

## Standardized Bycatch Reporting Methodology (SBRM) Workgroup Status Report

The Workgroup continues review the SBRMs established by the Gulf of Mexico, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils, and develop recommendations for changes that would be made through the regional fishery management council process. A draft document has been developed that summarizes SBRMs implemented in FMPs, bycatch collecting programs currently in place, the level of bycatch associated with each fishery, studies conducted to measure bycatch, the current level of observer coverage, and recommendations for updates to SBRMs. The Workgroup is reviewing the document to refine information on bycatch studies, protected species needs, the need for observer coverage in different fisheries, target levels for observer coverage, improvements to enhance bycatch reporting, and recommendations for updates to SBRMs.