

## **DGN Observers and Sea Days – 2013/2014 Fishing Season**

### **August 15 – Sept 25**

NMFS has 15 observer days-at-sea available from August 15 through September 25. We could increase this to 30 days. The DGN fleet spent 43 days at sea during this period last season, and we don't have information whether this was inside or outside 2,000 m.

From August 15 through September 25, we will have 2 experienced observers available. There is no way to increase this number, as additional observers will need 2 weeks of training, scheduled for Sept 10 – Sept 20.

### **Sept 26 – Jan 31**

NMFS plans to have 300 DGN observer days-at-sea available beginning September 26.

The DGN fleet spent about 600 days at sea during the 2012/2013 fishing season.

In recent years, 25% of the observed fishing was outside 2,000 m, and 75% inside 2,000 m.

This equals 150 vessel days outside, and 450 vessel days inside the depth contour.

If we observe 150 days outside (100% coverage) this leaves 150 days (33% coverage) inside.

We anticipate having approximately 10 observers in total working beginning September 21.