

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

Agenda Item IV: Presentation from the National Academy of Sciences on Data Management Strategies for Recreational Fisheries with Annual Catch Limits

Timeline Status: Presentation and information

Council input and next steps: Dr. Luiz Barbieri will provide a presentation (Tab F, No. 4a) on a recently completed report [executive summary (Tab F, No. 4b); full report (Tab F, No. 4c)] published by an ad hoc committee convened by the National Academy of Sciences to assess the progress of updating the Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP). The committee was also tasked with identifying any potential areas for improvements or modifications to the program that would increase the timeliness and quality of data for sustainable fisheries management. In summary, the report concluded that MRIP, while improved from older survey methods, was not designed for the purposes of in-season management of recreational fisheries with annual catch limits (ACLs). The report considers the use of alternative management options that have the potential to address management challenges associated with recreational fisheries with ACLs while serving broader social and economic management objectives. The Committee should listen to the presentation, review the report materials, ask questions about the presentation, and provide any insights on the report results.

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

Timeline Status: Presentation and discussion

Council input and next steps: Dr. Michelle Masi from the Southeast Regional Office (SERO) will provide a progress update on the Southeast For-Hire Electronic Reporting (SEFHIER) Program (Tab F, No. 5). 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 will require the use of vessel monitoring systems and is expected to be implemented December 13, 2021. The presentation will provide an update on the program status, and report preliminary information regarding the program's implementation to date. The Committee should be prepared to discuss this information, ask questions regarding details of the program, and offer insights on how these changes would affect the for-hire industry in the Gulf.

Agenda Item VI: Draft Framework Action: Modification to Location Reporting Requirements for For-Hire and Commercial Vessels and Data Collection Advisory Panel (AP) Recommendations

Timeline Status: Discussion and Feedback

Council input and next steps: Council staff will provide a presentation (Tab F, No. 6a) outlining the development of a draft options document (Tab F, No. 6b) which will address policy regarding federal for-hire compliance in the event of an unforeseen failure with vessel monitoring system equipment. The presentation and document include an analogous policy for the commercial sector's electronic reporting. The presentation will include recommendations from the Data Collection AP and the Law Enforcement Technical Committee on the draft framework actions and alternatives. The Committee should review the draft document and ask questions of SERO, Council staff, the Data Collection AP Chair, and provide input for continued development of the document for the January 2022 meeting.

Agenda Item VII: Presentation: Update on Modification to the Commercial Electronic Reporting Program

Timeline Status: Presentation, discussion, and feedback

Council input and next steps: Dr. Julie Brown from the Southeast Fishery Science Center (SEFSC) will present a progress update on the modifications to the commercial electronic logbook program (Tab F, No. 7). A similar presentation provided by the SEFSC at the recent Data Collection AP meeting indicated that the program would begin allowing for voluntary electronic submission of the paper logbook forms in the fall of 2021. The Committee should ask questions of SEFSC staff, discuss how to address potential future modifications to the program (i.e. additional data collection fields, reporting timing etc.), and advise whether the development of a policy document should be initiated at this time for electronic reporting of the current paper form.

Agenda Item VIII: Remaining Data Collection AP Recommendations

Timeline Status: Presentation and discussion

Council input and next steps:

Council staff will review any outstanding items of the September 2021 Data Collection AP meeting summary (Tab F, No. 8). The Committee may ask questions of the Data Collection AP Chair or Council staff regarding the meeting summary.