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Agenda Item IV: **Final Action:** Update on Southeast For-Hire Integrated Electronic Reporting Program (SEFHIER)

Timeline Status: Discussion and information

Council input and next steps: The Data Collection Advisory Panel (AP) heard an update on the SEFHIER program in February; however, this update was provided before the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals ruling. In late February 2023, the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled on a case involving the Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) requirement of the SEFHIER program. The Court ruled in favor of the plaintiffs. The ruling has ramifications on not only the VMS requirement in the SEFHIER program but also for the program as a whole. NMFS staff will provide a verbal update on the Court's decision and the future of the SEFHIER program. The Committee should listen to the update and ask questions.

Agenda Item V: Modification to Commercial Coastal Logbook Reporting Requirements and Advisory Panel Recommendations

Timeline Status: Review, discussion, public hearing consideration

Council input and next steps: The Committee will be provided an update on the progress of modifying the southeast commercial coastal logbook program. The modification would stipulate electronic submission of logbooks rather than mailing paper forms. SEFSC staff provided a presentation and a comparison spreadsheet on program data field modifications to the Data Collection AP in February 2023. The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council reviewed a draft document at its March 2023 meeting and approved the document for public hearing. A draft version of the document is available for the Committee's review and approval for public hearing, if desired. The Committee should review the AP's comments, the draft document, ask questions of staff, and provide input.

Agenda Item VI: Discussion on Private Angler Licensing and Reporting Requirements and the Feasibility of a Federal Private Angling Permit to Define Offshore Anglers

Timeline Status: Information and Committee feedback

Council input and next steps: The Council has recently discussed novel strategies for defining the universe of federal private recreational anglers in the Gulf of Mexico. At the October 2022

Council meeting, a motion was passed to begin exploring some management options for this objective. Council staff provided an initial presentation on this topic during the January 2023 Council meeting and provided a similar presentation to the Data Collection AP during its February 2023 meeting. Staff will provide an overview of the Data Collection AP's motion and discussion for the Committee's consideration. Next, NMFS staff will provide a presentation to continue discussion of possible alternative approaches to private recreational management. The Committee should ask questions and provide any direction to staff for next steps.

Agenda Item VII: Remaining Data Collection AP Summary Items

Timeline Status: Information

Council input and next steps: The Committee will review the remaining items summarized in the February 2023 Data Collection AP meeting report. The AP also commented on Mote Marine Laboratory's research involving electronic monitoring in the commercial fishery and development of the Fishery Ecosystem Plan as well as two other business items. The Committee should review the summary report and ask questions, if desired.
