

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

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**Agenda Item IV:** Framework Action: Modification to Location Reporting Requirements for For-Hire Vessels

**Timeline Status:** Presentation and potential final action

**Council input and next steps:** Council staff will present the finalized draft of the framework action to establish an exemption for unforeseen VMS equipment malfunction for Southeast For-Hire Integrated Electronic Reporting (SEFHIER) program participants. The document currently reflects the preferred Alternatives selected by the Committee at its January 2022 meeting. Staff will provide an overview of the public comments received and the proposed codified text will be reviewed. The Committee can take final action on this document, if desired.

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**Agenda Item V:** Update on the SEFHIER Program

**Timeline Status:** Presentation and discussion

**Council input and next steps:** Southeast Regional Office (SERO) staff will provide a brief status update on the SEFHIER program. The update will provide information on the number of registered program participants, the number of received reports to date, and whether any reports of vessel monitoring system malfunction have been submitted. SERO staff will also speak to potential modifications of the program regulations to address burdens associated with the hail-out stipulation of the program. The Committee should listen to the presented materials and ask questions of SERO staff.

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**Agenda Item VI:** Presentation on Framework Action to Modify For-Hire Trip Declaration Requirements

**Timeline Status:** Presentation and development discussion

**Council input and next steps:** Gulf Council and SERO staff will provide an informational presentation regarding the development of a document to reduce reporting burden for SEFHIER program participants. Currently, participants must hail-out every time the vessel leaves the dock. Input from the public indicates that this requirement is overly burdensome when program participants make short, non-fishing related trips that require leaving the dock (i.e. fueling, purchasing bait and ice, picking up customers, etc.). The Committee should listen to the presentation, ask questions of staff, and provide guidance on the development of the document.

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**Agenda Item VII:** Draft Options Joint Document to Require Electronic Reporting for Commercial Logbooks

**Timeline Status:** Presentation, discussion, and feedback

**Council input and next steps:** Council staff will provide a brief update on the proposed changes to NMFS's commercial coastal logbook program. Currently, paper logbooks are mailed to the Science Center, and a modification to the program would allow those reports to be submitted electronically. Implementation of electronic submissions for the commercial coastal logbook program would require the development of a joint document with the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, since the data collection program overlaps fishery management boundaries. Standardization in reporting has been recommended by NMFS. The Committee should ask questions of staff, discuss potential coordination, and provide guidance on the development of an associated document.

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**Agenda Item VIII:** Presentation: Overview and Demonstration of new SERO-Permits System

**Timeline Status:** Informational

**Council input and next steps:** Mr. Kevin McIntosh (Permit Office Branch Chief; SERO) will provide an overview and demonstration of the new permit software system. This is informational, no action is needed, but the Committee should ask questions of SERO staff after the presentation.