**Gulf For-Hire Reporting Amendment**

* Electronic reporting for Gulf for-hire vessels, reef fish and CMP fisheries.
* For this amendment, charter boats are all vessels with for-hire permits that do not participate in the SRHS.
* Daily electronic reporting, prior to offloading fish.
* Vessels required to “Hail Out”: declare when leaving dock for a fishing trip.
* Vessels required to report using hardware with GPS capabilities that can at least archive position data to NMFS.

PROPOSED APPROVAL MOTION:

Accept the Gulf preferred alternatives and options in Actions 1-4. Approve the Coastal Migratory Pelagics portion of the Gulf Generic For-Hire Reporting Amendment for Secretarial review, and deem the codified text as necessary and appropriate. Give staff editorial license to make any necessary editorial changes to the document/codified text and give the Council Chair authority to approve the revisions and re-deem the codified text.

Action 1, Preferred Alternative 4

**Action 1: Modify frequency and mechanism of data reporting for charter vessels**

**Preferred Alternative 4:** Require that the owner or operator of a charter vessel for which a Gulf charter/headboat permit for reef fish or CMP has been issued submit fishing records to NMFS for each trip via electronic reporting (via NMFS approved hardware/software) prior to offloading fish.

Action 2, Preferred Alternative 4

**Action 2: Modify frequency and mechanism of data reporting for headboats**

**Preferred Alternative 4:** Require that the owner or operator of a federally permitted headboat for which a Gulf charter/headboat permit for reef fish or CMP has been issued submit fishing records to NMFS for each trip via electronic reporting (via NMFS approved hardware/software) prior to offloading fish.

Action 3, Preferred Alternative 2, Preferred Options A and B

**Action 3: Trip notification and reporting requirements**

**Preferred Alternative 2:** Prior to departing for any trip, the owner or operator of a vessel issued a charter vessel/headboat permit for Gulf reef fish or Gulf CMP is required to declare (hail out) the type of trip (e.g., for-hire or other trip). When departing on a for-hire trip they must include the expected return time and landing location

 **Preferred Option a:** Charter vessels

 **Preferred Option b:** Headboats

Action 4, Preferred Alternative 2, Preferred Options A and B

**Action 4: Hardware/software requirements for reporting**

**Preferred Alternative 2:** Require vessel operators to submit fishing records via NMFS approved hardware/software with GPS capabilities that, at a minimum, archive vessel position data to NMFS. The GPS portion of the hardware is permanently affixed to the vessel.

 **Preferred Option a:** Charter vessels

 **Preferred Option b:** Headboats