

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

Agenda item IV: NOAA Fisheries Permit Office 101 Presentation

Timeline Status: Education and information

Council input and next steps: Mr. Kevin McIntosh will provide a presentation giving an overview of the procedures conducted at the Constituency Services Branch Permit Office. The presentation will include a summary of the permit application process and online permit system. The presentation will focus on logbook, Office of Law Enforcement -Vessel Monitoring System (VMS), and Individual Fishery Quota (IFQ) reporting. After the presentation, the Committee can discuss and ask questions regarding the collection of data from the Permit Office.

Agenda item V: Discussion of Commercial Fishing Unique Trip Identifiers

Timeline Status: Discussion and input

Council input and next steps: Dr. Jessica Stephen will present information related to creating unique commercial trip identifiers. Specifically, the presentation will focus on efforts to pinpoint and address data gaps associated with linking VMS data with federally permitted reef fish and Individual Fishery Quota IFQ participants. After the presentation, the Committee can discuss and provide feedback for improved data collection.

Agenda item VI: Net Gains Alliance Presentation

Timeline Status: Information and engagement

Council input and next steps: Mr. George Lapointe will give a presentation outlining the objective and mission of the Net Gains Alliance (NGA) which is a global initiative committed to accelerating the modernization, implementation, and adaptation of robust information system to support sustainable management of ocean resources. After the presentation, the Committee may ask questions regarding the engagement and mission statements of the Net Gains Alliance presentation.

Agenda item VII: Update on SEFHIER

Timeline Status: Information and discussion

Council input and next steps: Ms. Sue Gerhart will provide an update on the Southeastern For-Hire Integrated Electronic Reporting (SEFHIER) program. SERO and Council staff are continuing to work on creating and distributing a newsletter to inform all federally permitted for-hire industry participants and state fisheries management directors about the changes to the implementation timeline. The Committee should ask for any clarification regarding the SEFHIER implementation progress.
