

Public Comment Summary

Abbreviated Framework Action: Replacement of Historical Captain Permits with Standard Federal Charter/Headboat Permits

6 Written Comments Received.

- Historical Captain permits should be replaced with regular for-hire permits.
- Historical reef permits should become permanent for captains that currently own boats and those captains that don't have boats should be given 5 years to get one.
- Requiring historical captains to be on the vessel has been very burdensome. Further, the historical permit has no value because it can't be transferred. Converting those endorsements to standard for-hire permits would be very beneficial.
- It's wrong that historical captains must be onboard a vessel to fish. Historical captain permits should be converted.
- Captains who have maintained their historical captain permits deserve to have standard for-hire permits instead. If they were just in it for profit, they would not have kept operating under their historical endorsements.