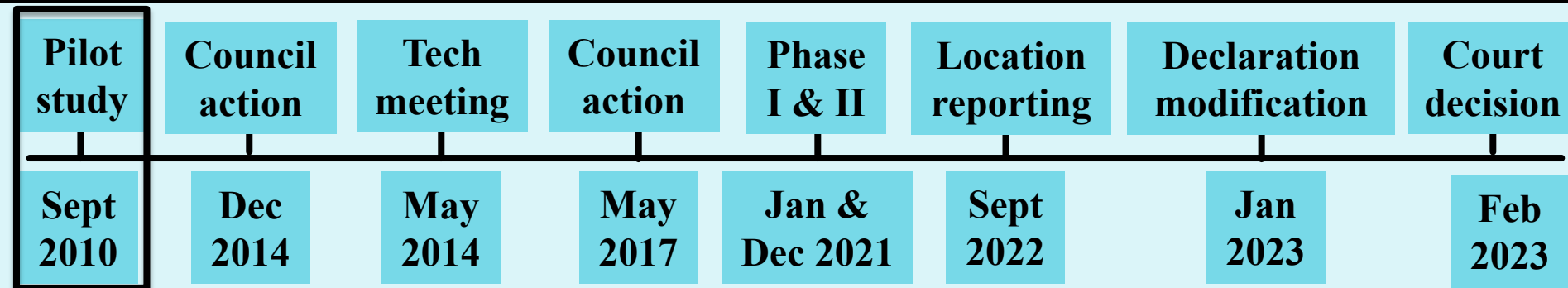


# Review of Past Discussions on Charter For-hire Data Collection

Ad hoc AP Meeting  
January 10, 2024



# Gulf charter for-hire data collection timeline

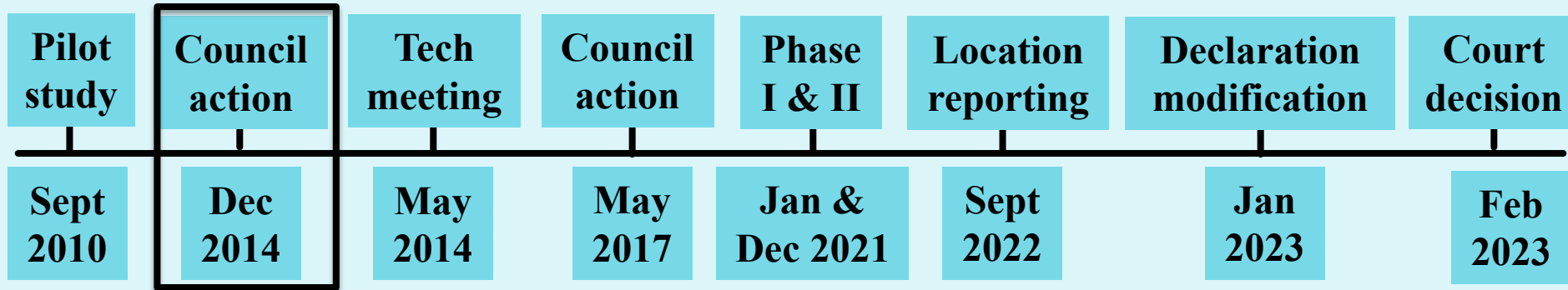


- Pilot study conducted from Sept. 2010 through Aug. 2011
  - Florida: 322 vessels; Texas: 36 vessels reported

## General Findings

- Could not achieve census-level compliance for catch and effort
- Difficulty verifying catch from dock intercepts
- No way to verify if a trip occurred or not
- At-sea observers would be costly to implement
- Prior to implementation of any new logbook reporting program, a well-thought out plan to reinforce the reporting requirement after the start date should be in place so that it can be executed quickly.

