

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

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

**Timeline Status:** Information and discussion

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**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.

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**Agenda Item V:** Briefing on Shrimp Electronic Logbook Program

**Timeline Status:** Information and discussion

**Council input and next steps:** The SEFSC will present an update regarding the modifications to the Shrimp Electronic Logbook Program. These program modifications are necessary as cellular reporting through the 3G network is being phased out. The SEFSC has provided a proposal letter (Tab F No. 5a) to the Committee outlining how the program could be modified to accommodate the cellular network changes. Additionally, the SEFSC will provide a presentation about the proposed program modifications. The Committee should review the letter, consider the presentation, ask questions of SEFSC staff, and provide feedback to the SEFSC on how these changes will affect shrimp industry participants in the Gulf.

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**Agenda Item VI:** 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 5<sup>th</sup>, 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.

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