

**Data Collection Committee
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Agenda Item IV: Review of Potential Regulatory Changes from Commercial Electronic Logbook Program Implementation

Timeline Status: Information and discussion

Council input and next steps: At its June 2020 Council meeting, several questions about the current status of the Commercial Electronic Logbook program specific to the Gulf of Mexico (Gulf) were asked of the Southeast Fisheries Science Center (SEFSC). The SEFSC will provide a presentation for the Committee’s consideration. The topics presented will be: identifying the number and type of commercial permits impacted by the new program in the Gulf; presenting a list of required reporting elements; outlining a list of approved software and hardware requirements for the program; stating the frequency of reporting needed to achieve program goals; and reviewing any additional details for the program such as current differences between the paper logbooks and new electronic reporting program. The Committee should review agenda materials, ask questions of the SEFSC, and provide guidance to staff on the development of an associated policy document for the regulatory modifications to the Commercial Electronic Logbook Program.

Agenda Item V: Update on Southeast For-hire Electronic Reporting (SEFHIER) Program

Timeline Status: Information and discussion

Council input and next steps: The Southeast Regional Office (SERO) will provide an update on the progress of the SEFHIER program. The final rule was published in July 2020 and assigns an effective date for Phase I of the program for January 5th, 2021. Phase I will require for-hire vessels to hail out/hail in and report catch before landing. Phase II requirements for possessing vessel location monitoring equipment will be implemented at a later date. The Committee should be prepared to discuss the program timeline, ask questions regarding details of the program, and offer insights on how these changes would affect the for-hire industry in the Gulf.
