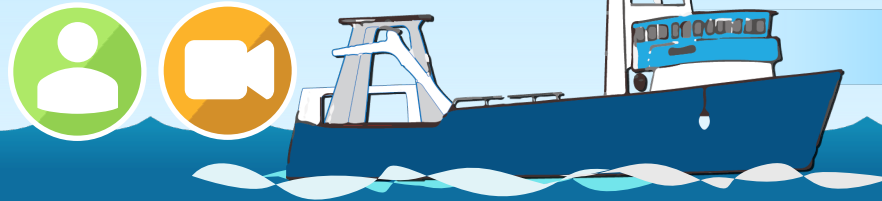# Fully Counted:

How Salmon Bycatch is Monitored in the Bering Sea Pollock Fishery

Catcher vessels

An **observer** or **Electronic Monitoring (EM)** system is deployed on every catcher vessel

Vessels are required to retain and deliver all salmon

Shoreside processors

Observers monitor every delivery from a catcher vessel in the Bering Sea pollock fishery

- **Every salmon** is counted and recorded by observers
- Observers collect **biological samples**

Catcher/processor and mothership vessels

Operating vessels always have two observers onboard and every haul is monitored

- **Each salmon** is counted and recorded by observers

Cameras verify compliance to ensure that all salmon are given to the observers

As salmon are counted, **biological samples** are also collected and used to determine the fish's age and stock of origin

What happens to the salmon after they are counted?

Salmon can go to the Prohibited Species Donation Program, which distributes salmon for hunger-relief through non-profit organization SeaShare

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