

**Summary of the Data Collection Committee
Chair-Harlon Pearce, March 30, 2015**

The committee reviewed the charterboat reporting discussion paper (**Tab F, No. 4**) including the current range management alternatives for three proposed actions.

Action 1 considers modifying for reporting requirements for federally permitted charterboats. The committee modified the wording of the action alternatives concerning reporting software. The rationale is to incorporate guidance from the technical subcommittee report that recommended guidelines for software be established and certified by NMFS thus, allowing flexibility in the software and devices used to submit fisheries data.

The committee recommends and I so move to: change the language in in the document that reads “via computer or internet” to “via NMFS approved electronic logbook devices.”

Mr. Chairman, this concludes my report.

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Motion: I move to change the language in in the document that reads “via computer or internet” to “via NMFS approved electronic logbook devices.”

Substitute motion: I move to change the language in in the document that reads “via computer or internet” to “via NMFS approved hardware/software.”

Substitute Motion carried.

Motion: In Action 3, to change the language of Alternative 3 as follows:

- 1) In line (i), include GulfFIN, so that the line reads “NMFS and/or ACCSP or GulfFIN,”
- 2) In line (v) include language that states “devices that can transmit data from sea,”

Motion failed 2 to 3.

