

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

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**Agenda Item IV:** AP Recommendations for Proposed Commercial e-logbook Requirements

**Timeline Status:** Information and discussion

**Council input and next steps:** At their recent meetings, both the Reef Fish and Coastal Migratory Pelagic Advisory Panels (APs) received a summary of two SEFSC presentations, provided at Council meetings in June and October of 2020, regarding changes to the commercial electronic logbook (ELB) reporting program. Council staff will review the portion of the AP summary reports that address this topic. Broadly, panel members were supportive of moving away from paper logbooks but expressed numerous concerns about the feasibility of the program changes related to additional data collection inputs. The Council will need to begin considering an associated policy document to implement the changes to the ELB program, and recommendations from the APs are beneficial for achieving program goals. The Committee should review the AP summaries, ask questions, and discuss the APs' recommendations and provide direction to staff for next steps.

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

**Timeline Status:** Presentation and discussion

**Council input and next steps:** The Southeast Regional Office (SERO) will provide an update on the SEFHIER program. Phase I of the program was implemented in January of this year and established new reporting requirements for the for-hire industry. Phase II of the program will require the use of vessel monitoring systems and is expected to be implemented at a later date. 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.

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**Agenda Item VI:** Presentation on Methodology used for Red Snapper Recreational and Commercial Discards used in Stock Assessments and Annual Catch Level Monitoring

**Timeline Status:** Presentation and discussion

**Council input and next steps:** The Committee will receive a presentation on the procedures used by the Southeast Fisheries Science Center (SEFSC) to incorporate dead discard data in stock assessments, including an explanation of the methods by which these removals are accounted for and some discussion of the uncertainty inherent in the estimates of these removals. Observed dead discards often account for only a small portion of total removals. However,

unobserved but self-reported discards, after considering a discard mortality rate, can account for a considerable amount of additional mortality. Where possible, the SEFSC tries to use scientific studies to determine the discard mortality rate to apply in stock assessments; elsewhere, anecdotal input from fishermen or data from surrogate species or fleets maybe used. The Committee should review the information presented, ask questions, and make any recommendations to the Council as appropriate.