

OVERVIEW

Joint Information & Education and Law Enforcement Advisory Panels Meeting North Charleston, SC February 6-7, 2013

1. Vessel Monitoring Systems (VMS) Outreach

The two APs will receive an update on draft Amendment 30 to the Snapper Grouper Fishery Management Plan that includes proposed actions to require the use of VMS on vessels with federal commercial Snapper Grouper Permits. Public hearings are planned for Amendment 30 in late April/early May 2013.

Council staff has developed a draft Q&A to assist with outreach efforts regarding the use of VMS (**Attachment 1**). The APs will review the Q&A and provide recommendations regarding outreach efforts for proposed VMS requirements.

2. Review of the SAFMC Federal Fishing Regulations App

The Council is currently developing a Federal Fishing Regulations application for use on smart phones and tablets (both Android and Apple platforms). The APs will receive an update on the Regulations App development and components (**Attachment 2**). The app is in the final stages of initial development. AP members will be asked to provide recommendations for future content and methods for promoting use of the app.

3. SAFMC Website Upgrade and Law Enforcement Component

Council staff will provide an update to the ongoing upgrade of the SAFMC website (**Attachment 3**). Staff will also review the current content of the Law Enforcement section of the Council's current website: <http://www.safmc.net/LawEnforcement/tabid/580/Default.aspx>.

AP members will be asked to provide recommendations for the website upgrade design and content, including information specific to law enforcement. AP members will also discuss the use of an FAQ for Law Enforcement as part of the website upgrade and provide recommendations.

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4. Other Business

Council staff was contacted in late 2012 regarding suggestions for improvements and upgrades to the NOAA OLE website. Staff will provide an update to the effort as information becomes available.

Council staff will also lead a discussion on possible improvements to communications between regulatory and law enforcement agencies regarding management issues, regulation changes and other enforcement issues. AP members will be asked to help identify issues and provide recommendations.

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