

FINAL
SUMMARY REPORT – DATA COLLECTION COMMITTEE
September 17, 2015
Hilton Head Island, SC

The agenda was adopted, and the minutes of the June 2015 meeting were approved.

Citizen Science Workshop Appointments

John Carmichael, Council staff, gave a brief overview of the upcoming Citizen Science Workshop and the preliminary list of appointments developed by the Citizen Science Workgroup. The Committee approved a list of appointments (see motion below).

National Observer Program

Jane DiCosimo, National Observer Program Coordinator, gave a presentation on the NMFS National Observer Program. The Committee discussed how this would impact potential observer programs in the Council's area and the associated costs to vessels. No motions were approved.

Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment 3

Chip Collier, Council staff, reviewed the measures in CEBA 3; the remaining items address bycatch.

Dr. Jack McGovern, NMFS SERO, updated the committee on work related to bycatch reporting in the Southeast. A more detailed presentation with recommendations will be available in December. Dr. Roy Crabtree noted that the Council will need to include all FMPs as they specify the bycatch reporting requirements and it may need to be done jointly with the Gulf Council to address sampling and funding.

Update on Commercial Logbook Pilot Study

Dr. Bonnie Ponwith, SEFSC, updated the committee on the status of this project. The field portion has been completed and they are now evaluating the data. A report on the data portions will be available for the December meeting. Jack Cox indicated he participated and one vessel used the tablet and one used the laptop; the laptop did not work well at sea but the tablet functioned very well.

Status of Implementation Plan for Commercial Logbook Electronic Reporting

Gregg Waugh updated the Committee on the current status: Mike Cahall indicated they are testing the data feed in the northeast now and that portion should be completed within a week or two. A detailed report will be presented to the Council in December and the system may be ready for fishermen to begin voluntary electronic logbook reporting late this year.

Joint South Atlantic & Gulf Council Generic Charterboat Reporting Amendment

Gregg Waugh, Council staff, reviewed the Gulf Council's actions and the revised list of actions/alternatives. The Committee discussed the need to separate the amendment into a South Atlantic Council only amendment. The Committee discussed the Decision Document and approved the motions shown below.

Motions

MOTION #1. Motion to approve the citizen science workshop appointees as listed.

Approved by committee

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

Name	State	Affiliation
Doug Mumford/Chris Wilson	NC	DMF, rec program
Stephanie McInerny/Alan Bianchi	NC	DMF, comm data
Bob Lorenz/Andy Piland	NC	Fishermen, Rec.
TBD	NC	Sea Grant staff
Chris McCaffity,	NC	Fisherman, comm
Tom Burgess/Kenny Fex	NC	Fisherman, comm
Jeff Buckel	NC	SSC/NCSU researcher
Marcel Reichert	SC	SSC/DNR CoC researcher
Amy Dukes	SC	DNR, rec program
Mark Marhefka/Clifford Scott	SC	Fisherman, CR experience
TBD	SC	SeaGrant Staff
Courtland Babbick	SC	Fishermen, rec
David Herter/ Jason Dubois	SC	Fisherman
Matt Conrad/ Englis glover	SC	Fisherman, rec
TBD		Researcher
Carolyn Belcher	GA	SSC, DNR researcher
Kathy Knowlton	GA	DNR
Lindsey Parker	GA	UGA Capt. GA Bulldog
Brian Fleuch	GA	SeaGrant Staff
Dave Snyder/Deidra Jeffcoat	GA	Fisherman, rec
Charlie Phillips	GA	Fisherman, comm
TBD	GA	Researcher
Beverly Sauls	FL	FWC, rec research
Russ Brodie	FL	FWC
Robert Johnson	FL	Rec. Fisherman
Shelly Kreuger	FL	SeaGrant Staff
Jimmy hull/Jim Freeman	FL	Comm. Fishermen
Tom Twiford / Dave Webb	FL	Fisherman
Ira Laks	FL	Fisherman, rec
TBD	FL	Researcher
SSC		
Steve Cadrin	UMass	CR/Cit Sci experience
Luiz Barbieri	FL FWC	SSC Chair
At Large		
Rusty Hudson	DSF Inc.	Commercial
Dick Brame	CCA	Commercial

Will Heymans		Researcher
Council Observers		
Chris Conklin		
Charlie Phillips		
Zack Bowen		
Jack Cox		

MOTION #2: DEVELOP A SEPARATE CHARTER VESSEL/HEADBOAT REPORTING AMENDMENT FOR THE SOUTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL’S AREA OF JURISDICTION

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

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MOTION #3: APPROVE THE NEED STATEMENT REMOVING “IN THE GULF OF MEXICO”

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

The *need* for this action is to improve charter vessel and headboat fishery data used for management and to improve monitoring and compliance of federally permitted for-hire vessels in the ~~Gulf of Mexico~~ and South Atlantic managed fisheries.

