

Update on modification to commercial coastal logbook program



Background

- The commercial coastal logbook program collects data from commercial vessels in the Gulf of Mexico and throughout the Atlantic
- Commercial fishermen holding Gulf reef fish and Coastal Migratory Pelagic permits are required to fill out a coastal paper logbook within 7 days of completing a fishing trip and mail the logbook to SEFSC
- A subset (20%) of commercial coastal logbook participants are selected by SEFSC to also fill out an economic or discard survey for a year
 - Mailed out separately from coastal logbook
 - Mandatory to complete if selected



Background

- **The SEFSC is interested in transitioning to electronic reporting of logbooks rather than continuing the current submission process of mailing a paper logbook (Council passed a motion Feb 2013)**
- SEFSC has proposed moving towards an electronic platform
 - In cooperation with the Atlantic Coastal Cooperative Statistics Program (ACCSP) through eTrips
- Moving towards electronic submission supported by Reef Fish and CMP APs of survey as is
 - Any transition toward set-level reporting suggested holding workshops



Joint document with SAFMC

- In the South Atlantic modifications to the program affect the Snapper-Grouper, Dolphin/Wahoo, and Coastal Migratory Pelagic FMPs
 - The Coastal Migratory Pelagic FMP is cooperatively managed between the two Councils = A joint document is required for implementation of reporting changes
- At its June 2022 meeting, the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council made a motion to work on a joint document with the Gulf Council to implement the electronic submission for the commercial coastal logbook
- The South Atlantic Dolphin/Wahoo FMP does not have a consideration for using an abbreviated document for reporting changes in its framework procedures
- A joint Plan Amendment to each affected FMP would satisfy requirements for policy document development



Purpose and need

- The purpose is to modify reporting for commercial fishing vessels issued South Atlantic or Gulf of Mexico permits and currently reporting through the Southeast Coastal Logbook program (Gulf Reef Fish, South Atlantic Snapper-Grouper, Atlantic Dolphin and Wahoo, and Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf and Atlantic), to require that the reports be submitted electronically.
- The need is to improve the timeliness and efficiency of the commercial logbook data collection and management program, which will improve monitoring and compliance of federally permitted commercial vessels participating in the Southeast Coastal Logbook program.



Move from paper to electronic

2018 SE COASTAL FISHERIES TRIP REPORT FORM Use Black Ink only! OMB Control No. 0648-0118
Expiration Date: 9/30/2018

Signature: _____ Phone No.: () - _____ Schedule No. **NMFS Use Only**

Vessel Name: _____ Trip Start Date: MM / DD / YY Country or Parish: _____ State: _____

Vessel No.: _____ Trip Unload Date: MM / DD / YY Dealer Name: _____

Operator Name: _____ SE Federal Dealer Number: _____

Operator Number (if known): _____ Days at Sea: _____ No. of Crew: _____ State Trip Ticket No.: _____

Check box if landings sold to multiple dealers: Yes

GEAR SECTION: see instructions on Page 2. Check gear box and fill in all the boxes below.

Traps (T) <input type="checkbox"/> Fish <input type="checkbox"/> Other	Longline (L) <input type="checkbox"/> Full <input type="checkbox"/> Bottom <input type="checkbox"/> Other	Gill Net (GN) <input type="checkbox"/> Gill Net	Hook & Line (H) <input type="checkbox"/> Hand <input type="checkbox"/> Band <input type="checkbox"/> Trolling <input type="checkbox"/> Sled	Other Gear (O) <input type="checkbox"/> Other
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Total # Traps Used	# Sets	# Hooks per Line	Length (yards)	# Lines	# Hooks per Line	Total Hrs Fished	# of Divers	Type
Trap Soak Time (hrs)	Set Soak Time (hrs)	Depth (yards)					SE VTR #	R18100001
Total Soak Time (hrs)	Total Soak Time (hrs)	Set Soak Time (hrs)						
Mesh	Length (miles)	Mesh						

CATCH SECTION: Weight- Record POUNDS kept gutted or whole. (DO NOT include fractions of pounds). Gear- Record gear used for MAJORITY of catch as T, L, GN, H, E, TR, B, S, J, P or O. (Do not use multiple gears). Area- Areas can be found on maps in topbook (page 5). Do not use state area codes. Depth- Record bottom depth where the MAJORITY of fish were caught in FEET.

