

**Summary of the Data Collection Committee
Chair-Harlon Pearce, January 26, 2015**

The committee reviewed the technical subcommittee report for electronic charter boat reporting (Tab E, No. 4).

After discussion, **the committee recommends and I so move that the data committee directs staff to begin developing a plan amendment that would require electronic logbooks for the charter for hire vessels in the Gulf and South Atlantic that considers the use of VMS and other recommendations from the joint council technical subcommittee report.**

The data collection committee also received presentations regarding the EM/ER implementation plan, the MRIP calibration update and the recent red snapper workshop.

Mr. Chairman, this concludes my report.