

FINAL
SUMMARY REPORT
DATA COMMITTEE
SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
Ponte Vedra Beach, FL
June 15, 2017

The Committee approved the agenda and minutes from the December 2016 meeting.

1. Reports and Updates

Jack McGovern provided an update on the Council's FHER amendment. The GMFMC for-hire reporting amendment has also been submitted. SERO is preparing an approval package for both. Interjurisdictional Teams are being assembled to address program details and implementation.

Rick DeVictor provided an update on SBRM. The final rule gave the Councils until February 2022 to develop an evaluation of SBRM in FMPs. SERO is working on a review document and formalizing a team to begin the FMP reviews. The Council requested SSC review in October 2017 and further reporting to the Committee in December 2017.

John Carmichael noted that progress continues on the For-hire Reporting Pilot Project. Fishermen are using the application and devices and submitting data on their trips. The project team is addressing challenges and glitches as they arise.

Bonnie Ponwith presented and discussed the Southeast Regional Headboat Survey 2016 South Atlantic Annual Report. The committee strongly supports the report, and requested preparing a source document to provide the full time series of estimates that are summarized in the annual report.

2. South Atlantic Research Plan

The Committee reviewed and approved the 2017 South Atlantic Research and Monitoring Prioritization Plan for 2018 – 2022 without modification.

MOTIONS:

**MOTION #1. MOVE TO APPROVE THE RESEARCH AND MONITORING
PRIORITIZATION PLAN FOR 2018-2022
APPROVED BY COMMITTEE
APPROVED BY COUNCIL**

Note: Council staff drafts the timing and task motion based on Committee action. If points require clarification, they will be added to the draft motion. The Committee should review this wording carefully to be sure it accurately reflects their intent prior to making the motion.

Timing and Tasks

MOTION #2. ADOPT THE FOLLOWING TIMING AND TASK(S):

- 1) Prepare a memo to the NMFS SEFSC requesting a source document to support the Headboat Survey Annual Report.**

APPROVED BY COUNCIL