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THE SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Update on modification to commercial coastal logbook program





Purpose and Need

The **purpose** is to modify reporting for commercial fishing vessels issued South Atlantic or Gulf of Mexico permits and currently reporting through the Southeast Coastal Logbook program (Gulf Reef Fish, South Atlantic Snapper Grouper, Atlantic Dolphin and Wahoo, and Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf and Atlantic), to require that the reports be submitted electronically.

The **need** is to improve the timeliness and efficiency of the commercial logbook data collection and management program, which will improve monitoring and compliance of federally permitted commercial vessels participating in the Southeast Coastal Logbook program.



Progress since September meeting

- Outline of document and Chapter 1 of joint amendment (***Attachment 2a***) drafted.
- Proposed revisions to development timeline.
- Advisory Panel meetings held this fall:
 - SA Mackerel Cobia (October 5-6)
 - Gulf of Mexico Reef Fish (October 11)
 - SA Snapper Grouper (October 18-20)
 - Gulf CMP AP (December 1)
- Work begun on Chapter 2 (RIR) to assemble info for effects analysis



Chapter 1 Draft

- History of the coastal logbook program
- Consideration of other federal reporting programs in Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic
- Current requirements and description of the paper logbook (also included as appendix)
- List of logbook and economic data field additions, removals, and modifications (also in ***Attachment 2c***)
- Purpose and Need and proposed action



Revised Timing

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| Jan 2023 | Gulf Council receives update |
| March 2023 | SA Council approves for PH |
| April 2023 | Gulf Council approves for PH |
| PH in spring | SA, Gulf, (and Mid Atlantic)? |
| June 2023 | SA Council approves for formal review |
| June 2023 | Gulf Council approves for formal review |
| Late 2023 | Final rule published |
| Early 2024 | Regulations effective |



Summary of APs' input

- APs generally supportive of proposed change. Willingness to test currently available application (eTRIPS).
- Some skepticism about whether electronic submissions would improve permit renewal process
- Questions about potential of improved compliance with 7-day timeline for submission and discrepancy in timeline between SE and GARFO



Summary of APs' input (cont'd)

- Questions about building in time of overlap for paper and e-submissions following implementation
- Questions about revising timeline of submission for economic add on survey for selected vessels to minimize delay in payment
- Questions about how e-reporting requirements would affect owners of multiple permits under separate corporations and leasing of permits (SG1)



Next Steps

- Obtain input from Gulf Coastal Migratory Pelagics AP and Dolphin Wahoo AP
- Economic description for the 4 FMPs will be completed in early 2023
- Preliminary effects analysis will be available for SA and Gulf Councils to approve for PHs in March and April, respectively.