

## ***JOINT SAFMC/GMFMC Charterboat Reporting Amendment***

The Gulf Council approved the following motion at their October 2012 meeting:

Motion#1: To create a subcommittee with a member of the South Atlantic, HMS, Gulf Council, SEFSC, and MRIP to coordinate and bring back a complementary document to deal with headboat data collection system.

Motion carried with no opposition.

At the June 2013 meeting, the SAFMC reiterated their direction to staff to work with the GMFMC on this amendment in 2014.

At the September 2013 meeting, the SAFMC approved the following:

1. APPOINT JOHN CARMICHAEL/MIKE ERRIGO AS THE SAFMC REPRESENTATIVE ON THE SUBCOMMITTEE WORKING ON THE TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF SEPARATING CHARTERBOATS FROM THE MRIP SAMPLING PROGRAM
2. Directed staff to work with Gulf Council staff and NMFS staff on a Generic Amendment addressing Charter Reporting

At their October 2013 meeting, the GMFMC appointed John Froeschke as the Gulf Council staff representative to the subcommittee.

### IPT Team

- a. SAFMC Team: Gregg Waugh (SAFMC Lead), Brian Chevront, Kari MacLauchlin, Anna Martin (Coral Issues), and Roger Pugliese (Habitat Issues)
- b. GMFMC Team: John Froeschke (GMFMS Lead), Assane Diagne (Economist), Ava Lasseter (Anthropologist)
- c. NMFS SERO Team: Karla Gore (NMFS Lead),
- d. NMFS SEFSC –
- e. NOAA GC – Monica Smit-Brunello
- f. MRIP –
- g. HMS –
- h. ACCSP –

### **Intent of Amendment:**

The Councils' intent is to remove charterboats from the MRIP reporting system and have charterboats report catches electronically each week as is proposed for headboats. This would allow all MRIP resources to focus on private recreational catches. The for-hire sector (charterboats and headboats) would be reporting catches weekly via electronic logbooks as is proposed for commercial dealers. This will provide a weekly update to the commercial ACL and for two sectors of the recreational ACL. It is the Councils' intent that this information be updated weekly on the SERO's website.

### **Next Steps:**

1. SAFMC/GMFMC send letters to the agencies/partners (MRIP, HMS, SEFSC, SERO, and ACCSP) requesting they appoint representatives prior to the South Atlantic Council's March 2014 meeting.
2. Timing to be determined