

Data Collection Advisory Panel
Scope of Work
September 14, 2021
Hybrid Meeting

Agenda Items V (a) and (b): Review and discussion of Southeast For-Hire Electronic Reporting (SEFHIER) Program

Action: Information and discussion

Staff from the Southeast Regional Office (SERO) will provide a background and a progress update on the Southeast For-Hire Electronic Reporting (SEFHIER) Program (**Agenda Item V. a**). Phase I of the program was implemented in January 2021 and established new reporting requirements for the for-hire industry. Phase II of the program will require the use of vessel monitoring systems and is expected to be implemented December 2021. The presentation will provide an update on the program status and report preliminary information regarding the program's implementation to date. A copy of the Amendment that modified charter vessel and headboat reporting requirements is available in the meeting materials as background (**Agenda Item V. b**). The AP should be prepared to discuss this information, ask questions regarding details of the program and offer insights on how these changes would affect the for-hire industry in the Gulf.

Agenda Items V (c) and (d): Modification to Location Reporting Requirements for For-Hire and Commercial vessels

Action: Review, discussion, and recommendations

Council staff will provide a presentation (**Agenda Item V.c**) outlining the development of a draft options document which will address policy regarding for-hire compliance in the event of an unforeseen failure with vessel monitoring system equipment. Discussion will also include the potential for an analogous policy for the commercial sector's electronic monitoring system equipment . A copy of latest draft options document is available in the meeting materials as background (**Agenda Item V.d**). The AP should review the draft document and ask questions of SERO and Council staff, and provide input on the development and next steps.

Agenda Item VI: Review and Discussion of Modification to the Commercial Electronic Reporting Program

Action: Presentation, discussion, and recommendations

Staff from the Southeast Fisheries Science Center (SEFSC) will provide a presentation regarding proposed changes to the commercial electronic reporting program (**Agenda Item VI. a**).

Broadly, these changes involve reporting effort and catch information at the set level rather than the trip level, and will help generate better estimates of stock abundance for inclusion into stock assessment models. Before these changes are to be implemented, a policy document will need to be developed by the Council. Work on a document has not begun, so input from the AP would be valuable during the early stages of this process. The Reef Fish and Coastal Migratory Pelagic APs received a synthesis presentation on this topic at their spring 2021 meetings and have provided comments back to the Council (**Agenda Item VI. b**). Additionally, a copy of current commercial logbook form (**Agenda Item VI. c**) and a link to current vessel monitoring system requirements (**Agenda Item VI. d**) are available in the meeting materials as background. The AP should review the background materials, listen to the presentation, and provide recommendations to the SEFSC and Council on the changes to the commercial electronic reporting program.