

**JUSTIFICATION FOR CHANGE**  
**U.S. Department of Commerce**  
**National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration**  
**Observer Programs' Information That Can Be Gathered Only Through Questions**  
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NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service Southeast Fisheries Science Center (SEFSC) Pelagic Observer Program is requesting to add an additional page to its observer selection letters in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. For fisheries with mandated observer coverage rates (under the Magnuson-Stevens Act or Endangered Species Act requirements), the decreased fishing pressure and temporary waivers of observer coverage due to COVID-19 (see 85 FR 17285) may mean that observer coverage rates will need to be updated for the remainder of the 2020 fishing year. This additional letter is informational only and does not require any response on the part of the industry. A copy of the standard observer selection letter is included with this submission for reference.