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# **Southeast Region Commercial Electronic Logbook Reporting – Pilot Study**

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### Pilot Project Description and Timeline

- Initial project stage (pilot testing) will involve:
  - Hiring contractors to perform outreach and equipment installation
  - Working with vendors on equipment specifications & systems requirements
  - testing & modifying the available software for use in the SEFSC region
  - Outreach effort to recruit fishermen to test system
  - Testing the prototype systems on coastal (Gulf & South Atlantic) & pelagic (Atlantic) fisheries
- Estimated duration of initial project stage is 12-18 months which started last August 2013 (estimate one month delay due to shutdown and 2 month delay due to contracting changes)



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- Update on Pilot Project Activities:
  - SEFSC staff have developed data standards, in consultation with the NER and HMS logbook staff, which will have to be met by vendors
  - Outreach specialist has been hired
  - Marine technician still needs to be hired once participants are identified
  - Communicating with four vendors to identify system requirements and modifications needed
  - Ten PCs and Four tablets already purchased for testing e-logbook system prototypes
  - Selection criteria for the 10 vessel participating in this pilot project are currently being developed
  - Once feasibility of prototype is established, full-scale implementation of Commercial Electronic Logbook Reporting Project could commence in 2016 or 2017 depending on future budget allocation & priorities