

Data Collection Committee Report
August 28, 2013
Hilton Palacio del Rio
San Antonio, Texas

Committee members (present):

Harlon Pearce, Chair
Kevin Anson, V. Chair
Roy Crabtree
Pamella Dana
John Greene
Camp Matens
Robin Riechers
John Sanchez
Martha Bademan

The agenda and minutes of the June 2013 Data Collection Committee were adopted as written. Dr. Carrie Simmons provided an update on the Final Generic Amendment addressing Modifications to Federally Permitted Seafood Dealer Reporting Requirements. No changes were made to the actions and alternatives in the amendment. However, the social and economic effects sections were updated to fully include the Mid-Atlantic and North Atlantic regions for the dophin-wahoo, and coastal migratory pelagic FMPs. There were additional public hearings held in these regions to receive public comment on the document.

Ms. Mara Levy provided an overview of the modifications made to the codified text, but noted that these changes do not impact Gulf Council fisheries. There were two main changes, first the specific data elements that dealers are required to report via the electronic reporting systems was removed. The purpose of the modification was to allow the Southeast Fisheries Science Center to have more flexibility in adding or removing data elements. The second modification made to the codified text included clarification that private anglers are limited to one daily bag limit for a trip that spans longer than one calendar day.

Mr. David Cupka stated the South Atlantic Council intends to take final action on this document at their September Council meeting.

The committee recommends and I so move: **to recommend to the Council that the Modifications to the Federally-Permitted Seafood Dealer Reporting Requirements and codified text be submitted to the Secretary of Commerce and that the regulations be deemed as necessary and appropriate.**

The Gulf Council approved the motion.

Dr. Bonnie Ponwith provided an overview on the current peer-reviewed reports posted on the Southeast Fisheries Science Center website. She stated that this review was part of a 5-year review cycle, data collection and management, and well as office of science and technology. Dr. Ponwith stated that there would be an additional review initiated in 2014 on the stock assessments themselves such as models and methods utilized for assessments.

Mr. Pearce asked whether there were any additional recommendations for the Council from the committee and, hearing none, adjourned the meeting.

Mr. Chairman, this concludes my report.