

# OVERVIEW

## Data Collection Committee Meeting

June 13, 2013

Hutchinson Island Marriott

555 NE Ocean Boulevard

Stuart, Florida

The Data Collection Committee will: (A) receive a status report from NMFS SERO on the Joint Dealer Amendment and take action as may be necessary; (B) receive a status report from NMFS SERO on the Joint Generic For-Hire Reporting Amendment (SA only) and take action as may be necessary; (C) receive a presentation on the pilot study to test the feasibility of electronic for-hire reporting in the Gulf and take action as may be necessary; (D) review the Gulf For-Hire Reporting Framework (Headboats only) and take action as may be necessary; (E) review the IPT's recommendations and Gulf's actions on the Commercial Logbook Reporting Amendment, provide guidance to staff on timing, and take action as may be necessary; (F) discuss the status of the Charterboat Reporting Amendment and provide guidance on options to move forward; and (G) receive a presentation on SEFSC sampling/research protocols and take action as may be necessary.

### **A. Joint Gulf & South Atlantic Council Generic Dealer Amendment**

The Joint Dealer Amendment was originally sent for formal Secretarial review on October 30, 2012. NMFS SERO and NOAA GC identified some issues that were discovered in early 2013 that needed to be modified in the amendment document. They presented the changes in the revised amendment to the SAFMC during the March Council meeting and the GMFMC during their April meeting (**Attachment 2**). Both Councils approved the changes and reapproved the amendment/codified text for formal review. The revised amendment (Summary included as **Attachment 1**) was sent for formal review on April 24, 2013. NMFS SERO will provide the expected timing for full implementation. Note: The MSA (Section 304 (a)) provides that the Secretary shall immediately commence review of a plan or amendment; immediately means on or before the 5<sup>th</sup> day after the day on which the Council transmits to the Secretary a FMP or amendment. Under this requirement, the review period should have begun by April 29, 2013.

### **REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION:**

1. Determine when the review process officially began.
2. Take action as may be necessary.

### **B. Joint South Atlantic & Gulf Council Generic For-Hire Reporting Amendment (SA only)**

At the March 2013 meeting, the Council approved the for-hire reporting in the South Atlantic only amendment. The amendment was provided to the Gulf Council for their February 2013 meeting and they approved sending the document to the Secretary for formal review. The final amendment (Summary included as **Attachment 3**) was sent for formal review on April 23, 2013. NMFS SERO will provide the expected timing for full implementation. Note: The MSA (Section 304 (a)) provides that the Secretary shall immediately commence review of a plan or

amendment; immediately means on or before the 5<sup>th</sup> day after the day on which the Council transmits to the Secretary a FMP or amendment. Under this requirement, the review period should have begun by April 28, 2013.

**REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION:**

1. Determine when the review process officially began.
2. Take action as may be necessary.

**C. Electronic For-Hire Reporting in the Gulf**

Results from the pilot study in the Gulf will be presented (**Attachment 4**). The Gulf Council received a similar presentation during their April 2013 meeting.

**REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION:**

1. Discuss the results.
2. Provide guidance on how to incorporate lessons learned into ongoing amendments.
3. Take action as may be necessary.

**D. Gulf Framework to implement For-Hire Reporting (Headboat only)**

At the December 2012 meeting, the South Atlantic Council moved the for-hire reporting in the South Atlantic & Gulf action into a separate amendment. The South Atlantic Council's intent was to address compliance and the provision for paper reporting in catastrophic situations in this amendment. However, NMFS and NOAA GC advised that text could be added to the SA only For-Hire Amendment to address these two issues. This was done and was included in the SA Only For-Hire Amendment (see B above). The Gulf Council is moving forward with a Framework Action to implement Headboat Reporting in the Gulf, and the South Atlantic Council will need to approve the modifications to the CMP FMP before the amendment is sent for formal review; Gulf Council scheduled to give final approval at June 2013 meeting. Gregg Waugh, SAFMC Staff, will review the Gulf Council's actions (**Attachments 2&5**).

**REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION:**

1. Review Gulf Council actions.
2. Discuss and take action as may be necessary.

**E. Joint South Atlantic & Gulf Council Generic Commercial Logbook Reporting Amendment (GM & SA)**

At the December 2012 meeting, the South Atlantic Council moved the commercial logbook reporting action into a separate amendment, directed staff to work with the Gulf Council to determine if they would work with us on a joint amendment, and coordinate with the SEFSC on removal of several reporting items on the commercial logbook form. A summary of the issue with the action/alternatives as discussed by the South Atlantic Council was provided to the Gulf Council for their February 2013 meeting (**Attachment 7**). The Gulf Council approved a motion agreeing to work cooperatively with the South Atlantic Council on development of the Joint

South Atlantic/Gulf of Mexico Generic Commercial Logbook Reporting Amendment. At the March 2013 meeting, the South Atlantic Council directed staff to do the following:

- 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

The IPT met on April 1, 2013 and their report is **Attachment 6**. The Gulf participants viewed the process beginning at square one while the South Atlantic Council staff viewed the process as taking what the South Atlantic Council had approved and developing similar wording for the Gulf. In addition, the SEFSC will not be ready to implement changes across the fisheries with a commercial logbook until 2016. The IPT is requesting guidance on how to proceed (see list in Attachment 6).

Gregg Waugh, SAFMC Staff, will review the IPT's report and the Amendment Summary. The Committee/Council will discuss and provide guidance on how to proceed.

**REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION:**

1. Review Gulf Council actions, IPT recommendations, and the Amendment Summary.
2. Discuss, provide guidance to staff on timing, and take action as may be necessary.

**F. Joint South Atlantic & Gulf Council Generic Charterboat Reporting Amendment**

At their December 2012 meeting, the South Atlantic Council reviewed the Gulf Council's actions related to charterboat reporting (shown below), and directed staff to keep the Council informed of progress on the Gulf Council's Generic Amendment addressing Charter Reporting.

The Gulf Council approved the following motions at their October 2012 meeting:

- 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#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.
- c. 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.

The Gulf Council did not address the Charterboat Reporting Amendment at their February or April 2013 meetings and the subcommittee identified in Motion#1 above has yet to be established.

**REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION:**

1. Discuss the status of the Charterboat Reporting Amendment.
2. Provide guidance on options to move forward.

**G. SEFSC Sampling Protocols**

The SEFSC is undergoing a program review during the week of June 3<sup>rd</sup> 2013. Ben Hartig requested that sampling protocols also be reviewed and this was added to the items being reviewed. The SEFSC will provide a presentation on the protocols in place for biological sampling (size/age/reproduction) and research projects (preliminary work on developing a red snapper juvenile index with pinfish traps). Note: numbers of juvenile black sea bass were collected in the pinfish traps and this may provide the opportunity to develop a juvenile index that could be incorporated into the next stock assessment.

**REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION:**

1. Receive the presentation.
2. Discuss and take action as may be necessary.