Southeast For-Hire Integrated Electronic Reporting:
January 2020 Update
Gulf and South Atlantic Reporting Program

- Applies to all southeast federally permitted charter and headboats *regardless of where they are fishing*
- Requirements (applicable permit holders)
  - Hail-out prior to leaving on any trip (Gulf)
  - Trip-level logbooks (Gulf and South Atlantic)
  - Location tracking device (Gulf)
- Vessels with both permits
  - Must follow Gulf requirement *regardless of where they are fishing*
Projected Implementation Timeline

Timing dependent on hardware and software development and approval

Final Rules
Early 2020

Outreach Sessions
Early Spring 2020

Phase I – Hail-out and Logbooks
Late Spring 2020

Additional Outreach
Mid 2020

Phase II – Location Devices
Late 2020
What have we accomplished?

- Logbooks/Hailout
  - Software tech specs and approval process posted
  - Data warehouse – data security audit complete, approval in process
- Location Devices
  - Tech specs out to VMS vendors
  - Some satellite-based units (traditional VMS) should be approved quickly
  - Proposed rule for archivable units (cellular-based VMS) approval process
Funding/Staffing

- FIS grant awarded for 2020 (SERO and SEFSC)
- Contractors for QA/QC, VMS, customer support, compliance monitors
- Appropriations bill – funding for Gulf reporting and enforcement
- “…the Committee provides $2,650,000 above the fiscal year 2019 level for data collection and catch and effort validation to support timely implementation of electronic logbooks for the federally permitted charter-for-hire sector in the Gulf of Mexico. Further, the Committee provides $1,525,000 above the fiscal year 2019 level within Enforcement for associated State and Federal enforcement activities necessary to ensure successful implementation.”
Outreach and More Information

• Customer support
  • Info packets will be mailed to all permit holders
  • Outreach sessions in planning
  • Phone line and email ser.electronicreporting@noaa.gov

  • Amendments and rules
  • FAQs and presentations
  • Information for vendors
  • Coming soon: How to guides, approved vendors