This camera watches an Alaska fishing boat. Who watches the footage?



One review provider, priced by the hard drive.

NMFS prices camera review by the hard drive, a year of review spending divided by drives reviewed. The program currently has one EM review provider.



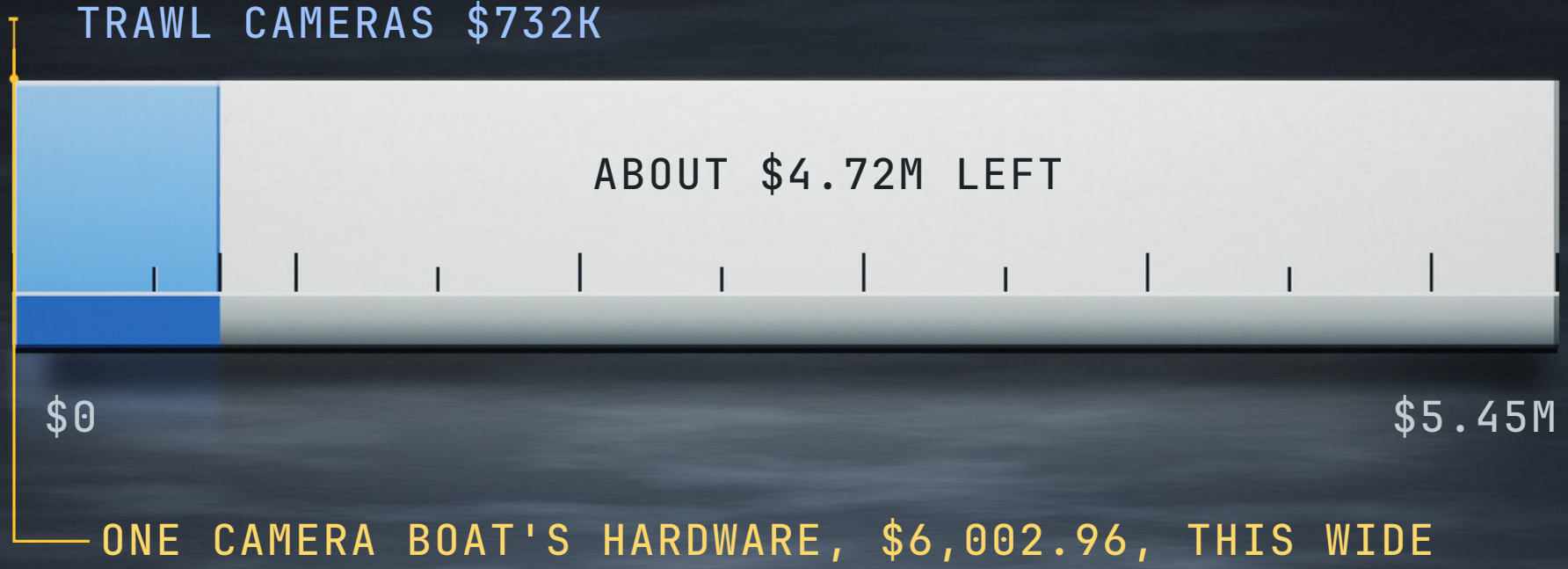
Congress paid for the cameras. That money is expected to end this year.

Since 2023, Congressional Directed Spending covered new EM systems and replacements. With it spent by the end of 2026, the 2027 plan carries that cost itself, about $6,002.96 a year per fixed-gear camera boat.



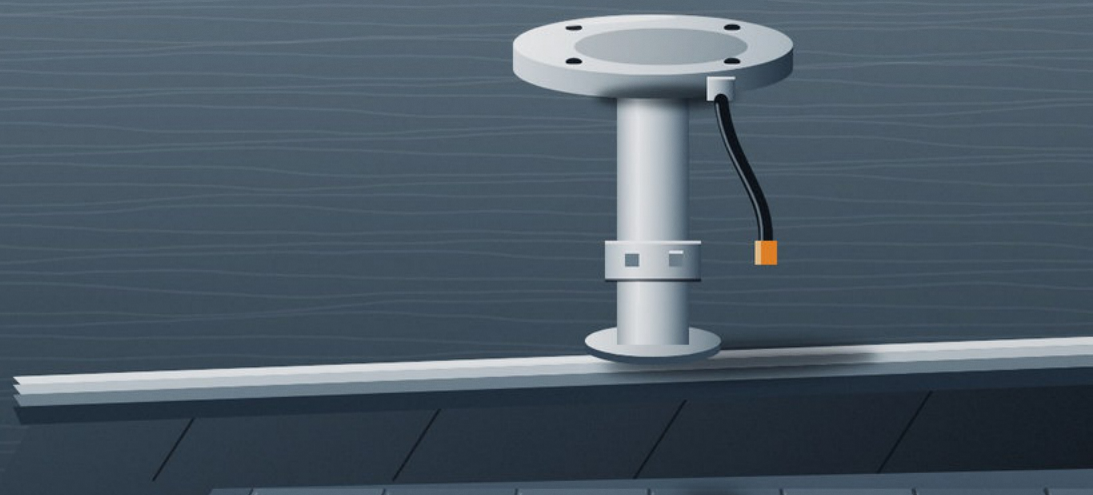
A preliminary $5.45M, with cameras off the top.

