

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

Agenda Item IV: Draft Framework Action: Modification to Location Reporting Requirements for For-Hire Vessels

Timeline Status: Presentation, discussion, and feedback on alternatives

Council input and next steps: Council staff will provide an overview of a draft framework action which will establish an exemption for unforeseen VMS equipment malfunction for Southeast For-Hire Integrated Electronic Reporting (SEFHIER) program participants. The draft has been revised to reflect the preferred Alternatives selected by the Committee at its January 2022 meeting. The Committee is expected to review the document and provide feedback. Staff will prepare the document for final action for the June meeting.

Agenda Item V: Update on the Southeast For-hire Integrated Electronic Reporting (SEFHIER) Program

Timeline Status: Presentation and discussion

Council input and next steps: Southeast Regional Office (SERO) staff will provide a progress update on the Southeast For-Hire Integrated Electronic Reporting (SEFHIER) Program. Phase I of the program was implemented on January 5, 2021 and established new reporting requirements for the federal for-hire industry. Phase II of the program requires the use of vessel monitoring systems (VMS) and was implemented on March 1, 2022. The Committee should listen to the presented materials and discussion, and ask questions of SERO staff. Now that both phases of this program have been implemented the Council should consider if updates are still needed at every future Council meeting.

Agenda Item VI: NMFS-SERO Use of Council Funding Utilized by the Permits Office

Timeline Status: Informational

Council input and next steps: Southeast Regional Office (SERO) leadership will provide an overview regarding how the Council funding of \$94,000 has been applied to updating the SERO permits software system. This is informational, no action is needed, but the Committee should ask questions after the overview. At a subsequent Council meeting, a more detailed presentation of the changes to the permits division programs and software upgrades will be provided.

Agenda Item VII: Update on Workshop to Evaluate State-Federal Recreational Survey Differences

Timeline Status: Presentation, discussion, and feedback

Council input and next steps: Dr. Richard Cody will provide an update on a recently held workshop of the MRIP Transition Team Gulf subgroup. The February 23-25 workshop included a review from independent statistical consultants, discussion of Gulf state recreational fishery surveys, and development of a roadmap to inform next steps and timeline for the transition process. The Committee should ask questions about the workshop and provide feedback on recreational fishing surveys in the Gulf.
