

Sustainable Fisheries Committee: Action Guide and Next Steps for Tab E

Agenda Item IV: Conversion of Historical Captain Endorsements to Federal For-Hire Permits – Revised Draft

Timeline Status: Revised Draft

Council input and next steps: Staff will present a revised draft for the conversion of historical captain reef fish and coastal migratory pelagic (CMP) endorsements into standard Gulf headboat/charter (for-hire) permits. Staff will also discuss options for the passenger capacity of the standard for-hire permits to be issued. The Committee should provide feedback on the options presented and provide recommendations for the next steps.

Agenda Item V: Revised Draft Generic Amendment – Carryover of Unharvested Quota

Timeline Status: Revised Draft

Council input and next steps: The Committee should review the proposed alternatives and recommend any edits as appropriate. Actions 1 and 2 have been revised to reflect IPT deliberations on the functionality of a carryover provision in practice. If the Committee is satisfied with the proposed alternatives, then staff will move forward with the development of a public hearing draft for the January 2019 Council meeting. Due to the technical nature of this document, staff is proposing to conduct public hearings via webinar.

Agenda Item VI: Discussion and Selection of Allocation Review Triggers

Timeline Status: Discussion

Council Input and Next Steps: Staff will present a discussion paper on the NMFS Fisheries Allocation Review Policy (NMFS Policy Directive 01-119) and the associated procedural directive on criteria for initiating allocation reviews (NMFS Procedural Directive 01-119-01). The presentation emphasizes types of allocation review triggers considered in the policy. The Committee should review the allocation triggers and the SSC recommendations for identifying allocation review triggers (Tab B, No. 9) and discuss the selection of allocation triggers or sets of triggers most suitable for reviewing the Gulf Council’s allocations. The Committee should also identify Gulf of Mexico fisheries allocations subject to the policy. If the Committee selects allocation triggers, they should direct staff to draft a letter to NMFS detailing the allocation triggers selected for the review of Gulf allocations.
