

**FINAL**  
**Summary of the SAFMC Data Collection Committee**  
**March 7, 2013**  
**Sea Palms Resort & Conference Center**  
**St. Simons Island, GA**

**Members:**

Michelle Duval, Chair  
Jessica McCawley/Martha Bademan, Vice Chair  
Steve Amick  
Tom Burgess  
Ben Hartig  
Wilson Laney  
Charlie Phillips  
Tom Swatzel

The agenda was adopted, and the minutes of the December 2012 meeting were approved.

**Joint Gulf & South Atlantic Council Generic Dealer Amendment**

The committee received a status update on the Joint Gulf & South Atlantic Council Generic Dealer Amendment from Dr. Jack McGovern, NMFS SERO. The amendment was submitted for formal Secretarial review on October 30, 2012. In preparing the regulatory package a number of changes were made to clearly describe the current dealer reporting requirements, clarify the number of potential dealers affected and the number that may be subjected to duplicative reporting for a period of time, and elaborate on the impacts if a dealer does not currently own a computer. The committee discussed these changes and on behalf of the committee I move the following:

**MOTION #1: APPROVE THE MODIFICATIONS TO THE DEALER AMENDMENT AND APPROVE THE AMENDMENT FOR FORMAL REVIEW AND DEEM THE CODIFIED TEXT AS NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE  
APPROVED BY COMMITTEE  
APPROVED BY COUNCIL**

**MOTION #2: GIVE STAFF AND THE COUNCIL CHAIR EDITORIAL LICENSE TO MAKE EDITORIAL CORRECTIONS TO THE AMENDMENT AND THE CODIFIED TEXT  
APPROVED BY COMMITTEE  
APPROVED BY COUNCIL**

CE-BA 3

Council staff (Anna Martin) reviewed the revised and updated CE-BA 3 document that now contains one action addressing bycatch.

**MOTION #3: ACCEPT THE IPT RECOMMENDATION FOR THE PURPOSE AND NEED FOR CE-BA 3.**

**APPROVED BY COMMITTEE**

**APPROVED BY COUNCIL**

**Purpose for Action**

CE-BA 3 would improve bycatch/discard data collection methods to better quantify all sources of fishing mortality in South Atlantic fisheries.

**Need for Action**

The *need* for CE-BA 3 is to improve data collection methods that will allow for a better quantification of the type and magnitude of bycatch, improve the quality of stock assessments, and allow for better management measures that will reduce bycatch in South Atlantic fisheries.

**MOTION #4: ACCEPT THE IPT RECOMMENDATION TO RECOMMENDED LANGUAGE FOR ALTERNATIVES AND 2 AND 3.**

**APPROVED BY COMMITTEE**

**APPROVED BY COUNCIL**

**Alternative 2.** Require that commercial vessels with: a Commercial Atlantic Dolphin Wahoo Permit, a Spanish Mackerel Commercial Permit, King Mackerel Commercial Permit and a King Mackerel Commercial 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 (NMFS).

**Alternative 3.** Implement mandatory observer coverage as described by the ACCSP standards.

**Sub-alternative 3a.** Snapper-Grouper

**Sub-alternative 3b.** Coastal Migratory Pelagics

**Sub-alternative 3c.** Dolphin Wahoo

**Sub-alternative 3d.** Golden Crab

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: ADOPT IPT RECOMMENDATION FOR ALTERNATIVE 2 AND DELETE REFERENCE TO PRIVATE RECREATIONAL VESSELS.

