



Electronic Monitoring and Reporting Grant Program – 2015 Grants

Gulf of Mexico:

Electronic Reporting in the Gulf of Mexico Charter Boat Fleet

Grantee: CLS America

EMR Award: \$1,700,000; Matching Funds: \$552,300; Total Project: \$2,252,300*

CLS America will implement electronic reporting in approximately 350 recreational charter boat vessels in the Gulf of Mexico. Project will engage the fishing industry, federal and state managers, and scientists from across the region in order to generate real-time, verifiable, and high-quality recreational fishing data.

*The award amount includes \$1,000,000 in NFWF non-federal matching funds.

North Pacific:

Integrating Electronic Monitoring into Alaska's At-Sea Monitoring of Fixed Gear

Fisheries Grantee: Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association

EMR Award: \$492,553; Matching Funds: \$520,000; Total Project: \$1,012,553

The Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association will integrate electronic monitoring on up to 120 small vessels in the Gulf of Alaska's fixed gear fisheries. Project will increase the portion of the fleet capable of providing fisheries dependent data, reduce sampling errors, and will inform the development of electronic monitoring regulations for the small vessel, fixed gear fleet.

New England:

Electronic Monitoring for New England's Groundfish Fishery

Grantee: The Nature Conservancy

EMR Award: \$300,000; Matching Funds: \$99,350; Total Project: \$399,350

The Nature Conservancy will implement an electronic monitoring program for up to 24 fishing vessels operating in the New England groundfish fishery. Project will work with multiple fishing sectors throughout New England in order to achieve individual accountability and improve catch share monitoring.

Pacific Coast:

Integrating Electronic Monitoring into the West Coast Groundfish Fleet (CA, OR, WA)

Grantee: Midwater Trawlers Cooperative

EMR Award: \$271,710; Matching Funds: \$271,710; Total Project: \$543,420

The Midwater Trawlers Cooperative will implement electronic monitoring on up to 35 vessels in order to monitor compliance in the Pacific Coast Groundfish Trawl Rationalization Program. Project will evaluate the use of electronic monitoring systems as an alternative to the on-board human observer program.

Open-Source Software Platform for Shipboard Electronic Monitoring of Fisheries (AK, OR, WA)

Grantee: Sea State, Inc.

EMR Award: \$235,737; Matching Funds: \$20,000; Total Project: \$255,737

Sea State, Inc. will develop a suite of complementary software applications that will support electronic monitoring data acquisition, review, summarization, and archival. Project will create an open source and freely available software platform that can be adapted to the specific needs of any given fishery.