



Southeast Region Headboat Survey Historical perspective of logbook reporting compliance

1972-1995 - Logbook reporting was voluntary for headboats participating in the SRHS. Headboats in the South Atlantic were paid for reporting; \$1.50 for each record of a "full day" trip, \$1.25 for a "three-quarter" day trip and \$1.00 for "half" day trip.

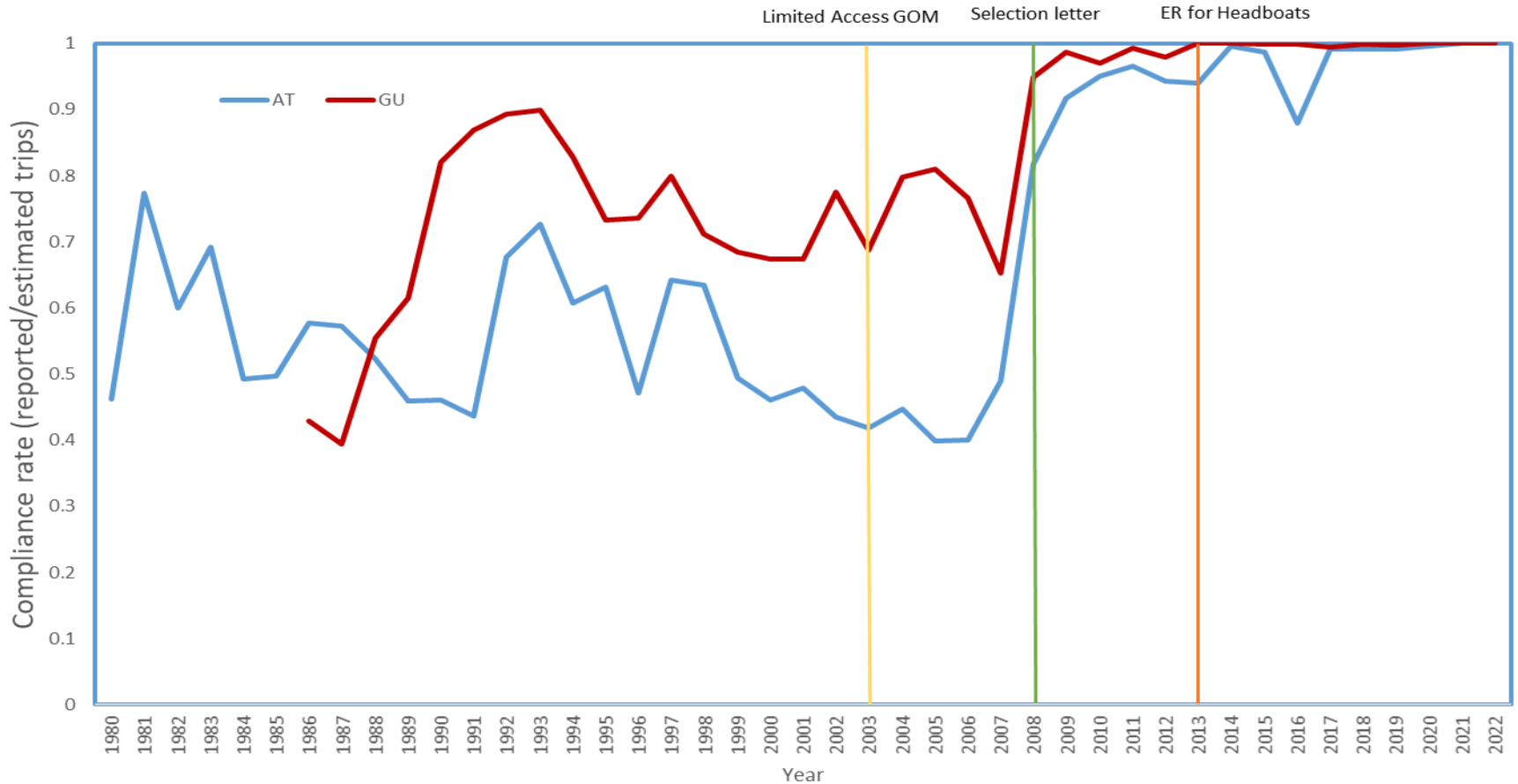
1995 - Reporting became mandatory with Amendment 7 to the Snapper-Grouper Fishery Management Plan (Code of Federal Regulations 646.4). Not strictly enforced.

2008 - Selection letters were sent to headboat owners in the South Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico notifying them of the reporting requirements. Vessel permit renewals were placed on hold with the SERO Permit Office for non-compliance. OLE notified if vessels were egregiously delinquent.

2013 - present - Electronic Reporting streamlined reporting and compliance monitoring. Port agents are able to resolve issues more quickly.



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Reporting non-compliance process

1. Due: Tuesday after the reporting week (reporting week is Monday-Sunday).
2. Reporting requirement 2 days (Tuesday) after the reporting week + 1 week to determine compliance.
3. 10 days after the reporting week. Email notification to owner and sent each week thereafter until resolved.
4. 35 days after the reporting week the vessel permit renewal is placed on hold through the SERO Permit Office
5. >1 month continued non-compliance – OLE notified

These protocols were developed based on advice from GC and OLE.



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The rules prohibit federally permitted charter and headboat owners and operators who are delinquent in submitting their fishing records from continuing to harvest and possess snapper-grouper, dolphin and wahoo, and coastal migratory pelagic fish until all required fishing records have been submitted. This provision would aid in enforcement efforts to ensure electronic fishing records are submitted in a timely manner.

50 CFR 622.176(b)(4), 50 CFR 622.374(b)(4) and 622.271(b)(4)



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Monitoring and Maintaining Reporting Compliance

12 port agents - 25-30% of their time to monitor and maintain compliance for \cong 140 vessels.

- Observations of vessel activity - physical observations, calling ticket office, checking websites, social media and viewing marina webcams.
- Review weekly compliance report.
- Contact captains or vessel personnel to resolve missing trips and reporting issues.
- Continue to follow up with delinquent vessels.
- Communicate progress to SRHS staff.