

### Data Collection Committee: Action Guide and Next Steps for Tab F

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**Agenda item IV:** Draft Procedural Directive for Electronic Monitoring Data Retention

**Timeline Status:** Discussion and input

**Council input and next steps:** In September 2018, the Council sent a letter (**Tab F, No. 4a**) to the NOAA commenting on a draft *Procedural Directive on Cost Allocation in Electronic Monitoring Programs for Federally Managed U.S. Fisheries 04-115-02*. This procedural directive was then finalized and became effective in May 2019 (**Tab F, No. 4b**). Broadly, the procedural directive allocates the cost responsibility associated with fishery-dependent data collection via electronic monitoring programs between NOAA (administrative) and industry (sampling). Retention of video, imagery, or other metadata created during the fishing season was categorized in the procedural directive 04-115-02 as an industry cost. An additional procedural directive is now being proposed by the NOAA to specifically address the minimum data retention period for electronic monitoring programs (**Tab F, No. 4**). The comment period for this procedural directive ends on December 31, 2019. In the draft procedural directive, a minimum retention period of 12 months would be required for vessel owners' electronic monitoring data. The Committee should review the draft policy directive and provide comments and feedback for staff to outline in a letter.

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**Agenda item V:** Update on SEFHIER Implementation

**Timeline Status:** Information and discussion

**Council input and next steps:** SERO staff will provide an update about the implementation plan and process to enact electronic reporting requires for federally permitted for-hire vessels in the Gulf. The Committee should discuss progress timelines and provide feedback on the program implementation.

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