**(FAIL FOR LACK OF A SECOND)**

**MOTION #5: REQUEST AN ANALYSIS FROM NOAA GENERAL COUNSEL TO IDENTIFY HOW THE SA COUNCIL IS MEETING ITS BYCATCH REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE MSA  
APPROVED BY COMMITTEE  
APPROVED BY COUNCIL**

**MOTION #6: POSTPONE FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF CE-BA 3 UNTIL RECEIPT OF ANALYSIS FROM NOAA GC  
APPROVED BY COMMITTEE  
APPROVED BY COUNCIL**

Joint SA/GM Generic Charter/Headboat Reporting in the South Atlantic Amendment  
Council staff (Gregg Waugh) reviewed the Gulf Council's February 7, 2013 Data Collection Committee Report; the Gulf Council approved the amendment, along with any regulations deemed necessary and appropriate by the South Atlantic Council, for formal review. Council staff reviewed the compliance and catastrophic condition provisions that were added to the amendment to reflect the Councils' intent. The committee discussed the amendment and on behalf of the committee I move the following:

**MOTION #7: APPROVE THE JOINT SOUTH ATLANTIC & GULF COUNCIL GENERIC FOR-HIRE REPORTING AMENDMENT (SA ONLY) FOR FORMAL SECRETARIAL REVIEW AND DEEM THE CODIFIED TEXT AS NECESSARY AND APROPRIATE  
APPROVED BY COMMITTEE  
APPROVED BY COUNCIL**

**MOTION #8: GIVE STAFF AND COUNCIL CHAIR EDITORIAL LICENCE TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE AMENDMENT AND CODIFIED TEXT AS NECESSARY AND REDEEM THE CODIFIED TEXT  
APPROVED BY COMMITTEE  
APPROVED BY COUNCIL**

Council staff noted that since the compliance and catastrophic provisions were added to the South Atlantic For-Hire Reporting Amendment (SA Only), the Councils no longer need to prepare a joint amendment. The Gulf Council is preparing a regulatory amendment to the Gulf Reefish FMP and to the CMP FMP. The South Atlantic Council will need to approve the CMP Regulatory amendment once it is completed.

Council staff reviewed the Joint South Atlantic/Gulf of Mexico Generic Logbook Reporting Amendment and reported that the Gulf Council approved working with the South Atlantic Council on this amendment. The Committee discussed the action/alternatives and provided guidance to staff as reflected below in the Timing and Task Motion.

Council staff reviewed the status of work on charterboat reporting. Pres Pate informed the committee that the MRIP Pilot Study Report has completed the peer review process and a presentation will be made to the Gulf Council at their April 2013 meeting. The committee discussed this amendment and provided guidance to staff as reflected below in the Timing and Task Motion.

***Timing and Task Draft Motion***

The following draft motion has been developed based on actions taken by the Committee:

**MOTION #9: APPROVE THE TASKS AND TIMING AS PRESENTED:  
APPROVED BY COUNCIL**

1. Make any necessary revisions to the Joint South Atlantic/Gulf of Mexico Generic Charter/Headboat Reporting in the South Atlantic Amendment and codified text and send for formal review prior to the June Council meeting.
2. Schedule a NOAA GC presentation to identify how the South Atlantic Council is meeting the MSA requirement for a bycatch monitoring program at the September 2013 meeting.
3. Joint South Atlantic/Gulf of Mexico Generic Logbook Reporting Amendment:
  - a. Continue working with the Gulf Council to develop this amendment
  - b. Coordinate with the SEFSC on removal of several reporting items on the commercial logbook form and provide a status report at the June 2013 meeting
  - c. Work with the SEFSC to develop a schedule of meetings/workgroup with commercial fishermen in the Gulf and South Atlantic to work on developing the electronic logbook and bring back to the committee at the June 2013 meeting
  - d. Direct the IPT to work on the wording and structure of the action/alternatives and bring back to the committee at the June 2013 meeting
4. Coordinate with the Gulf Council to approve their regulatory amendment to the CMP FMP on Gulf Headboat Reporting.
5. Directed staff to keep the South Atlantic Council informed of progress on the Gulf Council's Generic Amendment addressing Charter Reporting
  - a. Schedule a presentation from MRIP on the Gulf Charterboat Pilot Study at the June 2013 meeting
  - b. Appoint a South Atlantic Council staff member to participate on the subcommittee working on coordinating potential changes to charterboat reporting with MRIP
  - c. Work with the Gulf Council on a generic amendment to address charterboat reporting

Mr. Chairman, this concludes my report.