

OVERVIEW

Ad Hoc Data Collection Committee Meeting

March 5, 2012
Savannah Hilton DeSoto
15 East Liberty Street
Savannah, GA

The Ad Hoc Data Collection Committee will: (A) receive presentations on NC daily dealer reporting and ACCSP dealer reporting; (B) review, revise, and approve the Scoping Document for the Joint Dealer Amendment; and (C) review scoping comments on data issues and develop recommendations on Items for CEBA-3.

Chairman Cupka established the Ad Hoc Data Collection Committee to address the Joint Dealer Amendment and other data needs. This will be the first meeting of this committee. Some time spent discussing the mission and approach is warranted; draft wording is provided below:

=====DRAFT COMMITTEE MISSION & APPROACH=====

The **mission of this committee is to specify the data/reporting requirements necessary to ensure ACLs are not exceeded. This requires data on landings and discards.** On the Atlantic Coast, all States, Councils, Commission, and NMFS have already developed and approved minimum data reporting standards through ACCSP. We should look to ACCSP as the basic requirements and see where the Council needs to augment. A major consideration is Who is piloting the reporting boat? The States have already taken the lead with dealer reporting and the Federal role here should be as a recipient of the data and providing enforcement on Federal dealers to report. On vessel reporting, the Feds should perhaps have the lead role and perhaps the entire responsibility.

The biggest rub on **dealer** reporting is that NMFS is proposing weekly reporting with them having authority to go to daily as needed. This seems to be a mistake as daily reporting is needed to ensure ACLs are not exceeded, so why design a system that we know will fail to deliver what is needed? Mr. Don Hesselman (NC DMR) will brief the Committee on NC's experience with daily dealer reporting. NMFS has expressed concerns that they lack the necessary resources to handle daily reporting. However, if all Federal Dealers are required to report daily (say by 10 am or noon of the following day) via computer software (provided by ACCSP?), the Dealer would hit one key and send their previous day's data to the State, ACCSP, and NMFS, thereby satisfying all of their reporting requirements. The daily reports are totaled automatically and updates sent to States, Councils, NMFS, and some public site fishermen can check to see what remains on the commercial ACLs. NMFS could then verify the data weekly or sooner as resources allow. There needs to be some feed-back/electronic receipt to the dealer (e.g., access via password for dealer to check their data, some daily or weekly or monthly report automatically sent to dealer for verification within some set period, etc.). Mr. Mike Cahall (ACCSP) will clarify what ACCSP can provide.

All **dealer** reporting will be specified through the Joint SAFMC/GMFMC Dealer Amendment. The Committee should discuss one universal permit versus separate SA/GM permits (recognizing some FL dealers would need to get both) because the South Atlantic Council may want to specify different requirements now and in the future.

Vessel reporting will be specified by the South Atlantic Council alone and the Committee needs to determine which Amendment will address vessel reporting. CEBA-3 is a logical vehicle because it will be an amendment to all FMPs as needed. Draft revisions to reporting on the for-hire side from NMFS are included as Attachment 4. The for-hire sector needs to provide their reports using electronic software after each trip and we need detailed location and discard information. For commercial vessels we need the same as for the for-hire sector: detailed catch location information and information on discards. The South Atlantic Council conducted a project several years ago using an electronic logbook on commercial vessels and we can provide those results. Again NMFS will have resource issues with processing this data but if we automate it and they can provide QA/QC on a timeframe that matches their available resources, then we would have the quota monitoring data at the end of each trip.

ACCSP includes a **bycatch and discard** module that would, if implemented, provide the necessary data to track discards/bycatch. There are resource issues with implementing this level of reporting.

A. Presentations

The committee will receive the following presentations:

- A. Overview – Gregg Waugh
- B. North Carolina Daily Dealer Reporting – Don Hesselman, NC Division of Marine Fisheries
- C. ACCSP Dealer Reporting – Mike Cahall, Director ACCSP

REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION:

- 1. Discuss dealer reporting in NC and capabilities available through ACCSP.
- 2. Provide guidance to staff for Joint Dealer Amendment.

B. Joint Gulf & South Atlantic Council Generic Dealer Amendment

Gregg Waugh, SAFMC Staff, will give an overview of the Scoping Document for the Joint Dealer Amendment and Gulf Council actions.

The Gulf Council approved the following motion:

Motion as amended: To recommend approval of the Generic Amendment for Dealer Permits and Electronic Reporting for scoping hearings to be held in conjunction with Mackerel Amendments 19 and 20 at the following locations:

Galveston, TX	Biloxi area, MS
Port Aransas, TX	Mobile, AL
Grand Isle, LA	Destin, FL
Kenner, LA or St.	Key West, FL
Rose, LA	Fort Myers, FL

Motion as amended carried.

REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION:

1. Discuss/modify the Scoping Document.
2. Approve for scoping.

D. Data Collection Actions in CE-BA 3

Gregg Waugh, SAFMC Staff, will review scoping comments and alternatives that could be included in CE-BA 3.

REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION:

1. Discuss data collection actions.
2. Provide guidance on actions for CE-BA 3.

Action 1. Items to be addressed

Option 1. For-Hire Vessel Reporting

No Action

Modify as per Attachment 4

Others??

Option 2. Commercial Vessel Reporting

No Action

Modify similar to alternatives in SG Amendment 18A

Others??

Option 3. Bycatch and Discard Reporting

No Action

Implement ACCSP

Option 4. Others???

Action 2. Amendment to address Data Collection

Option 1. CE-BA 3

Option 2. Others??

Action 3. Others???