

Results of Live Demonstration of the NMFS SEFSC Commercial Landings Monitoring System Demo on November 27, 2012

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Attendees:

A. SEFSC – Steve Turner, Miami Staff & Contractor

- B. SERO Staff
- C. SAFMC Staff w/access to confidential data

South Atlantic Fishery Management Council

I. BACKGROUND PRESENTATION – Steve/Jay

- A. System turned on June 2012
- B. Major improvements to dealer identification implemented August 2012 (e.g., yellowtail snapper). System for unifying multiple dealer identities updated and integrated into CLM.
- C. Daily updates from ACCSP, GSMFC, NEFSC, SERO (permits) and twice weekly from Bluefin Data Inc.
- D. Outreach: SEFSC sent letters to delinquent Snapper Grouper dealers in October. SERO sending notification of reporting requirements with new and renewed permits
- E. SEFSC has about1 staff working on dealer trip ticket monitoring
- F. System developed with FIS national funding

II. RESULTS = FANTASTIC/IMPRESSIVE/EVERYTHING WE NEED IN THE SYSTEM!!!!

- A. Able to track individual dealer reports and changes over time (used cobia to demo)
- B. Able to track compliance with reporting and dates as required (used cobia to demo)
- C. Ability to project closings using 5 methods
- D. Ability to analyze why Commercial ACLs exceeded (e.g., based on our request, used vermilion snapper; overage due to late dealer reporting)

IV. NEXT STEPS

- A. SEFSC continues to resolve issues, improve reports and to ensure smooth functioning
- B. SAFMC staff expressed need for access to summary reports in the near future; will be determined once system is smoothly operating
- C. Implementation of the SA/GM Generic Dealer Amendment asap should lead more timely reporting and increase number of dealers reporting. Once the amendment is fully implemented uncertainty should be substantially reduced from present levels
- D. Resources this system and the staff to manage it are critical to successful ACL management

V. POTENTIAL COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS – suggested by Council staff

- A. Implementation of the SA/GM Generic Dealer Amendment:
 - 1. All reporting requirements (electronic, weekly, purchase, and/or no purchase form) effective 30 days after publication of the final rule
 - 2. Generic Dealer Permit start issuing 30 days after FR
 - 3. Current Dealer Permit or New Generic Dealer Permit required 4 months after final rule
 - 4. Current Dealer Permit phased out with renewal on birth date
- B. Once the amendment is fully implemented (4 months after final rule) quota monitoring should be able to prevent ACL overages
- C. Resources this system is critical to continued ACL management; Council could request sufficient financial support be identified to continue implementation and to maintain system??