



Comprehensive Ecosystem Based Amendment-3

**SAFMC Meeting
September 2015**

CEBA-3 History

- **Scoping Meetings began in Jan 2011**
- **Public Hearings were held in June 2012**
- **Had as many as 9 actions**
- **Currently the only remaining action is:**

Action 1. Amend the Snapper Grouper, Dolphin and Wahoo, Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources, and Golden Crab Fishery Management Plans to modify bycatch and discard reporting.



Alternative 1

Alternative 1 (No Action). ACCSP Release, Discard, and Protected Species Module is currently the required methodology. Until these standards are fully funded, require the use of a variety of sources to assess and monitor bycatch including: observer coverage on vessels; logbooks; electronic logbook; video monitoring; MRFSS; state cooperation; and grant funded projects. After the ACCSP Bycatch Module standards are implemented, continue the use of technologies to augment and verify observer data. Require that commercial vessels with snapper grouper permit, for-hire vessels with a for-hire permit, and private recreational vessels if fishing for snapper grouper species in the EEZ, if selected shall use observer coverage, logbooks, electronic logbooks, video monitoring, or any other method deemed necessary to measure bycatch by NMFS.



Alternative 1- Quantitative Standards

Commercial Fishing

- Observer Program
- Mandatory Fishermen Self-Reporting Systems

For-Hire Fishing

- At-Sea Samplers
- Intercept Surveys

Private Recreational Fishing

- Recreational Intercept Surveys
- Recreational Observer Program, where possible
- Verification of angler reports, where possible



Alternative 1- Qualitative Standards

Commercial Fishing

- Port Interviewing
- Entanglement/Stranding Reporting

For-Hire Fishing

- Call-in Reports
- Entanglement/Stranding Reporting

Data Collection

- Marine Mammal Authorization Program
- Stranding/Entanglement Data from commercial, for-hire, and recreational fisheries
- Port Interviews to Verify Voluntary Data in Commercial Fisheries



Alternative 1- Other ACCSP Elements

- **Training and Outreach**
- **ACCSP Data Elements on Reporting Forms**
- **Training Programs for At-Sea and Observer Samplers**
- **Pilot Studies for New Data Collection Programs**



Alternative 2

Require that commercial vessels with: a Commercial Atlantic Dolphin Wahoo Permit, a Spanish Mackerel Commercial Permit, King Mackerel Committee Gillnet Permit; for-hire vessels with a Charter/Headboat Permit for Dolphin/Wahoo, Charter/Headboat Permit for Coastal Migratory Pelagics (CMP); and private recreational vessels if fishing for dolphin/wahoo or CMP species in the EEZ, if selected, shall use observer coverage, logbooks, electronic logbooks, video monitoring, or any other method deemed necessary to measure bycatch by the National Marine Fisheries Service.



Alternative 3

Implement mandatory observer coverage as described by the ACCSP standards

- **Sub-alternative 3a. Snapper-Grouper**
- **Sub-alternative 3b. Coastal Migratory Pelagic**
- **Sub-alternative 3c. Dolphin Wahoo**
- **Sub-alternative 3d. Golden Crab**

