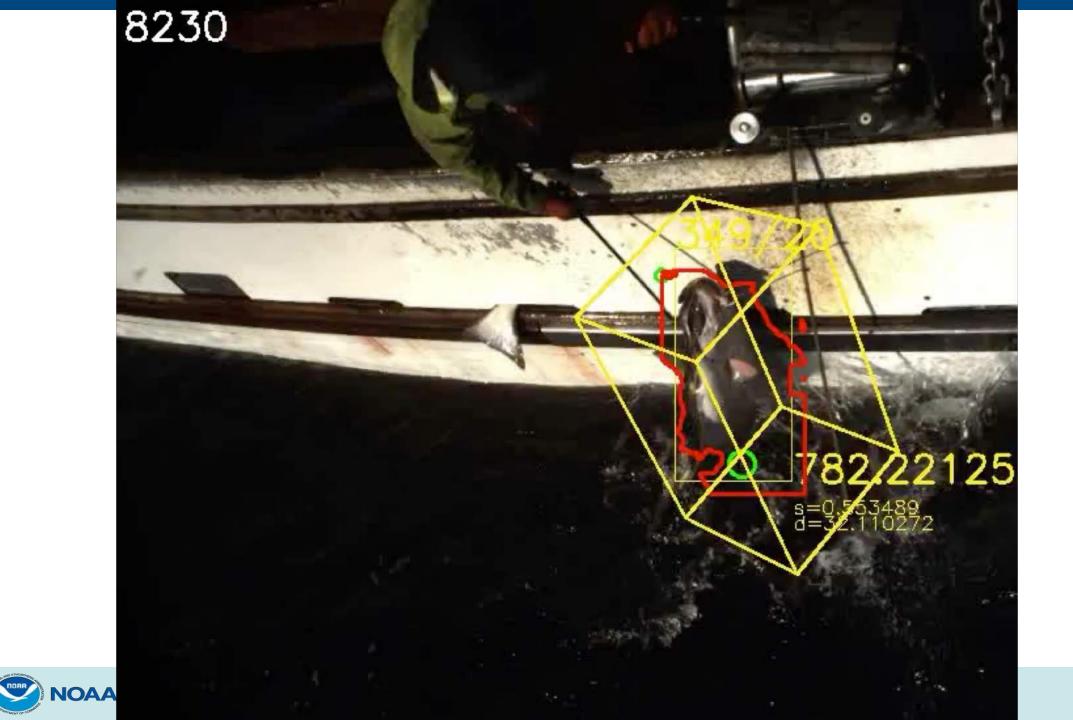












Electronic Technologies Progress in 2019

- EM Policy Development
 - Cost allocation framework
 - Video storage and retention requirements
 - Data access and ownership
 - Program standards and best practices
- National Fish Image Library
 - Make imagery available to public
 - Build on Video & Image Analytics for Marine Environment (VIAME)
- Opportunities for Collaboration
 - International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES)
 - 3-year working group on Technology Integration for Fisheries-Dependent Data
 American Fisheries Society Fishery-Dependent Observing & Monitoring
 - 3rd National EM Workshop
- 2019 Regional Implementation Plans
 - 5-year plan for developing and implementing ETs





In the year 2024......

