### SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL



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# AGENDA Full Council Session I

The Beaufort Hotel 2440 Lennoxville Road Beaufort NC

### Monday, December 4, 2023

1:30 pm to 5:00 pm (Times subject to change)

Call to order and introductions

Adoption of agenda

Approval of minutes (September 2023)

- 1. Reports
  - a. NOAA Office of Law Enforcement (Attachments 1a and 1b)
  - b. US Coast Guard
  - c. Council liaisons (Attachment 1c)
  - d. State agencies
  - e. Congressional activities (Attachment 1d) David Whaley, Legislative Liaison
  - f. Scientific and Statistical Committee (*Attachment le*) Jeff Buckel, Chair
  - g. Outreach and Communications Advisory Panel (*Attachment 1f*) Scott Baker, Chair
- 2. Southeast For-Hire Integrated Electronic Reporting Update (*Attachment 2*) Michelle Masi, Program Manager, SERO
- 3. Update on the reliability of commercial discards (*Attachment 3*) Dave Gloeckner, Fisheries Statistics Division Director, SEFSC

#### Attachments:

Attachment 1a: NOAA OLE Report

- Attachment 1b: NOAA OLE presentation
- Attachment 1c: Gulf Council Liaison Report
- Attachment 1d: Congressional activities report
- Attachment 1e: Scientific and Statistical Committee Report
- Attachment 1f: Outreach and Communications Advisory Panel Report (October 2023)

**Attachment 2:** SEFHIER Update Presentation **Attachment 3:** Presentation on reliability of commercial discards

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# **OVERVIEW** Full Council Session I

#### 1. **Reports** (*Attachments 1a-1f*) **Description:** Representatives will provide reports to the Council.

### 2. Southeast For-Hire Integrated Electronic Reporting (*Attachment 2*)

**Description:** Michelle Masi, Southeast For-hire Integrated Electronic Reporting (SEFHIER) program manager, will present an overview of the program, including program goals, required fields, and ongoing program outreach and communication, as well as the quantification of program compliance, visualization of the South Atlantic SEFHIER data (for 2022), and finally the suggested next steps for improving the South Atlantic's SEFHIER program compliance.

Required Council Action: None

#### 3. Update on the reliability of commercial discards (Attachment 3)

**Description:** Following the June 2023 meeting, the Council requested that the SEFSC provide an evaluation of the commercial discard logbook with an emphasis on the reliability of annual discard estimates. This request was prompted by concerns that an increasing percentage of trips reporting no discards would affect the reliability of the logbook data over time. The SEFSC will provide a general update on the status of that request and plans to continue the work in 2024.

Required Council Action: None