

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

Agenda Item IV: Abbreviated Framework Action to Modify For-hire Trip Declaration Requirements

Timeline Status: Presentation, discussion, and input

Council input and next steps: Since the implementation of the Southeast For-hire Integrated Electronic Reporting (SEFHIER) program, participants described the hail-out provision as overly burdensome. The requirement stipulates that a captain must hail-out whenever the vessel leaves the dock even for short, non-fishing activities (e.g., getting gas, obtaining bait). Southeast Regional Office (SERO) staff will provide a presentation outlining the rationale for two administrative changes. Additionally, Council staff will clarify the purpose of the document and present a revised draft framework action to allow for an exemption to the hail-out provision when moving a for-hire vessel for non-fishing activities. The Committee should review the SERO presentation, draft document, Reef Fish AP recommendations, ask questions of staff, and provide guidance on selecting an appropriate exemption alternative of those considered in the draft.

Agenda Item V: Review of South Atlantic Council Workgroup Discussions of Federal Private Angling Reef Fish Permit

Timeline Status: Presentation and discussion

Council input and next steps: The Committee will review discussions by a South Atlantic Council workgroup that investigated the feasibility of a federal private recreational fishing permit for harvesting species in the Fishery Management Plan for Snapper and Grouper Resources in the U.S. South Atlantic Region (Snapper Grouper FMP). The main intention of this proposed permit is to better define the universe of fishing effort within the region, which stakeholders contend is overestimated by the Marine Recreational Information Program's Fishing Effort Survey. Identifying this universe of anglers will also aid in other aspects of fishery management, especially if paired with a reporting mechanism for private recreational fishing trips. The Committee should review the information presented and ask questions as appropriate. The Council will receive a presentation on recommendations from the Joint Council Workgroup on Section 102 of the Modernizing Recreational Fisheries Management Act of 2018 during Full Council, which will include a motion from the Joint Workgroup on this topic.

Agenda Item VI: Update from Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission (GSMFC) on Fisheries Data Collection and Management

Timeline Status: Presentation and information

Council input and next steps: Mr. Gregg Bray, GSMFC staff, will provide an update presentation to the Committee. The presentation will provide an overview on the different programs at the GSMFC and focus on what current data collection activities are in place. The Committee should listen to the presentation and ask questions of Mr. Bray regarding GSMFC's data collection activities.

Agenda Item VII: Update on Commercial Electronic Reporting

Timeline Status: Presentation, discussion, and input

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 filed modifications to the Council's Reef Fish Advisory Panel (AP) in October. Staff will provide the Reef Fish AP's recommendations on this effort including their appreciation of the work towards transition to an electronic submission platform and support for moving forward with a policy document to implement this change. The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council will receive a draft document at its December 2022 meeting and the Gulf Council will have an opportunity to review the latest version of the document at its January 2023 meeting. The Committee should review the AP's comments, ask questions of staff, and provide input.