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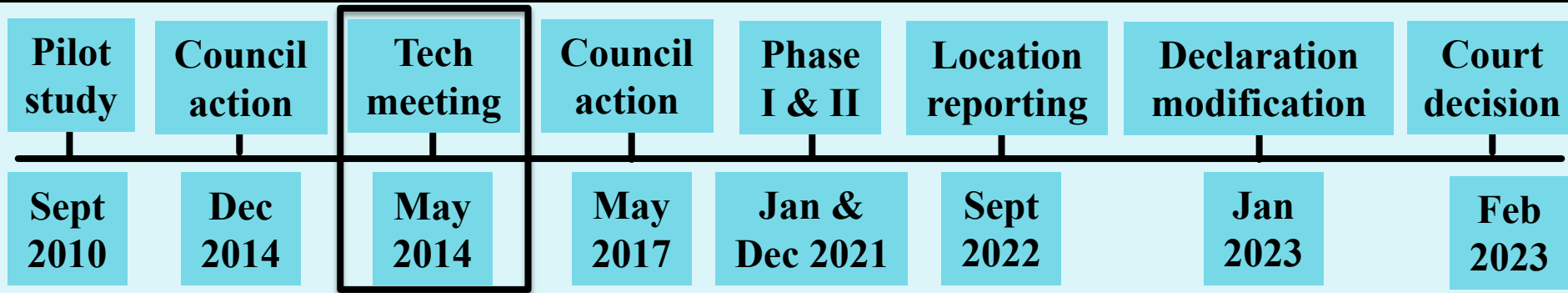
## Amendment 40

- Defined, within the recreational sector, distinct private angling and federal for-hire components of the recreational red snapper fishery

## Similar action put on hold and AP recommendations

- Amendment 41: Federally permitted for-hire vessels that do not participate in the SRHS, and thus do not have recorded landings histories, are referred to here as charter vessels. Amendment 41 evaluates allocation-based management approaches for charter vessels.
- Ad Hoc Red Snapper For-Hire AP: Recommended the Council develop a data collection program for Gulf charter for-hire reef fish permit holders (May 2015)

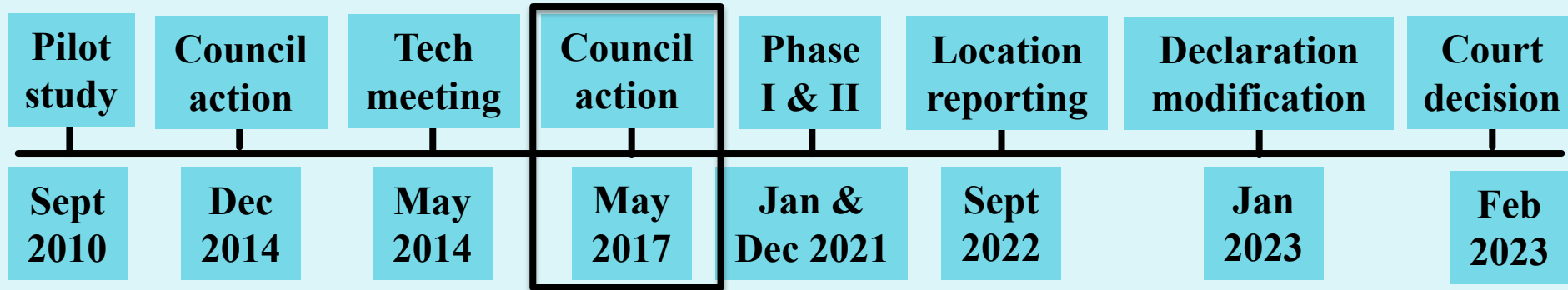
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Technical fisheries staff provided a list of data collection recommendations

- Mandatory participation
- Census design approach
- Trip-level reporting
- Use of several different reporting platforms
- Dockside validation of logbook trip reports
- Validation of vessel activity
- Calibration with existing survey for no less than 3 years
- Provided an estimated budget

