

Funding Fisheries Data Collection & Monitoring: Legal Limits & Latitude

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Cost Optimization & Financing Strategies

- **Why?**
 - *What are your data collection and monitoring goals?*
- **What?**
 - *What are the costs?*
 - *What are the priority costs?*
 - *How can we optimize those costs and create value?*
- **Who?**
 - *Who pays?*
 - *Who benefits?*
 - *Who collects?*
 - *Who owns the data?*
- **When?**
 - *When do we need the data?*
 - *When do we pay?*
- **How?**
 - *How do we pay?*
 - *What financing tools and funding strategies are available and appropriate?*
 - *What constraints and opportunities exist?*

Fisheries Conservation & Management Fund (MSRA §208)

- **Purposes**

- *Improve fishery harvest data collection including expanding use of electronic monitoring & catch reporting technology;*
- *Cooperative research*
- *Improvement of MRFSS*
- *Financial assistance to offset the costs to fishermen of modifying fishing practices and gear to comply with MSA.*

- **Funding Sources**

- *Appropriations*
- *Public Funding*
- *Private Funding*
- *Quota Set Asides*

Legal Framework

- General prohibition on levying of fees
 - Miscellaneous Receipt Act
31 USC §3302
- Exceptions:
 - Permits
MSA §§303(b)(1) & 304(d)
 - LAPP & CDQ Cost Recovery
MSA §§303A(e) & 304(d)(2)
 - North Pacific Fisheries
MSA §313(a)

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- **Cost (Value) Optimization**
 - *Identify efficiencies*
 - *Reduce redundancies*
- **Financing Tools**
 - *User Fees*
 - *Devolution of Services*
 - *Quota Set-Asides*
 - *Other Strategies?*