

### Sustainable Fisheries Committee: Action Guide and Next Steps for Tab E

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**Agenda Item IV:** Standardized Bycatch Reporting Methodology

**Timeline Status:** Discussion and Feedback

**Council input and next steps:** All fishery management plans (FMPs) must establish a Standardized Bycatch Reporting Methodology (SBRM) to assess the amount and type of bycatch occurring in each Gulf of Mexico fishery, the purpose of which is to collect, record, and report bycatch data. To satisfy this requirement, the Council has specified SBRM for all of its sole and joint FMPs with the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council. The Councils, in consultation with NMFS, must review the current SBRMs within five years of the final rule effective date (March 21, 2017), and must conduct follow up reviews at least once every five years. Mr. Dan Luers (SERO) will review the Standard Bycatch Reporting Methodology (SBRM) white paper. This document constitutes the review required by the SBRM final rule. The Committee should consider the information presented and make recommendations to the Council as appropriate regarding the adequacy and completeness of this report.

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**Agenda Item V:** Other Business

**Timeline Status:** Potential Additional items

**Council Input and Next Steps:** Additional items may be brought up for discussion by the Committee, time permitting. If the Committee wishes to pursue action, then action can be scheduled at a future Council meeting.

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