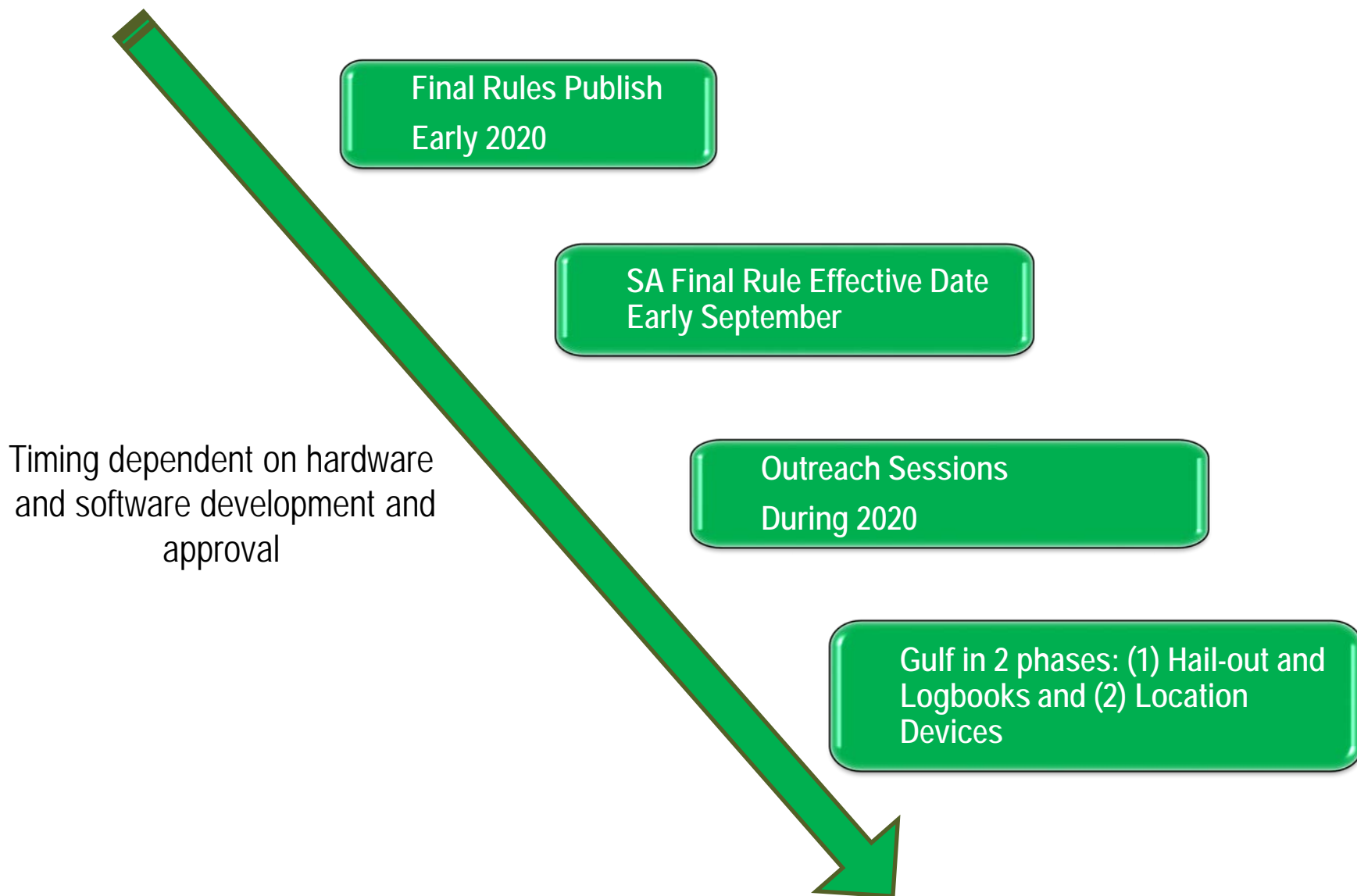# Southeast For-Hire Integrated Electronic Reporting:

March 2020 Update

South Atlantic and Gulf Reporting Program

- Applies to all southeast federally permitted charter and headboats *regardless of where they are fishing*

- Requirements (applicable permit holders)
  - Trip-level logbooks (Gulf and South Atlantic)
  - Hail-out prior to leaving on any trip (Gulf)
  - Location tracking device (Gulf)

- Vessels with both permits
  - Must follow Gulf requirement
    regardless of where they are fishing

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Projected Implementation Timeline

Final Rules Publish
Early 2020

SA Final Rule Effective Date
Early September

Timing dependent on hardware and software development and approval

Outreach Sessions
During 2020

Gulf in 2 phases: (1) Hail-out and Logbooks and (2) Location Devices

What have we accomplished?

- Logbooks (Gulf of South Atlantic)/Hailout (Gulf)

  - Software tech specs and approval process posted

  - Data warehouse – data security audit complete, approval in process

- Location Devices (Gulf)

  - Tech specs out to VMS vendors

  - Some satellite-based units (traditional VMS) should be approved quickly

  - Proposed rule for archivable units (cellular-based VMS) approval process

Funding/Staffing

- FIS grant awarded for 2020 (SERO and SEFSC)

  - Contractors for QA/QC, VMS, customer support, compliance monitors for South Atlantic and Gulf regions

- Appropriations bill – funding for Gulf reporting and enforcement

  - "*…the Committee provides **$2,650,000** above the fiscal year 2019 level for data collection and catch and effort validation to support timely implementation of **electronic logbooks for the federally permitted charter-for-hire sector in the Gulf of Mexico**. Further, the Committee provides **$1,525,000** above the fiscal year 2019 level within Enforcement for **associated State and Federal enforcement activities** necessary to ensure successful implementation.*"

Outreach and More Information

- Customer support

  - Letters, Info packets will be mailed to all permit holders

  - Outreach sessions in planning

  - Phone line (1-833-707-1632) and email ser.electronicreporting@noaa.gov

- Website https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/southeast/southeast-electronic-reporting-technologies

  - Amendments and rules

  - FAQs and presentations

  - Information for vendors

  - Coming soon: How to guides, approved vendors