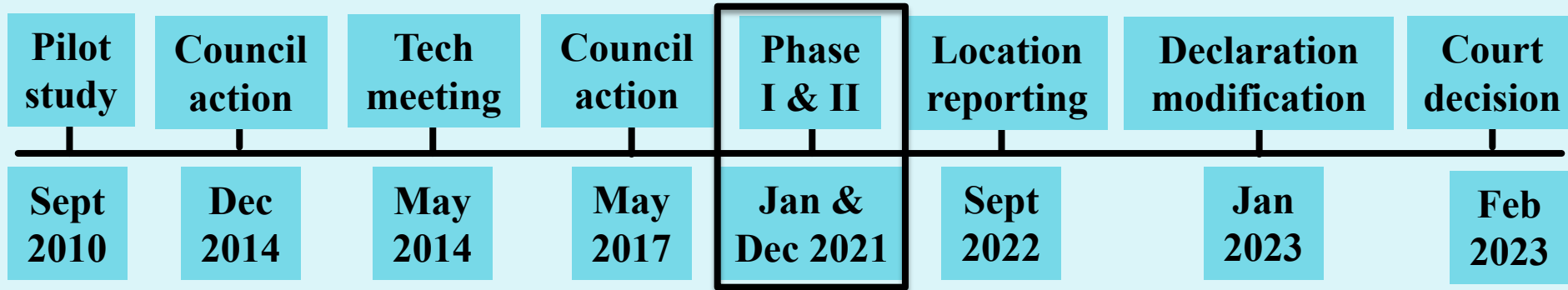
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Generic amendment: *Modifications to Charter Vessel and Headboat Reporting Requirements*

- Required electronic reporting of logbooks for charter vessels having a Reef fish and/or Coastal Migratory Pelagic permit
- Hail-out/hail-in when departing for any trip
- Require vessel operators to submit fishing records via NMFS approved hardware/software with GPS capabilities that, at a minimum, archive vessel position data to NMFS. The GPS portion of the hardware is permanently affixed to the vessel

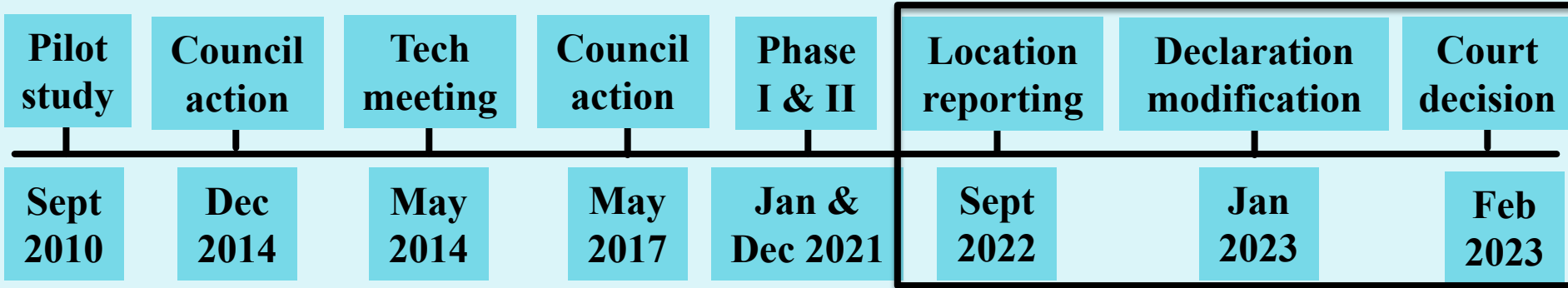
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## Program Roll-out:

- Phase 1
  - January 5, 2021: Required hail-in/hail-out and electronic logbook submission
- Phase II
  - December 13, 2021: Required Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) to be operational

# Gulf charter for-hire data collection timeline



Framework Action: *Modification to Location Reporting Requirements for For-Hire Vessels*

- Established an exemption to the VMS requirement due to unforeseen failures in a VMS unit

Framework Action: *Modification of For-Hire Vessel Trip Declaration Requirements*

- Require federally-permitted for-hire vessel owners and/or operators to submit a trip declaration for trips that will be engaging in any type of fishing or chartered activity.

Court decision: Appellate court ruled to set aside the program in its entirety

# Questions?

