

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

Agenda Item IV: Joint Amendment for Commercial Electronic Reporting

Timeline Status: Final action

Council input and next steps: The Southeast Fishery Science Center is working towards implementing electronic reporting for the commercial coastal logbook program across the South Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico (Gulf). A joint amendment has been developed and has been approved for final action by the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council during its September 2023 meeting. Council staff will present a summary of public comments received, including comments recorded during three virtual public hearings, and the latest draft of the document. Additionally, the Southeast Regional Office (SERO) will summarize modifications to the codified text. The Committee should review the agenda materials, ask any questions of staff, and recommend that the Council take final action on the amendment, if desired.

Agenda Item V: Development of Gulf for-hire Data Collection Program

Timeline Status: Information, discussion, and feedback

Council input and next steps: SERO Staff will provide three presentations discussing the development of another for-hire data collection program to replace the Southeast For-Hire Integrated Electronic Reporting (SEFHIER) program. The first presentation will review existing for-hire data programs including the Marine Recreational Information Program for-hire telephone survey, the Southeast Regional Headboat Survey, LA Creel, and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Sport Angler Survey. The second presentation will report some initial results from data collected in 2022 from SEFHIER. The third presentation will provide an overview of usages for for-hire data and provide discussion for some next steps. The Committee will have an opportunity to ask questions of staff between each presentation. The Committee should consider all the information and provide feedback to staff on any additional directives for the For-hire Data Collection AP meeting, in addition to the charge statement.

Agenda Item VI: SSC Discussions on MRIP-FES pilot study and next steps

Timeline Status: Information and Discussion

Council input and next steps: Dr. Luiz Barbieri (Scientific and Statistical Committee [SSC], Vice Chair) will present the SSC's discussions of the recent findings of the Marine Recreational Information Program's 2023 pilot study into the Fishing Effort Survey (FES). The findings of the 2023 pilot study, presented by Mr. Rob Andrews of the NOAA Office of Science and Technology (OST), discovered the presence of telescoping bias in FES, whereby the order of questions regarding the frequency with which a respondent went fishing within prescribed time

periods resulted in an overestimation of overall fishing effort, and thus landings. This overestimation, generalized across regions and species, was estimated to be approximately 39% for the private vessel mode and 32% for the shore mode. Dr. Barbieri will also review the follow-up pilot study to be conducted in 2024 by OST and the anticipated peer-review process to evaluate the 2024 study, and the next steps. Lastly, Dr. Barbieri will summarize a sensitivity run for SEDAR 81 for Gulf Spanish Mackerel, testing the effects of the results of the pilot study; this sensitivity is not intended to be used to modify catch advice at this time. The Committee should evaluate the information presented and make recommendations to the Council as appropriate, especially with consideration of Committee Agenda Item VII.

Agenda Item VII: Discussion of MRIP-FES Exposure Analysis for the Gulf of Mexico

Timeline Status: Information and Discussion

Council input and next steps: Council staff will present a draft of how to consider the Council's exposure to the effects of the results of the MRIP-FES 2023 pilot study, with respect to the Council's ongoing and planned management actions. Council staff have created a generalized method for considering the severity of exposure based on the data needed to evaluate a management action and whether any alternative data sources are available for consideration. Staff have also considered ongoing stock assessments in the inventory process. Exposure mitigation is expected to vary by species and action. The Committee should review the information presented and provide feedback to staff as appropriate. Staff will plan to revise the analysis and finalize it, with input from the SERO and the Southeast Fisheries Science Center, for the Council for the January 2024 Council meeting.

Agenda Item VIII: Summary report from Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) deliberations at the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission (GSMFC) meeting

Timeline Status: Information and Discussion

Council input and next steps: In October, the TCC received a presentation requesting their feedback on exploring approaches for identifying the universe of federal private anglers. Mr. Dave Donaldson (GSMFC) will provide a summary update from the TCC. The Committee should listen to the update, ask questions of staff, and discuss potential next steps for creating novel management measures for private recreational anglers in the Gulf.

Agenda Item IX: Other Business

Timeline Status: Information

Council input and next steps: Additional topics may be discussed by the Committee and recommended for further action at a future Committee meeting.