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Southeast Region For-hire Reporting



Southeast Region Headboat Survey (SRHS)

- Atlantic Coast survey began 1972
- Gulf of Mexico Survey added in 1986



Southeast Region Headboat Survey

Types of Data Collected

Bioprofile Data – dockside samples – lengths, weights, otoliths, spines, gonads

Vessel trip reports – reports of individual trips, providing information on species, # caught, # fish released, #anglers, fishing location, length of trip, depth fished, fuel used and price per gallon.

Headboat Activity Reports – summary of all available information about vessel activity for validation of effort and compliance.

Southeast Region Headboat Survey

Notable events:

1. Electronic logbook reporting implemented Jan 1, 2013 in the SA and GOM. Web portal and mobile app.
2. Transitioned to Oracle database –streamlines data processing.
3. 2015 – Transition from annual landings and effort estimates to Wave (bi-monthly) estimates – **ER made this possible.**
4. Currently incorporating SRHS database structure and compliance monitoring capacity into the SEFHIER program.
5. Alternative management – SEFSC and SERO conducted the Headboat Collaborative project in Gulf of Mexico - 20 headboats participated in the 2 year IFQ pilot project.

Headboat Survey Electronic Reporting

Improved:

- Reliability
- Accuracy
- Compliance
- Timeliness



Southeast For-Hire Integrated Electronic Reporting (SEFHIER)



South Atlantic and Gulf Reporting Program

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

Implementation - Phase 1 update

- **Trip Declaration and Logbook reporting will be effective January 5, 2021 for Gulf Permitted Vessels, and January 4, 2021 for South Atlantic Vessels**
- Approval review of eTrips and VESL Software for use in For-Hire reporting is ongoing
- Mississippi Department of Marine Resources has been provided technical specifications to see if Tails n Scales can be used for reporting

Implementation - Phase 2 update

- **The implementation date for the VMS (GPS) requirements will be announced at a later date**
- Cellular and Satellite VMS systems with and without reporting forms are currently being tested
- Several Approved Commercial VMS units are in the approval process for the For-Hire Fishery

Questions?

