SAFMC guidance for a possible Southeast Region Headboat Program Annual Report

December 2016

**I. REPORT ELEMENTS**

1. **Introduction** – basic background & summary of the program; history of major developments, methods and coverage changes;
2. **Methods** – current general sampling approach, including data manipulations, adjustments, expansions or gap filling for non reporting, QA/QC, what happens with data after reported, where and are they publicly available, when posted and how often updated.
3. **Results**

(tables providing the full time series by year, updated with new information each year)

* 1. Universe – annual numbers of vessels permitted, number of vessels reporting, by Council area (presuming Gulf-South Atlantic-Northeast)
     1. OPTION: Vessel and effort information by region or state.
* For the South Atlantic, regions could include Monroe Co. and Keys, South FL, central FL, N FL, GA, SC, S of Hatteras, N of Hatteras
* Council may want to give advice on addressing S FL and Monroe Co to present info relevant to the Councils without double counting.
  1. Effort: annual trips, anglers , angler hours by Council area
  2. Sampling Effort (by Council area – correspond to the vessel and catch information)
     1. number of trips observed, number of trips sampled dockside, number of length and age structures for all managed species.
        1. Overall sampling effort could be reported with the overall vessel and trips info to avoid an additional table.
        2. Numbers of lengths and otoliths could be included with the species catch tables.

Example Table items a, b & c: Number of permitted vessels, fishing effort, and sampling effort for trips reported in the SA Region.

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| Year | Vessels Permitted (Jan) | Vessels Reporting (Jan – Dec) | Trips | Anglers | Angler Hours | Trips Observed  on board | Trips Sampled  Dockside |
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Example Table item a(i): Number of Vessels per state or Region that reported at least one trip from January 1 - December 31 based on (area fished/county landed?).

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| Year | Monroe/ Keys | S FL (Miami-Dade-Brevard) | N FL (Volusia – GA) | GA | SC | NC S of Dare County | NC Dare County | GAR |
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* 1. Socio-Economic Information
     1. Council guidance – what would be useful for annual reporting - revenue per trip, crew size, costs, fuel?
     2. Council recognizes that these data have not been collected for the entire survey time series, and will therefore not be available in the early years.

Example Table item d. Economic information

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| Year | Net Revenue/Trip | Gross Revenue/Trip | Avg Crew Size | Avg Cost/Trip | Avg Fuel Cost/Trip | avg Bait cost/trip |
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* 1. Catch – annual for all SAFMC managed species, by species
     1. catch and discard, reported in numbers and weight
        1. Council recognizes that discard information is not available until recently.
     2. rarity - # trips where the species occurred
     3. presuming this report will cover the entire program, Gulf and SA, so will need to note for each species how landings are divided.
        1. Suggest catch reporting be based on the current stock definitions and ACL definitions, to be consistent with the management program.
           1. For example, Cobia would be reported for the Gulf, to include east coast of Florida, and for the Atlantic, to include Georgia through the GAR.
     4. Fishing year – Council asked to provide guidance for reporting by Calendar or Fishing year if they do not align

Example Table, item e. Catch and Sample Collection, by species, for Council or ACL jurisdiction.

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| Year | Land N | Discard N | Total Catch N | Land LB | # lens | # Otoliths | # trips occurred |
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1. **Compliance**: similar to the information provided in March 2016 for the Law Enforcement AP and Committee.
2. **Outreach and Education**: efforts made for the program and the report. Should provide a summary of past efforts and ongoing approaches and practices, and highlights of any significant efforts each year.

**II. Timing and Distribution**

* Timing: Final report including results from the previous year provided to the Council at the June meeting.
* Constituent Distribution: Report posted to the SEFSC website, with availability notification and access information provided to all permit holders.