Summary of the Data Collection Committee
August 27, 2014
Beau Rivage
Biloxi, Mississippi

Committee Members Present:

Harlon Peace, Chair
Kevin Anson, V. Chair
Roy Crabtree
Johnny Greene
Camp Matens
Myron Fischer
Robin Riechers
Martha Bademan
John Sanchez

The Data Collection Agenda (**Tab E, No. 1**) was adopted and the minutes of the June 25, 2014 meeting were approved as written. The Data Collection Committee received a presentation on the commercial electronic logbook pilot program that is being developed by NOAA fisheries. The objectives of the program are to improve data accuracy, developed standardized data entry forms, and increase timeliness of these data for use in science and management. Brett Pierce stated that the pilot program is anticipated to last approximately six months will full implementation to follow. Harlon Pearce encouraged rapid completion of the pilot program to allow full implementation as soon as possible.

Mr. Chairman, this concludes my report.

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Fishing Activity & Catch Tracking System

- Software onboard and a website on shore for reporting

- Launched in Northeast in 2010

- Built based on 14 years of experience in complex fisheries in Western Canada

- We bridge the gap between government and industry and industry feedback is key

- Validation of data as it is entered instead of weeks/months later with paper systems

- Speeds up data entry via saved preferences

- Approved in Northeast and Southeast standards are nearly identical except set level

- Much more than logbooks (hails, dockside validation, observer & dealer reporting

    - One system does it all – no need to learn and install multiple systems

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