

Commercial Electronic Log Book Reporting - IPT Meeting (4/1/13)

At the IPT meeting, SEFSC staff indicated they would be implementing a pilot project to test the new commercial electronic reporting system in 2014. The pilot project is expected to last two years and the system could be ready for widespread implementation in 2016.

The IPT requests direction from the Councils on how to proceed. At this point, we need the following information from the SEFSC in order to continue with the development of this amendment with the current alternatives:

- 1) Reporting parameters for Commercial Electronic Reporting System
- 2) Timeline for completion of Commercial Electronic Reporting System
- 3) Pilot Project Description and Timeline
- 4) Determine preferred reporting frequency for all FMPs
- 5) List of modification being made to the current logbook this summer
- 6) How will the HMS Division be affected

The information above should be presented at the upcoming GMFMC and SAFMC Council meetings.

At this point, the IPT has the information to modify reporting requirements for the existing paper logbook system. However, the intent of the amendment is to move to electronic logbook reporting. If the Council's want to proceed with the electronic logbook amendment, we may need to adjust our timeline to correspond more closely with the timeline outlined by the SEFSC as related to the development of the program.

Existing paper logbook (?)

- 1) Change the timing of existing FMP paper logbook reporting to be consistent with the SEFSC requirements while the electronic system is developed

Future electronic logbook

- 1) Description of new electronic reporting system
- 2) Change the timing of existing FMPs reporting to be consistent (or SEFSC requirements)
- 3) Catastrophic conditions statement
- 4) Compliance Measures—with the electronic logbook and its timely data collection, enforcement will be able to ensure that those who are not reporting on time are not fishing or able to sell their fish.