

OVERVIEW

Ad Hoc Data Collection Committee Meeting

December 5, 2012
Hilton Wilmington Riverside
301 North Water Street
Wilmington, NC

The Ad Hoc Data Collection Committee will: (A) receive a presentation from NMFS SEFSC on their method to estimate recreational catches; (B) receive a presentation from Council Staff/NMFS SEFSC on results of the live demonstration of the NMFS Quota Monitoring System; (C) receive a status report from NMFS SERO on the Joint Dealer Amendment; (D) receive an overview of Gulf Council actions; and (E) review, revise, and approve the Data Items for CEBA-3 and the codified text for formal Secretarial review.

A. Presentations

The committee will receive the following presentations:

- A. NMFS Presentation on Post-Stratification methodology used to arrive at recreational landings estimates (including whether the methodology has been reviewed and whether it is used in other regions) – Dr. Bonnie Ponwith, SEFSC Director
- B. Results of Live Demonstration of the NMFS Quota Monitoring System for Council Staff – Gregg Waugh, Council Staff and Dr. Bonnie Ponwith, SEFSC Director

Note: No presentation on the post-stratification methodology was received for the 1st briefing book and the live demonstration has not been scheduled as of the 1st briefing book.

REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION:

1. Discuss the recreational catch estimation methodology and the Quota Monitoring System.
2. Provide guidance to staff: Action as may be necessary.

B. Joint Gulf & South Atlantic Council Generic Dealer Amendment

The Joint Dealer Amendment was sent for formal Secretarial review on October 30, 2012. NMFS SERO will give a status report and the expected timing for full implementation.

REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION:

1. Discuss.
2. Provide guidance to staff: Action as may be necessary.

C. Gulf Council Actions on CE-BA 3 and Other Data Issues

Gregg Waugh, SAFMC Staff, will review the Gulf Council actions:

1. CE-BA 3 was not presented to the Gulf Council for their final review and approval because there are two actions with no preferred alternatives. The South Atlantic Council is scheduled to select preferred alternatives for the remaining actions and approve the amendment for formal review at their December 2012 meeting. The amendment would be submitted for formal review in January and presented to the Gulf Council at their February meeting for their review and approval.
2. The Gulf Council approved the following motions:
 - a. Motion#1: To create a subcommittee with a member of the South Atlantic HMS, Gulf Council, SEFSC, and MRIP to coordinate and bring back a complementary document to deal with headboat data collection system.
Motion carried with no opposition.
 - b. Motion#2: To split electronic reporting for headboats into a separate amendment and work cooperatively with the South Atlantic Council, and to work on a separate amendment to address electronic reporting for charterboats.
Motion carried with no opposition.
 - c. Motion#3: When meeting with the SAFMC, to include in the discussion electronic logbook reporting and the timing of those reports as well.
Motion carried with no opposition.
 - d. Motion#4: To begin work on an amendment for electronic reporting for charterboats and to make the South Atlantic Council aware that we are developing the amendment.
Motion carried with no opposition.
 - e. Motion: That the charge of the Ad Hoc Private Recreational Data Collection AP be as follows:
 - Work with different experts to evaluate the merit of using offshore fishing permits, vessel registration information, and satellite imaging to gauge fishing effort.
 - Work with staff from the Southeast Science Center to evaluate the utility of self-reported angler data. (i.e. electronic web based/ phone apps)
 - Suggest possible “citizen scientists” projects that can be used to supplement current recreational data.
 - Critique the MRIP Strategic Communications Plan for recreational data collection, provide feedback on clarity and effectiveness of the message, and advise the Council on which pathways should be used to connect with anglers.

Motion carried with no opposition.

3. Options for the South Atlantic Council:

- a. **Option 1.** Delay improvements to headboat reporting (and commercial logbook reporting) for a year to work with the Gulf Council on a joint amendment. Would need to get the Gulf to agree to address commercial logbooks in the same amendment.
- b. **Option 2.** Continue with CE-BA 3 and finalize at the December meeting. Agree to work with the Gulf Council on a Joint Headboat Amendment to add compliance requirement and paper logbook in the event of extreme circumstances.
- c. **Option 3.** Agree to work with the Gulf Council on a Joint Charterboat Amendment.
- d. **Option 4.** Others??

REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION:

1. Discuss Gulf motions.
2. Provide guidance on options to move forward.

D. Data Collection Actions in CE-BA 3

Gregg Waugh, SAFMC Staff, will review the actions/alternatives included in CE-BA 3 (**Attachments 1a-1c**). The Decision Document is included in the 1st Briefing Book (**Attachment 2**) and that document will be used to work through the actions/alternatives.

REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION:

1. Discuss data collection actions and specify remaining preferred alternatives.
2. Approve data items in CE-BA 3 for formal Secretarial review.
3. Review, revise, and approve the codified text (**Attachment 3**, 2nd briefing book)