MOTION #4: APPROVE THE REVISED WORDING FOR THE PURPOSE AND STRIKE THE WORDING IN THE GULF OF MEXICO

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

The *purpose* of the ~~generic modifications to charter vessel and headboat reporting requirements amendment~~ is to increase the accuracy and timeliness of landings, discards, effort and socio-economic data of federally permitted for-hire vessels participating in the ~~Gulf of Mexico~~ and South Atlantic managed fisheries.

MOTION #5: MOVE ALTERNATIVE 4 TO THE CONSIDERED BUT REJECTED APPENDIX

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

Gulf Preferred Alternative 4. Require that federally permitted charter vessels submit fishing records to the SRD for each trip via electronic reporting (via NMFS approved hardware/software) prior to arriving at the dock.

MOTION #6: APPROVE THE REVISED LANGUAGE FOR ACTION 1 AND THE ALTERNATIVES

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

Action 1: Modify Frequency and Mechanism of Data Reporting for Charter Vessels Harvesting Gulf Reef Fish, South Atlantic Snapper Grouper, South Atlantic Dolphin Wahoo, or Coastal Migratory Pelagics

Alternative 1 (No Action). The owner or operator of a charter vessel for which a charter vessel/headboat permit for Gulf of Mexico (Gulf) or South Atlantic coastal migratory pelagic (CMP) species, Gulf reef fish, South Atlantic snapper grouper, or Atlantic dolphin and wahoo has been issued, or whose vessel fishes for or lands such CMP species, reef fish, snapper grouper, or Atlantic dolphin or wahoo in or from state waters adjoining the applicable Gulf, South Atlantic, or Atlantic exclusive economic zone (EEZ), and who is selected to report by the Science and Research Director (SRD) must maintain a fishing record for each trip, or a portion of such trips as specified by the SRD, on forms provided by the SRD. Completed fishing records must be submitted to the SRD weekly, postmarked no later than 7 days after the end of each week (Sunday). Information to be reported is indicated on the form and its accompanying instructions.

For South Atlantic snapper grouper, charter vessels selected to report by the SRD must participate in the NMFS-sponsored electronic logbook and/or video monitoring program as directed by the SRD. Completed fishing records may be required weekly or daily, as directed by the SRD.

Note: The requirement to participate in a video monitoring program if selected is not changed by any of the alternatives in this amendment.

Alternative 2. Require that federally permitted charter vessels submit fishing records to the SRD weekly or at intervals shorter than a week if notified by the SRD via electronic reporting (via NMFS approved hardware/software). Weekly = Tuesday following each fishing week.

Alternative 3. Require that federally permitted charter vessels submit fishing records to the SRD daily via electronic reporting via electronic reporting (via NMFS approved hardware/software). Daily = by noon of the following day.

MOTION #7: MOVE ALTERNATIVE 4 TO THE CONSIDERED BUT REJECTED APPENDIX

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

Gulf Preferred Alternative 4. Require that headboats submit fishing records to the SRD for each trip via electronic reporting (via NMFS approved hardware/software) prior to arriving at the dock.

MOTION #8: ACCEPT THE MODIFIED LANGUAGE FOR ACTION 2 AND THE ALTERNATIVES

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

Action 2: Modify Frequency and Mechanism of Data Reporting for Headboats Harvesting Gulf Reef Fish, South Atlantic Snapper Grouper, South Atlantic Dolphin Wahoo, or Coastal Migratory Pelagics

Alternative 1 (No Action). The owner or operator of a headboat for which a charter vessel/headboat permit for Gulf or South Atlantic CMP species, Gulf reef fish, South Atlantic snapper grouper, or Atlantic dolphin and wahoo has been issued, or whose vessel fishes for or lands such CMP species, reef fish, snapper grouper, or Atlantic dolphin or wahoo in or from state waters adjoining the applicable Gulf, South Atlantic, or Atlantic EEZ, and who is selected to report by the SRD must submit an electronic fishing record for each trip of all fish harvested via the **Southeast Region Headboat Survey SRHS**. Electronic fishing records must be submitted at weekly intervals (or intervals shorter than a week if notified by the SRD) by 11:59 p.m., local time, the Sunday following a reporting week. If no fishing activity occurred during a reporting week, an electronic report stating so must be submitted for that reporting week by 11:59 p.m., local time, the Sunday following a reporting week.

