

OVERVIEW

Ad Hoc Data Collection Committee Meeting

March 7, 2013

Sea Palms Resort & Conference Center

5445 Frederica Road

St. Simons Island, GA

The Ad Hoc 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) review, revise, and approve CEBA-3 (Bycatch Reporting) and the codified text for formal Secretarial review; (C) review, revise, and approve the Joint Generic For-Hire Reporting Amendment (SA only) and the codified text for formal Secretarial review; (D) receive a status report on the Joint Generic For-Hire Reporting Amendment (GM & SA) and take action as may be necessary; (E) review the Gulf's actions on the Commercial Logbook Reporting Amendment, provide guidance to staff on timing, and take action as may be necessary; and (F) discuss the status of the Charterboat Reporting Amendment and provide guidance on options to move forward.

A. Joint Gulf & South Atlantic Council Generic Dealer Amendment

The Joint Dealer Amendment was sent for formal Secretarial review on October 30, 2012. NMFS SERO and NOAA GC will give a status report explaining some issues that were discovered that need to be modified in the amendment document. They will also go over the changes in the revised amendment (**Attachment 1**) that will be provided during the March Council meeting. This will require the Committee/Council to discuss these items and reapprove the amendment/codified text for formal review. NMFS SERO will also provide the expected timing for full implementation.

REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION:

1. Discuss the issue and modifications to the documents.
2. Approve the modifications to the text of the Generic Dealer Amendment and Appendices, modify actions if appropriate, and approve for formal review.
3. Review, modify as appropriate, and deem the codified text as necessary and appropriate.
4. Give staff editorial license to make editorial corrections to the amendment document and codified text as may be necessary.

B. Data Collection Action in CE-BA 3

At the December 2012 meeting, the Council removed all actions except the action dealing with bycatch reporting from CE-BA 3. Anna Martin, SAFMC Staff, will review the actions/alternatives included in CE-BA 3 (**Attachments 2a-2c**).

REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION:

1. Discuss the bycatch reporting action and select a preferred alternative.
2. Approve CE-BA 3 for formal Secretarial review with the understanding that it will be reviewed/approved by the Gulf Council at their April 2013 meeting.
3. Review, revise, and deem the codified text as necessary and appropriate (**Attachment 2c**).

4. Give staff editorial license to make editorial corrections to the amendment document and codified text as may be necessary.

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

At the December 2012 meeting, the Council moved the for-hire reporting in the South Atlantic only action into a separate amendment. The amendment document was provided to the Gulf Council for their February 2013 meeting and they approved sending the document to the Secretary for formal review (**Attachment 3**). Gregg Waugh, SAFMC Staff, will review the Gulf Council's actions, the actions/alternatives, and the codified text for the proposed rule (**Attachments 4a-4c**).

REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION:

1. Review revisions to the amendment document.
2. Approve the Joint South Atlantic & Gulf Council Generic For-Hire Reporting Amendment (SA Only) for formal Secretarial review.
3. Review, revise, and approve the codified text (**Attachment 4c**).
4. Give staff editorial license to make editorial corrections to the amendment document and codified text as may be necessary.

D. Joint South Atlantic & Gulf Council Generic For-Hire Reporting Amendment (GM & SA)

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 is included in the SA Only For-Hire Amendment; therefore, this amendment is no longer necessary. 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 once it is completed by the Gulf Council before the amendment is sent for formal review. Gregg Waugh, SAFMC Staff, will review the Gulf Council's actions (**Attachment 3**).

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 5**). 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 (**Attachment 3**). Gregg Waugh, SAFMC Staff, will review the Gulf Council's actions and the Amendment Summary. The Committee/Council will discuss and provide guidance on timing and actions/alternatives.

REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION:

1. Review Gulf Council actions 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 2013 meeting 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.