

**Data Collection Committee Report
October 23, 2019
Mr. Kevin Anson – Chair**

The Committee adopted the agenda (**Tab F, No. 1**) as written and approved the minutes (**Tab F, No. 2**) of the August 2019 meeting as written.

Draft Procedural Directive for Electronic Monitoring Data Retention (Tab F, No. 4)

Council staff presented the draft document to the Committee and stated that the data retention stipulation outlined in the procedural directive was applicable to video and imagery data only. After reviewing the draft procedural directive, the Committee asked if the video and imagery data collected by fishery participants would be proprietary during the record keeping period. Ms. Levy indicated that procedures related to the proprietary nature and accessibility of the electronic monitoring data are currently being developed along the west coast and that these procedures would likely also be implemented for the Gulf of Mexico. The Committee decided to draft a comment letter acknowledging the data retention directive for electronic monitoring data but also ask for clarification regarding the proprietary nature of the data.

Update on SEFHIER (Tab F, No. 5)

Ms. Gerhart presented an update to the Committee on the progress and implementation timeline for the Southeast For-Hire Integrated Electronic Reporting (SEFHIER) program. She provided a progress update about the platform approvals for the logbook systems along with information related to data storage and data sharing for phase one of the program. Additionally, she provided insights into phase two of the implementation timeline regarding the approval process for cellular-based vessel monitoring systems (VMS). The Committee inquired as to whether VMS used by participants in the headboat pilot program would be applicable for phase two requirements. Ms. Gerhart indicated that if the VMS vendor applied and was approved for the program that those participants would be in compliance. She recommended contacting VISMA, the vending coordinator contractor which works with NOAA law enforcement, for more information. The Committee also asked about the recently acquired funding for the program. Ms. Gerhart stated that the funding was intended to help with the initial outreach and start-up of the program and would only be available for one year.

Mr. Chair, this concludes my report.