Data Collection Committee
August 15, 2016
Greg Stunz – Chair

The agenda was modified to remove Tab F, No. 4 from the agenda as the presenter could not attend the meeting. Staff will attempt to reschedule this presentation for the October 2016 Council meeting.

Generic Amendment to Modify For-Hire Reporting Requirements

Dr. Froeschke provided an overview of the changes made to the Generic For-Hire Reporting Amendment (**Tab F, No. 5a**) since the August 2016 meeting. The revised document includes alternatives to consider "hail-out" and "hail-in" requirements. The Committee discussed these alternatives but did not make a recommendation and requested additional time at a subsequent meeting to deliberate these alternatives. The Committee also reviewed **Action 4** including alternatives for hardware and software requirements that would be used to report fisheries data from for-hire fishing trips. The Committee also discussed these alternatives but ran out of time.

Dr. Froeschke reviewed a summary of data elements collected in a review of 23 For-Hire reporting programs in the Gulf and U.S. Atlantic. Dr. Stephen (SERO) gave a presentation (**Tab F, No. 5c1**) that summarized the reporting protocol of a potential for-hire trip in the proposed program, and she summarized the recommended data elements as part of the program in summary document (**Tab F, No. 5c**).

Cost Analysis of Commercial Electronic Reporting Program
Dr. Ponwith provided an update about the Cost Analysis of Commercial Electronic Reporting Program. She stated that she has just received preliminary information and has not had an opportunity to review the results in detail. She offered to review these results prior to the October 2016 Council meeting and provide additional information to the Committee at that time. It would be helpful to staff if the Council discussed the timing of the regulatory process to implement the electronic reporting for commercial logbooks.

Atlantic States Coastal Cooperative Statistics Program Meeting Summary
Dr. Stunz attended an ACCSP meeting that discussed for-hire reporting protocols and programs. He stated a recommendation to remove duplicate reporting from the system to minimize time and effort required for reporting. He also stated the GSFMC serves a similar role in the Gulf and works closely with the ACCSP.

Mr. Chairman, this concludes my report.