

OVERVIEW

Data Collection Committee Meeting

September 13, 2013

The Charleston Marriott Hotel

170 Lockwood Boulevard

Charleston, South Carolina

The Data Collection Committee will: (A) receive a status report from NMFS SERO on the Joint Generic For-Hire Reporting Amendment (SA only), receive a report on how compliance will be implemented, and take action as may be necessary; (B) receive a status report from NMFS SERO on the Gulf For-Hire Reporting Framework (Headboats only), receive a report on how compliance will be implemented, and take action as may be necessary; (C) review changes to the Joint Dealer Amendment, receive a report on how compliance will be implemented, and approve the amendment/codified text for formal review; (D) receive a SEFSC presentation on sample sizes for individual species and take action as may be necessary; (E) receive an overview of the NOAA electronic data reporting directive, receive a SEFSC presentation on the details of the commercial electronic logbook pilot project, and take action as may be necessary; (F) discuss the status of the Charterboat Reporting Amendment and provide guidance on options to move forward.

A. 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 1**) was sent for formal review on April 23, 2013. NMFS SERO will provide the expected timing for full implementation. NMFS/NOAA will give a report on how compliance will be implemented.

REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION:

1. Receive reports on the status and how compliance will be implemented.
2. Determine when the review process officially began or will begin.
3. Discuss and take action as may be necessary.

B. 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 above). The Gulf Council approved a Framework Action (List of Actions included as **Attachment 2**) to implement Headboat Reporting in the Gulf at their June 2013 meeting, and the South Atlantic Council approved the modifications to the CMP FMP at

the June 2013 meeting prior to the amendment being sent for formal review. NMFS/NOAA will give a report on how compliance will be implemented.

REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION:

1. Receive reports on the status and how compliance will be implemented.
2. Determine when the review process officially began or will begin.
3. Discuss and take action as may be necessary.

C. 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. Both Councils approved the changes and reapproved the amendment/codified text for formal review. The revised amendment was sent for formal review on April 24, 2013. NOAA GC identified additional issues and advised the Council in June that additional analyses would need to be completed and hearings held in the Mid-Atlantic and New England areas. The hearings were held and we received no verbal or written comments (**Attachment 3**). Council staff will give an overview of the changes (**Attachment 4**), the Gulf Council actions (**Attachment 5**), and the revised amendment (**Attachment 6**).

REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION:

1. Review the changes to the amendment.
2. Receive a report on how compliance will be implemented.
3. Approve the Joint Gulf and South Atlantic Council Generic Dealer Amendment (**Attachment 6**) for formal review.
4. Approve the codified text (**Attachment 7**) as necessary and appropriate.

D. SEFSC: Sample Sizes for Individual Species

The SEFSC will give a presentation (**Attachment 8**) on what the target sample size is for individual species for collection of biological samples. The target level will be compared to what was actually achieved.

REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION:

1. Receive the presentation.
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. 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. 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 requested guidance on how to proceed. At their June meeting, the Council requested a presentation for the September 2013 meeting on details of the commercial electronic logbook pilot project. Council staff will provide an overview of the NOAA Electronic Data Reporting Directive (**Attachment 9**). The SEFSC will provide the presentation (**Attachment 10**). The Summary from the South Atlantic commercial logbook actions is included (**Attachment 11**).

REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION:

1. Receive the overview and presentation.
2. Discuss, provide guidance to staff, 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 or June 2013 meetings and the subcommittee identified in Motion#1 above has yet to be established. Any Gulf Council actions from their August meeting and other information will be included in the 2nd briefing book Council staff will provide an overview of the NOAA Electronic Data Reporting Directive (**Attachment 12**).

REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION:

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