

## Status of 2012 ACL Monitoring by SEFSC

### 1. Reporting timeliness:

### 2. Quotas:

Exact numbers are not yet available. We continue to work to refine our estimates (more on this below)

#### a. Tilefish – likely over

- i. January roughly 40% of landings reported on time
- ii. Early February roughly 60% reported on time – SEFSC and OLE worked with dealers

#### b. Vermilion snapper – close to quota

- i. January - 50-60% of landings reported on time
- ii. Early February – 30% reported on time

#### c. Spanish mackerel – close to quota

- i. January – mid February – 0-20% of landings reported on time

### 3. Reasons for possible overages

- a. Late reporting
- b. Long reporting periods
- c. Need for improved compliance monitoring
- d. Unknown universe of dealer who should report (impacts non-snapper grouper species)

### 4. Improvements being made

- a. SEFSC is developing a quota monitoring system (CLM – Commercial Landings Monitoring system) which
  - i. takes into account
    1. different boundaries for each stock – based on fishing area where available
    2. Variable quota periods – overlapping years, multiple periods per year,
    3. Overlapping species groups (single species, aggregated species)
  - ii. Draws data from multiple sources
    1. SAFIS (GA and SC)
    2. FL and NC dealer reports via Bluefin Data's file upload system (systems which have been in place since the early-mid 2000s)
  - iii. One system will be used for all stocks managed by SAFMC including stocks with landings taken in the Gulf of Mexico

- iv. Compliance monitoring built in
  - 1. Direct link to SERO permits data base
- v. Projections and expansions for no-reporting dealers built in
- vi. Expected completion about May 1
- vii. Once completed staff will be able to focus more on compliance and data quality rather than on programming
- b. SEFSC is rebuilding our 2011 quota monitoring software for greater efficiency. This will be used until CLM is in place and to verify CLM results
- c. SEFSC has enlisted the assistance of the Office of Law Enforcement (OLE) to assist with educating dealers about the need for timely reporting
- d. In process of developing our dealer compliance monitoring system which will be used until the new CLM system is in place
  - i. Requesting assistance from states in identifying dealers – verification of our association of state dealer numbers with dealer names and addresses
- e. Expect to supply SERO with projections of when quotas will be met for primary species before fishery opens. 1<sup>st</sup> species: Black sea in June and vermilion in July
- f. Working with SERO and councils to develop uniform dealer reporting requirements to
  - i. Identify all dealers who should be reporting to simplify compliance monitoring
  - ii. Shorten reporting period

## 5. Recommendations

- a. Weekly reporting for most periods and dealers
  - i. coast-wide compatibility for dealers reporting to NE and the states
  - ii. more timely than the current semi-monthly but less burdensome for dealers than daily (dealer must file either negative report or landings report)
- b. Daily reporting as defined by the Science and Research Director when quotas are small or small amounts of quota remain (and landing rates are potentially high)
- c. Uncertainty in landings due to monitoring should be incorporated in Annual Catch Target