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Update on SBRM review

June 2021 - SAFMC meeting

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Standard Bycatch Reporting Methodology

The purpose of this presentation is to

- Remind the Council of the requirement to review your SBRMs
- Provide Council draft SBRM review document
- Discuss progress and timing of review
- Council provide input to the IPT on the review

What are SBRMs?

- **Definition of SBRM**

- An established, consistent procedure or procedures used to **collect, record, and report** bycatch data in a fishery.

- **Purpose of SBRM**

- Collect, record, and report bycatch data that, in conjunction with other information, are used to **assess the amount and type of bycatch**.

The Council has SBRMs for each FMP.

Councils must review SBRMs by February 21, 2022

(and review once every 5 years)

(1) **Characteristics** of bycatch occurring in the fishery

- Amount and type
- Importance of bycatch in estimating fishing mortality
- Effect of bycatch on ecosystems

(2) **Feasibility** of the methodology from cost, technical and operational perspectives – capable of being implemented

(3) **Uncertainty** of the data resulting from the methodology

(4) How the data resulting from the methodology **are used** to assess the amount and type of bycatch occurring in the fishery.

Review Document Format

- Background
 - Overview of the rule
 - Overview of reporting programs
- FMPs
 - What is the SBRM
 - Current Bycatch Reporting
 - Characteristics of Bycatch
 - Feasibility of SBRM
 - Data Uncertainty and Use

Next Steps

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Council review
Now

SSC review?
Fall 2021

Council finalizes review
September or December 2021

NMFS determination
After Council finalizes

FMP amendment????

Plan future reviews

Questions for the South Atlantic Council

- Thoughts on format of the review?
- Changes for IPT to consider prior to next meeting?
- Specific questions on the review to have SSC address – needed?