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Dear ^{Bob} Mr. Mahood,

The enclosed CD contains the second set of data from the Southeast Fisheries Science Center in response to your January 28, 2010, request. These data are responsive to items 1 and 4 of your letter. Based on discussion with your staff, I have also included a revised version of the commercial effort data that was included in our initial response on February 26, 2010. **These reports are for use by the SAFMC employees responsible for fishery management plan development, monitoring, or enforcement under Magnuson Act section 402(b)(1)(A) and CONTAINS CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION. Hence, utmost care and safeguard should be exercised in its release and distribution as discussed in 50 CFR Subpart E (sections 600.405-425).**

Letter Request date 1/28/10, RE: Data request in support of SSC ABC recommendations.

Item 1 (SAFMC Memo, 1/28/10)

Annual landings in pounds for the MRFSS, ALS, SE Headboat and Logbook data sources.

Landings are provided for multiple regions for convenience and in case the stocks exist across regional boundaries. Regions are defined in the data bases or file names. IT IS codes are provided in both recreational and commercial data files to simplify data handling. Commercial landings are provided for Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic regions. Recreational landings are provided for TX to ME. Data sources are ALS for commercial landings and MRFSS, SE Headboat Survey and Texas Parks and Wildlife Survey.

Recreational:

File Name: **aclspec_81_09all_sources_2mar10.sas7bdat** and

File Name: **aclspec_81_09all_sources_2mar10_csv.zip.**

(Note: These files contain the same data but in different file formats).

Documentation on the extraction of the data for those files and the information in those files is provided in File Name: **ACL request_rec documentation_2Mar10.doc**. Landings are provided both in number and weight (both whole and gutted for groupers). They include estimates of live releases (in number of fish) for the modes covered by MRFSS; no estimates of releases (live or dead) are available for the head boat survey.

Commercial:

Seven excel files are provided, one for separate fishery management units. Landings are provided for both Gulf and South Atlantic regions and are distinguished in the file.

File Name: **COASTAL_MIGRATORY_FMU4Mar2010.xls**

File Name: **GULF_REEFFISH_FMU4Mar2010.xls**

File Name: **RED_DRUM_FMU4Mar2010.xls**

File Name: **ROYAL_RED_SHRIMP_FMU4Mar2010.xls**

File Name: **SATL_REEFFISH_FMU4Mar2010.xls**

File Name: **SPINY_LOBSTER_FMU4Mar2010.xls**

File Name: **STONE_CRAB_FMU4Mar2010.xls**

Additional landings reports exist from the state of Florida. These are for landings in other states which were purchased and reported by Florida dealers. In some cases those landings are reported in the state where the landing occurred and in other cases they may not be recorded in the state where the landing occurred. At this time we are not able to definitively identify all landings which are not recorded in the state of landing. That information can be made available on request.

Item 4 (SAFMC Memo, 1/28/10)

Representative measures of annual effort for the MRFSS and SE Headboat sources and annual effort by predominant gear types (hook and line, pot, trawl) for the ALS and Logbook sources. The SSC requests HB effort reported as angler-days and that data providers be given latitude to consider appropriate effort measures for other data sources that will provide an indication of trends in effective effort over time. Included Files:

Recreational:

The files are an excel file (File Name: **SA rec effort_81_09.xls**) with effort from all recreational surveys, two SAS files (File Name: **hbteff_1986_2008.sas7bdat**; File Name: **newmreff_81_09recalib.sas7bdat**) effort, and two documentation files for the derivation of information in those two files (File Name: **HBeffort_data_doc_17Jan08.doc**; File Name: **MRFSS_effort_est_doc_02Mar10.doc**). The same data are in the SAS files as in the excel file.

Commercial:

A file of commercial effort was provided previously (previous mailing). A revised version is provided at the SAFMC request; the only change is to a column header (File Name: **South Atlantic commercial effort by gear and year revised.docx**). Documentation of the extraction procedures is also provided in that file.

The following are the expected delivery dates for the remaining items in the SAFMC request:

Item 2 (SAFMC Memo, 1/28/10).


Annual mean length and weight for the MRFSS, SE Headboat and TIP. Data will be provided early in June 2010.

Item 5 (SAFMC Memo, 1/28/10).

Annual discards in pounds for all managed stocks for the MRFSS, ALS, SE Headboat and Logbook data sources. Discard estimates for SEDAR assessed and non-SEDAR species will be provided by May 15, 2010.

Please contact Dr. Tom Jamir at (305) 361-4260 or email tom.jamir@noaa.gov if you have any questions or clarifications.

Sincerely,


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