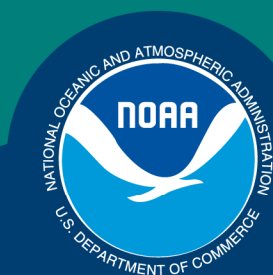


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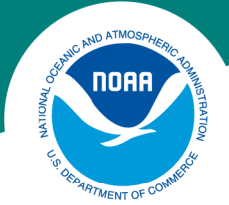
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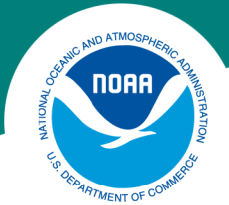
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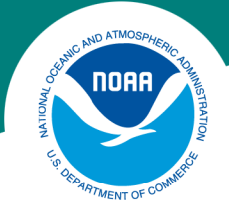
The Headboat Survey has implemented the electronic logbook reporting pilot study in the South Atlantic to streamline data collection and facilitate the ever increasing need for timely data analysis and results.

- Software development contract was awarded and software installed last October on 8 vessels coast wide (2 from NC, 2 in SC, 1 in GA and 3 in FL)**
- This project is slated to continue until October 2010.**
- Initial feedback from captains has been favorable regarding application and ease of use of the electronic logbooks.**



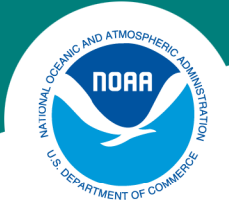
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- **The MRIP Operations Team directed the For-Hire Work Group to develop a proposal for a pilot project to field test the development of a probability based dockside intercept survey for the Headboat Survey.**
- **The OT identified studies to develop and test best practice recommendations from the For-Hire review as a relatively high priority.**



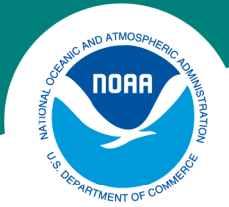
Data Collection/Fish Aging Program

- **NMFS Beaufort Lab holds 8,914 Black Sea Bass otoliths through the 2008 fishing year.**
- **NMFS analyzed 94% of those samples to date.**
- **2009 fishing year not complete and do not have tally yet for number of samples.**
- **Partners working on life history data include SCDNR and NCDMF**
- **Age workshop held in August 2009. Very good agreement in age analyses.**



Recreational Fishery Landings Statistics

- **MRFSS 2009 data will be updated for the February/March meeting in 2010.**
- **Headboat data will probably not be available at that time but will be updated for the May/June meeting.**



Southeast Shrimp Fishery Economic Data Collection ***(An Extension of Gulf Shrimp Economic Survey)***

- **Annually sample 20-33% of federally permitted shrimp fleet (in the SE), starting in 2010**
- **2-page mail survey collects annual economic data (variable and fixed costs and related data)**
- **Individual information is confidential**
- **Participation is required for permit renewal**
- **For more information on the survey: <http://www.sefsc.noaa.gov/shrimpecon.jsp>**