Trawl cameras come off the top at $732K. About $4.72M is left for observers and fixed-gear cameras, subject to change.



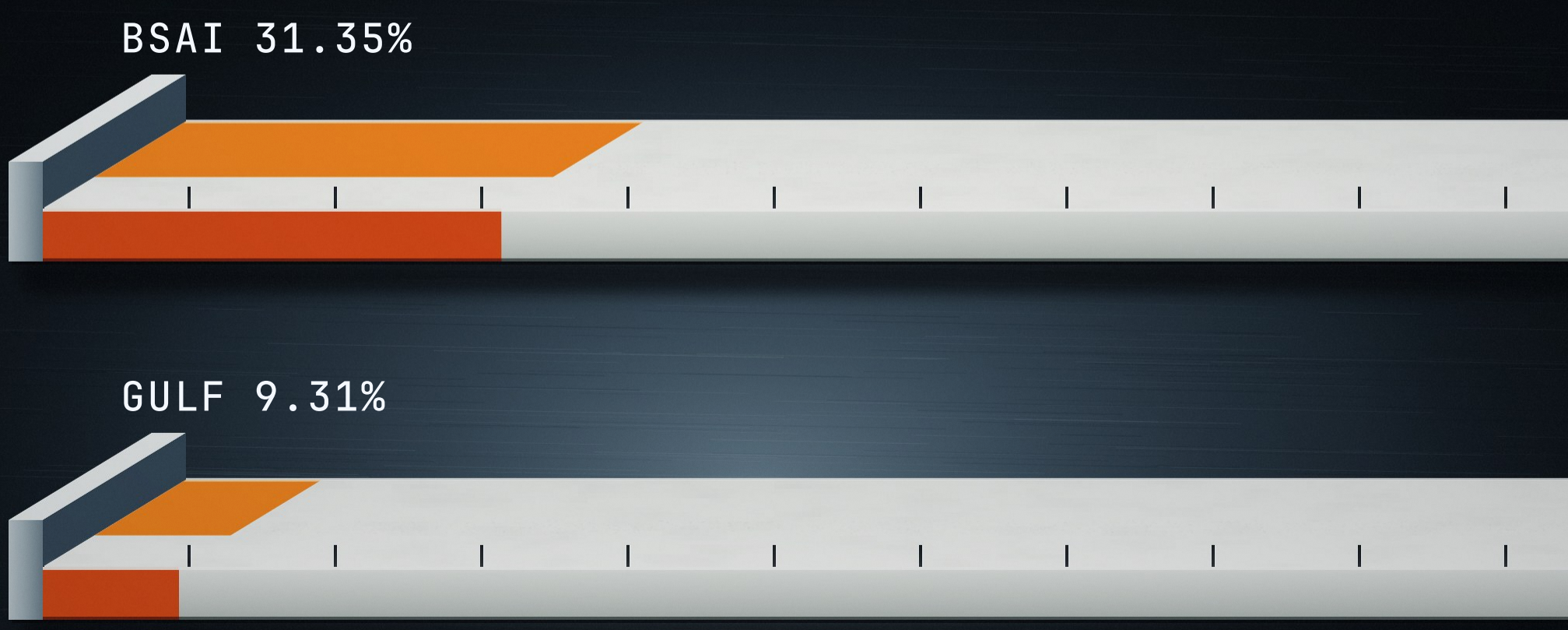
Nobody is chosen.

Boats under 40 feet and jig boats have no chance of carrying an observer or a camera in 2027. The draft expects 1,427 such trips.



Some trips still carry a person.

In the draft, an observer rides 79 of 253 expected fixed-gear trips in the Bering Sea and Aleutians, 31.35 percent. In the Gulf it is 174 of 1,868, or 9.31 percent.



Who gets watched in 2027.



OBSERVER, FIXED GEAR, BSAI	31.35%	79 OF 253
OBSERVER, FIXED GEAR, GULF	9.31%	174 OF 1,868
OBSERVER, TRAWL, BSAI	46.54%	16 OF 35
OBSERVER, TRAWL, GULF	15.34%	47 OF 305
CAMERA, FIXED GEAR, BSAI	42.99%	40 OF 92
CAMERA, FIXED GEAR, GULF	15.24%	154 OF 1,010
CAMERA, TRAWL, GULF	100%	894 OF 894
OBSERVER, FULL COVERAGE	100%	968 OF 968
CAMERA, TRAWL, BSAI	100%	1,774 OF 1,774
NOBODY, UNDER 40 FT OR JIG	0%	0 OF 1,427

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The AI that could review the video is on a list.

NMFS intends to support it in 2027, "pending availability of staff resources." The title is in the draft. The staffing is pending.



Should the AI review line get staff before the fleet pays for more cameras?

The final plan goes to the Council, meeting November 30th through December 9th.

