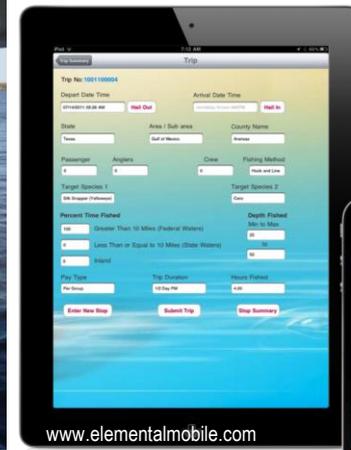




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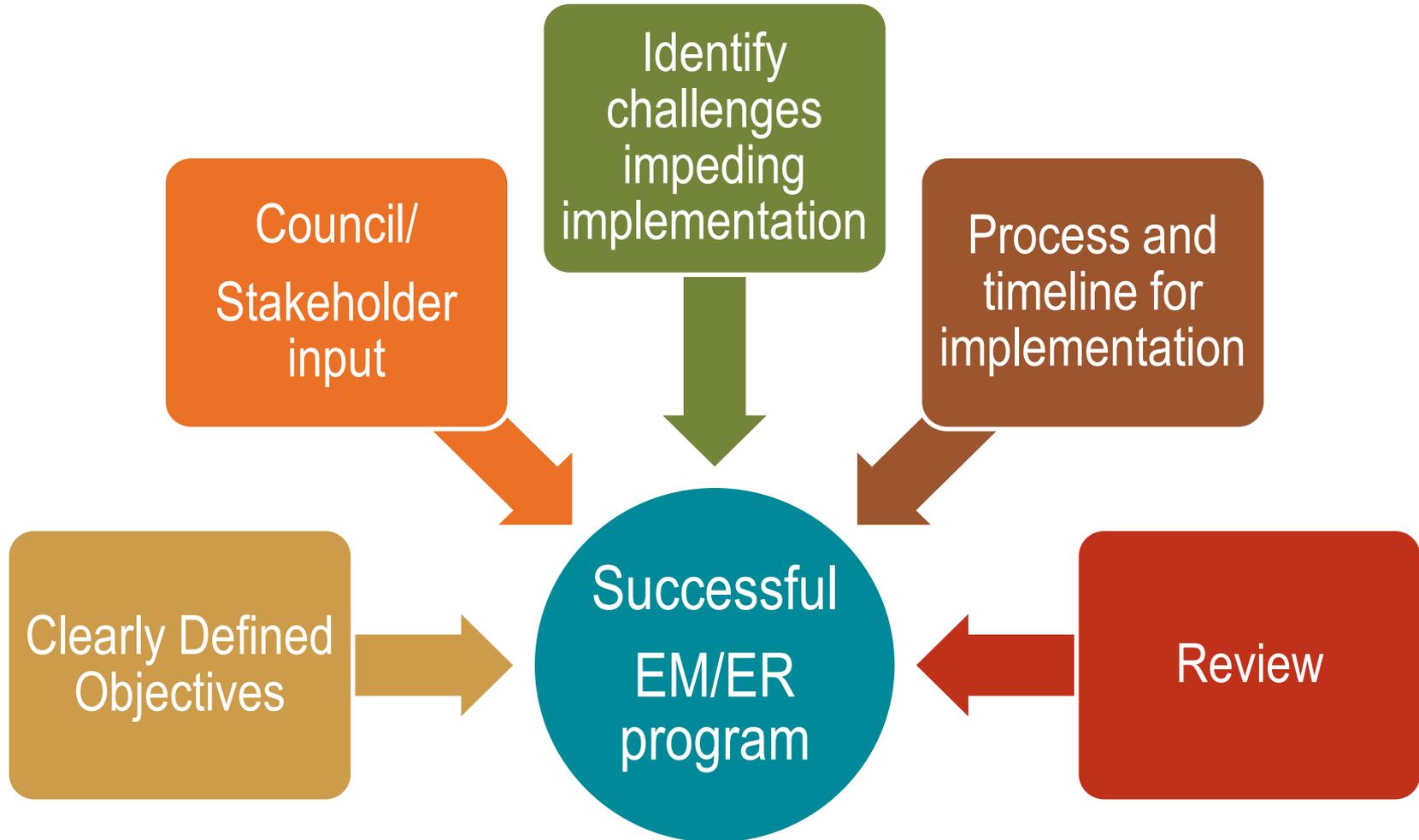
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Purpose and Need for Implementation Plan

- Increasing interest and need for more accurate and timely data
- Intended to provide an operational strategy for implementing and expanding the use of EM/ER



Successful EM/ER Implementation





Contents of Plan

- Regional (S. Atl, Gulf, Carib.)



Costs and funding sources



Objectives of monitoring regime



Regulatory changes needed

Identify fisheries suitable for EM/ER



Process for evaluating progress



Challenges impeding implementation



Technological Capabilities



Council Input



- Seeking input from S. Atlantic, Gulf, and Caribbean Councils
- Conference calls held with each Council in late April
- Letters sent to each Council in early May
- Input requested from Council by June 30th

Council Input



- Council staff person and Council member - serve on EM/ER plan committee
- Review of draft plan (Sept-Dec)
 - Advisory panels
 - Public input at future Council meetings

Implementation Plan Questions

- What are the Council's primary objectives for increasing use of EM/ER?
- Where do you see the greatest deficiencies with existing data collection programs?
- Which fisheries are suitable for ER? EM?
 - Prioritize list of fisheries/sectors/gears

Implementation Plan Questions

- What challenges are hindering EM/ER implementation in your region?
- Are regulations precluding use of EM/ER?
- What factors are most important for requiring use of EM/ER? (Costs, data timeliness, accuracy, ease of use, etc)

Implementation Plan Questions

- In what instances is it appropriate (or not appropriate) to require VMS? Onboard camera systems?
- What factors should NMFS consider when evaluating implementation plan progress?
- Other recommendations?



Next Steps

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- Letters requesting Council input mailed in May

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- Obtain input from Councils during June/July

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- Prepare draft plan (July-Sept)

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- Convene NMFS/Council committee, as needed (Aug-Sept)

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- Draft plan finalized in Sept; distributed for public input

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- Complete final plan by Dec 2014

Questions?

