

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

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#### **Agenda item IV: Revisions to MRIP Recreational Data Collection**

**Timeline Status:** Education and Information

**Council input and next steps:** The Committee will receive a presentation summarizing the changes in the MRIP program made to improve recreational fishing effort estimates on the Atlantic and Gulf coasts. The MRIP survey has transitioned from a telephone to a mail-based survey and this change has prompted revised estimates of current and historical recreational harvest for many species. To address these changes, a transition plan has been developed to address potentially significant impacts to the science and management process. The Committee will review the changes and may consider the implications of incorporating this information into science and management. The first decision the Council will need to make is how to proceed with MRIP calibrations on gag, greater amberjack, gray snapper, vermilion snapper, and red snapper during the Gulf SEDAR Committee.

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#### **Agenda item V: For-Hire Electronic Reporting Workshop Hosted by the Quality Management Professional Specialty Group**

**Timeline Status:** Information

**Council input and next steps:** Dr. Stephen will update the Committee on a workshop led by NOAA Fisheries Quality Management Professional Specialty Group that reviewed the for-hire electronic reporting programs under development in the Southeast region. She will provide a summary of the workshop and describe opportunities, challenges, and lessons learned regarding the implementation of electronic reporting in the for-hire sector. She will also update the Committee about the timeline of implementation of electronic reporting in the Gulf.

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#### **Agenda item VI: Update on MRIP Red Snapper Survey Design Workshop**

**Timeline Status:** Information

**Council input and next steps:** Staff will provide a summary of the MRIP Red Snapper Survey Design Workshop held to discuss methods to calibrate and integrate the new MRIP and state data collections programs that are being used to determine red snapper harvest from private anglers in the Gulf. The Committee should discuss the preliminary findings and may make recommendations about potential challenges or improvements to the process.

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