For Hire Amendment December 2016

Modification Navigation and Final Approval Motions

1. Suggested timing. Highlighted added wording. **page 13**.

at least 6 mos after final rule and No earlier than Jan 1 2018,

2. Suggested wording change, Action 1 preferred alternatives language. **page 22.**

**MOVE TO INCORPORATE THE 3 SUGGESTED WORDING CHANGES TO THE ACTION 1 ALTERNATIVES BY REPLACING SLASHES WITH “AND”, REPLACING “HARVESTED” WITH “THE FISH WERE CAUGHT” IN THE AREA DESCRIPTION, AND STRIKING THE PARENTHETICAL “(CURRENT HEADBOAT REQUIREMENTS)” approved by comm**

Action 1 Alternatives as modified:

**Preferred Alternative 2.** Require that federally permitted charter vessels, while operating as a charter vessel, submit fishing records to the SRD weekly, or at intervals shorter than a week if notified by the SRD, via electronic reporting (via NMFS approved hardware and software). Weekly = Tuesday following each fishing week. Snapper Grouper Advisory Panel preferred.

**Preferred Sub-alternative 2a.** Report all fish harvested and discarded on all trips regardless of where the fish were caught.

**Sub-alternative 2b.** Report only South Atlantic federally-managed fish harvested and discarded on all trips regardless of where the fish were caught. (snapper grouper, dolphin/wahoo, and CMP species)

**Sub-Alternative 2c.** Report all federally-managed fish harvested and discarded on all trips regardless of where the fish were caught.

**Alternative 3.** Require that federally permitted charter vessels, while operating as a charter vessel, submit fishing records to the SRD daily via electronic reporting (via NMFS approved hardware and software). Daily = by noon of the following day.

**Sub-alternative 3a.** Report all fish harvested and discarded on all trips regardless of where the fish were caught.

**Sub-alternative 3b.** Report only South Atlantic federally-managed fish harvested and discarded on all trips regardless of where the fish were caught. (snapper grouper, dolphin/wahoo, & CMP species)

3. Highlight, additional language addressing compliance and permit renewal. **Page 24.**

4. Suggested wording change, Action 2. **Page 27**

**MOVE TO INCORPORATE THE SUGGESTED WORDING CHANGE FOR ACTION 2 ALTERNATIVES 2 AND 3 , TO REPLACE SLASHES “/” WITH “AN**D”. Approved by comm

Action 2 alternatives as modified:

**Preferred Alternative 2.** Require that headboats, while operating as a headboat, submit fishing records to the SRD weekly, or at intervals shorter than a week if notified by the SRD, via electronic reporting (via NMFS approved hardware and software). Weekly = Tuesday following each fishing week. Snapper Grouper Advisory Panel preferred.

**Alternative 3.** Require that headboats, while operating as a headboat, submit fishing records to the SRD daily via electronic reporting (via NMFS approved hardware and software). Daily = by noon of the following day.

5. Suggested wording change, action 3. **page 30**

**MOVE TO INCORPORATE THE SUGGESTED WORDING CHANGES FOR ACTION 3, ALTERNATIVE 2 TO: REPLACE SLASHES “/” WITH “AND”, CLARIFY REPORTING IS FOR FISHING LOCATION, AND CLARIFY HOW LOCATION IS ENTERED. Approved by comm**

Alternative 2 as modified:

**Preferred Alternative 2.** Require federally permitted charters vessels to report location fished electronically by manually entering latitude and longitude in degrees and minutes or by clicking on an electronic chart. Snapper Grouper Advisory Panel preferred.

6. Other suggestions?

Clarify the Council intent with regard to reporting areas, particularly state waters

* Council’s intent is that all charter vessels with a South Atlantic fishery for-hire permit will report all trips and all effort regardless of where the trips take place.
* It is not the Councils intent for vessels without South Atlantic for-hire permits to be required to report under this amendment.
* There is language in the codified text addressing headboat reporting of vessels without permits, landing snapper grouper in state waters, that is not applicable to the actions in this amendment.

Clarify the Council intent with regard to avoiding duplicate reporting, by vessels with permits in multiple regions or areas.

* Councils intent is to accept, in fulfillment of the actions in this amendment, reports submitted under other permits a vessel may possess when:

(1) the reporting requirements of those other permits are more stringent than the requirements for the South Atlantic charter for-hire permit.

(2) The data from those reports meet the core data elements identified by the SAFMC and are available to the SEFSC as required to meet assessment needs and ACL monitoring requirements.

Examples include the GARFO VTR system, SC DNR reporting, and actions under consideration by the Gulf Council that will require more frequent reporting than weekly as preferred by the South Atlantic.

Multiple Day No-Fish Reporting?

Commercial reporting allowed to file up to 90d

Council intent is to allow advance “did not fish” reports filed for up to 30d, as allowed in the headboat survey.

7. Final approval motion (in overview)

MOVE TO APPROVE THE FOR-HIRE ELECTRONIC REPORTING AMENDMENT FOR FORMAL SECRETARIAL REVIEW AND DEEM THE CODIFIED TEXT AS NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE. GIVE STAFF EDITORIAL LICENSE TO MAKE ANY NECESSARY EDITORIAL CHANGES TO THE DOCUMENT AND CODIFIED TEXT, AND GIVE THE COUNCIL CHAIR AUTHORITY TO APPROVE THE REVISIONS AND RE-DEEM THE CODIFIED TEXT. Approved by committee.