

**FINAL
SUMMARY REPORT
DATA COMMITTEE
SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
December 4, 2017**

1. Status Reports

SAFMC For-Hire Electronic Reporting Amendment

Rick DeVictor, SERO, updated the committee on the review and implementation efforts for the For-Hire Reporting Amendment. A proposed rule is undergoing internal review, and it was noted that implementation of SAFMC provisions is moving ahead faster than implementation of the GMFMC amendment. Rick also provided an overview of the Southeast For-Hire Integrated Electronic Reporting (SEFHIER) process. The Committee requested that Nick Farmer, SERO, provide a progress report on SEFHIER at the March 2018 Council meeting.

SAFMC Data Collection Pilot Project

Dr. Mike Errigo, SAFMC, provided a presentation on the recently completed data collection pilot project. The project developed an electronic reporting application capable of meeting the needs of SAFMC electronic for-hire reporting and an electronic form for dockside sampling. Progress was also made on linking electronic measuring boards to the reporting application, and providing a tool for law enforcement to verify reporting compliance.

Charter Reporting Outreach

Kathleen Howington, SAFMC, provided an overview of the Council's outreach and education efforts for the charter reporting requirements. Training webinars have been held, and in-person sessions have been convened in South Carolina and Georgia. Training will continue in Florida and North Carolina in the coming months, and a help desk will be developed.

MOTIONS

No motions were made during the Committee meeting.