

**Summary of the Data Collection Committee
February 7, 2013
Marriott
Mobile, AL**

Members:

Kevin Anson, vice Chair
Roy Crabtree
Martha Bademan
Pamela Dana
Johnny Greene
Camp Matens
Robin Riechers
John Sanchez

NOTE: THE GULF COUNCIL APPROVED THE COMMITTEE MOTIONS SHOWN BELOW DURING THEIR MEETING ON FEBRUARY 8, 2013.

The agenda was adopted as written and the minutes of the October 29, 2012 meeting were approved with no modifications.

The committee reviewed the Modifications to the Framework Action to the Fishery Management Plans for Reef Fish Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic Headboat Electronic Reporting Requirements. Dr. Froeschke gave a brief overview of the document and the committee discussed Action 1, which considers modifying the frequency of data reporting requirements for headboats.

The committee recommends and I so **move that in the Modifications to Federally Permitted Headboat Electronic Reporting Requirements Framework Action, that the preferred alternative be Alternative 4. Alternative 4. Weekly or intervals less than a week. Require that selected headboat vessels submit fishing records to the SRD weekly or at intervals shorter than a week if notified by the SRD via electronic reporting (i.e., computer or internet). Weekly = seven days after the end of each week (Sunday).** The committee discussed that Alternative 4 balanced the need for frequent reporting necessary to prevent annual catch limits overruns with management and industry burden. The committee discussed that daily reporting may be difficult for industry and not necessary to achieve fishery management objectives in most situations. Mr. Cupka also stated that Alternative 4 is compatible with proposed headboat reporting requirements in the South Atlantic.

Mr. Cupka presented the Joint South Atlantic/Gulf of Mexico Generic Headboat Reporting in the South Atlantic to the committee. Mr. Cupka stated this document is similar to the headboat reporting document currently being developed in the Gulf of Mexico and would require weekly reporting for headboats or intervals less than a week if notified by the Science and Research Director.

The committee recommends and I so **move to submit to the Council and approve the Joint South Atlantic/Gulf of Mexico Generic Headboat Reporting in the South Atlantic Amendment as represented in Tab E, No. 4, along with any regulations deemed necessary and appropriate by the South Atlantic Council.**

Mr. Cupka also reviewed their Generic Commercial Logbook Reporting Amendment. This document would modify data reporting requirements of commercial vessels. As this document would affect jointly managed coastal migratory pelagic species, Mr. Cupka asked that the Gulf Council work jointly with the South Atlantic Council to develop this document.

The committee recommends and I so **move to request staff to work cooperatively with the South Atlantic Council on development of the Joint South Atlantic/Gulf of Mexico Generic Commercial Logbook Reporting Amendment.**

Mr. Chairman, this concludes my report.