
1 time to talk to Bonnie and everybody else involved, to make sure
2 that -- To include the Mid-Atlantic participation in the workshop as
3 well. I think, since Bonnie is currently sort of spearheading it, I
4 think the approach would be to approach Bonnie at this point.
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6 *John Quinn:* Gregg Waugh.
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8 *Gregg Waugh:* Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Cisco, assuming we go ahead with this
9 workshop in November, I'm assuming that the MRIP folks would
10 attend that meeting and do some work ahead of that meeting as
11 well?
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13 *Cisco Werner:* Yes, I can confirm that. They're in with both feet, and let me put it
14 that way.
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16 *Gregg Waugh:* Thank you.
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18 *John Quinn:* Any other questions of Cisco? Seeing none, we'll move on to the
19 final portion of this presentation with Andy Strelcheck.
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21 *Andy Strelcheck:* I don't have a presentation, but, just to give people background on
22 this issue, for many of you that use MRIP, you know that they post
23 their landings statistics on the MRIP website. Those are done on a
24 wave-by-wave basis, and produced in both numbers and pounds of
25 fish.
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27 Gregg Waugh and the South Atlantic Council have expressed some
28 concerns, because, when we generate statistics, at least in the
29 Southeast Region, we use a different methodology for converting
30 numbers of fish to pounds of fish that uses a greater sample size
31 than what is used currently for MRIP.
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33 We also take into consideration differences in jurisdictional
34 boundaries for the species that we manage. MRIP, on the other
35 hand, splits the South Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico at the Miami-
36 Dade County border, which is near the Florida Keys, and so there
37 is no tracking of the jurisdictional boundaries as we manage the
38 stocks. It's simply the sum of landings for the Gulf and South
39 Atlantic.
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41 Also, at the Regional Office level, when we're working with our
42 Science Center, we're cumulatively summing not only the MRIP
43 landings that are generated, but landings from other state surveys,
44 as well as our headboat program, and so it's a summation of
45 multiple surveys and data collection programs, and so Gregg has
46 expressed, obviously, some concerns, along with the South