Species Name	Code	Gutted-lbs	Whole-lbs	Gear	Area	Depth	Species Name	Code	Gutted-lbs	Whole-lbs	Gear	Area	Depth
Amberjack-Great	1812						P	Lothead	3312				
Amberjack-Lesser	1815						O	Vinobbed	3308				
Almaco	1810						G	Red	3302				
Banded Rider	1817						T	Whitebone	3306				
Crevale	0870							Blacknose	3488				
Cobia	0570							Blacktip	3495				
Dolphin Fish	1050							Bonnethead	3483				
Black	1422						H	Bull	3497				
Gag	1423						A	Dogfish, Smth	3511				
Wahoo	4740						R	Finetooth	3481				
Red	1416						K	Lemon	3517				
Scamp	1424							Sandbar	3513				
Snowy	1414							Sharpnose, Atl	3518				
Yelloweye	1415							Blackfin	3757				
Yellowfin	1426							Lane	3761				
Hind, Red	1413						N	Mangrove	3752				
Hind, Rock	1412						A	Mutton	3763				
Hind, Speckled	1411						P	Queen	3770				
Bluestriped	1444						E	Red	3764				
French	1445							Silk/Yelloweye	3758				
White	1441							Vermilion	3765				
Margate	1442							Yellowtail	3767				
Margate, Black	1443							Triggerfish, Gray	4661				
Gnarts, Unc.	1440							Triggerfish, Ocean	4662				
Hogfish	1790							Triggerfish, Queen	4663				
King Mackerel	1940							Tilefish, Gray	4474				
Spanish Mackerel	3840							Tilefish, Golden	4470				
Wahoo	4710							Sea Trout, White	3465				
Black Sea Bass	3360							Little Tunny	4663				
Bluefish	0230							Barracuda	0180				
Blue Runner	0270							Hake	1580				



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☰ ← Catches

2 HOOK AND LINE (11-17-08-51-07) SEARCH 🔍

Favorite Species

BASS, BLACK SEA

BASS, STRIPED

BASS, STRIPED

SUMMARY CATCHES

1 General : Food MACKEREL, ATLANTIC

9 General : Food TAUTOG

36 Not Brought on Board : Released alive TAUTOG

OFFLOADS



Additional information

- **Commercial logbook data fields will need to be added to the logbook so that electronic submission will be compatible to ACCSP's database**
 - See "Background" Spreadsheet (Tab F, No. 5b)
 - The data will then be made available to SEFSC from ACCSP
 - Timing for reporting will be unchanged (7 days)
- **Voluntary (unless selected by SEFSC) portions of the commercial electronic program (economic and discard surveys)**
 - The economic survey will have some additional data fields to be compatible with ACCSP's database (See Tab F, No. 5b)
 - Discards will be reported when completing the commercial logbook
 - These two surveys will still remain voluntary unless selected



Difference in data fields

Why are there a few added data fields?

- In an effort to streamline data collection across the federal and state agencies, NMFS has established these as required, by the very nature of NMFS' role as an ACCSP partner. In general, the additional fields either collect the same information, but in a different way than on paper (gutted vs whole weight), or ask for a better estimate of the trip duration or characteristic (end/start port or trip end time). Changes to these fields would require the entire ACCSP committee agreeing to changes or a decision by NMFS to not use ACCSP as a catcher's mitt or vendor (we do not currently have the resources to do this without ACCSP, although capabilities are being built for down the road working with GARFO).
- For more questions related to program modification see "Background: List of Questions from the IPT (Tab F, No. 5c)



Next steps

- Rough draft of document Chapter 1 is being developed
 - Document (Tab F, No. 5d)
- South Atlantic Council meets Sept. 12-17, 2022
- Convene the Reef Fish and CMP APs in fall 2022



Questions?



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