During catastrophic conditions, the use of paper forms for basic required functions may be authorized by the **Regional Administrator (RA)** RA by publication of timely notice. During catastrophic conditions, the RA also has the authority to waive or modify reporting time requirements.

When an electronic report is not received within the time specified, it is delinquent. A delinquent report automatically results in a prohibition on harvesting or possessing the applicable species, regardless of any additional notification to the delinquent owner and operator by NMFS. This prohibition is applicable until all required and delinquent reports have been submitted and received by NMFS according to the reporting requirements.

For South Atlantic snapper grouper, headboats selected to report by the SRD must participate in the NMFS-sponsored electronic logbook and/or video monitoring program, as directed by the SRD. Completed fishing records may be required weekly or daily, as directed by the SRD.

Note: The requirement to participate in a video monitoring program if selected is not changed by any of the alternatives in this amendment.

Alternative 2. Require that headboats submit fishing records to the SRD weekly or at intervals shorter than a week if notified by the SRD via electronic reporting (via NMFS approved hardware/software). Weekly = Tuesday following each fishing week.

Alternative 3. Require that headboats submit fishing records to the SRD daily via electronic reporting (via NMFS approved hardware/software). Daily = by noon of the following day.

**MOTION #9: MOVE ALTERNATIVES 2 AND 3 TO THE CONSIDERED BUT REJECTED APPENDIX
APPROVED BY COMMITTEE
APPROVED BY COUNCIL**

Gulf Preferred Alternative 2. Require federally permitted for-hire vessels to use a NMFS

approved electronic device that automatically records vessel location at specified time intervals for later transmission:

Gulf Preferred Sub-Alternative 3a. In the Gulf (headboat)

Gulf Preferred Sub-Alternative 3b. In the Gulf (charter vessel)

Sub-Alternative 3c. In the South Atlantic (headboat)

Sub-Alternative 3d. In the South Atlantic (charter vessel)

Alternative 3. Require federally permitted for-hire vessels **in the Gulf** to use a NMFS approved Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) to record vessel location at specified time intervals:

Sub-Alternative 3a. In the Gulf of Mexico (headboat)

Sub-Alternative 3b. In the Gulf of Mexico (charter vessel)

MOTION #10: MODIFY THE LANGUAGE OF ALTERNATIVE 4 TO READ

Alternative 4. Require federally permitted charter vessels to report location manually by latitude/longitude in degrees and minutes or by clicking on a headboat grid.

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MOTION #11: ACCEPT THE MODIFIED LANGUAGE FOR ACTION 3 AND THE ALTERNATIVES

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

Action 3: Modify Electronic Reporting Requirements ~~Gulf Reef Fish, South Atlantic Snapper Grouper, Coastal Migratory Pelagics, and Atlantic Dolphin and Wahoo Fishery Management Plans~~ to Require Vessel or Catch Location Reporting

Alternative 1 (No Action). Charter vessels participating in the For-Hire survey are required to report area fished (inshore, state, or federal waters), if selected as part of the survey. Headboats participating in the SRHS are required to report latitude and longitude of area fished (degrees and minutes only; within 1 nm² area).

Alternative 4 2. Require federally permitted charter vessels to report location manually by latitude/longitude in degrees and minutes or by clicking on a headboat grid.

Timing and Task Draft Motion

The following draft motion has been developed based on direction from the Committee:

MOTION #12: APPROVE THE TASKS AND TIMING AS PRESENTED:

1. Direct staff to continue working with ACCSP (Mike Cahall) on developing a commercial logbook electronic data entry form for voluntary use by commercial fishermen.
2. Direct staff to work with the Interdisciplinary Planning Team (IPT) to revise the South Atlantic For-Hire Amendment, to complete all necessary analyses, and to bring the document back at the December meeting for approval for public hearings.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

Madam Chair, this concludes my report.