

**Data Collection Committee
Action Guide and Next Steps for Tab F**

Agenda Item IV: Abbreviated Framework Action to Modify For-hire Trip Declaration Requirements

Timeline Status: Presentation, discussion, and input

Council input and next steps: Since the implementation of the Southeast For-hire Integrated Electronic Reporting (SEFHIER) program, participants described the hail-out provision as overly burdensome. The requirement stipulates a captain must hail-out whenever the vessel leaves the dock even for short non-fishing activities (i.e. getting gas, obtaining bait, etc.). Council staff will clarify the purpose of the document and present a preliminary draft of a framework action to address this issue to allow for an exemption to the hail-out provision when moving a for-hire vessel for non-fishing related tasks within a prescribed timeframe. The Committee should review the associated materials, ask questions of staff, and provide guidance on selecting an appropriate exemption time frame of those considered in the draft.

Agenda Item V: Draft Options Joint Amendment to Require Electronic Reporting for Commercial Logbooks

Timeline Status: Presentation, discussion, input

Council input and next steps: NMFS is interested in modifying the commercial coastal logbook program to allow for electronic reporting. The program change will affect the Gulf reef fish and coastal migratory pelagic fisheries. Since the coastal migratory pelagic fishery is cooperatively managed with the South Atlantic Council, a joint amendment is required for implementation. Council staff will provide an overview of the document development to date and next steps. Staff will provide an overview of the plan to engage various advisory panels and obtaining feedback for future Council meetings review. The Committee should ask questions regarding the proposed changes and discuss how the proposed modifications would affect participants of the commercial coastal logbook program.
