

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

Agenda Item IV: Southeast For-hire Integrated Electronic Reporting Document

Timeline Status: Discussion and request for feedback

Council input and next steps: The Council has selected preferred alternatives for the four actions considered in the document: mandatory logbook reporting after every trip for the charter component (Action 1) and headboats not participating in the Southeast Region Headboat Survey (Action 2); mandatory trip declaration submissions for charter and headboats that are engaging in for-hire fishing or for-hire activity (Action 3); and reporting of economic data if selected by NMFS (Action 4). The latest version of the document has been updated to reflect the Council’s incorporation of the recommendations from the Ad-hoc Charter For-hire Data Collection Advisory Panel and the Council’s preferred alternatives. The Committee should review the document, ask any clarifying questions of staff, provide direction on whether the document should continue to be developed, and if so, recommend a potential timeline for developing the document for final action.

Agenda Item V: Commercial Electronic Logbook Program Implementation Plan

Timeline Status: Informational only

Council input and next steps: On November 20,2025, NOAA published a proposed rule to implement a commercial electronic logbook reporting program in the Gulf. The objective of this action is to replace the existing paper logbook submissions with an electronic format to help with timeliness and accuracy of commercial data collection in the reef fish and coastal migratory pelagic commercial fisheries. Staff from the Southeast Fisheries will provide any updates or timelines regarding the progress of transitioning the Commercial Coastal Logbook from paper to electronic reports. The Committee should ask any clarifying questions of staff. This item is informational only and no action is required from the Committee.

Agenda Item VI: Update on Southeast Region Permit System

Timeline Status: Informational only

Council input and next steps: Mr. Kevin McIntosh (Southeast Regional Office) will provide a presentation on the Permit Information Management System (PIMS). The presentation will include a review of recent improvements since the launch of PIMS in 2021, including the ability to submit new and transfer applications along with permit renewals. He will also provide information regarding recent developments with PIMS including modifications on the back-end database design that is expected to alleviate the challenges with querying permit information pertinent for analyses used to inform Council documents. The Committee should ask any

clarifying questions of staff. This item is informational only and no action is required from the Committee.

Agenda Item VII: Deep-water Grouper Complex Recreational Mandatory Reporting

Timeline Status: Discussion and request for feedback

Council input and next steps: Mr. Gregg Bray (Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission [GSMFC]) and Dr. Hollensead will provide a collaborative presentation addressing the Council's August 2025 motion to request a presentation that explores the use of a mandatory reporting system for the recreational sector of the deep-water grouper fishery. The presentation will report on recent workshops facilitated by GSMFC to investigate potential novel approaches in collecting data for the private recreational sector and review current/pervious state and federal private recreational mandatory programs. Additionally, the presentation will also highlight the inherent challenges in implementing a mandatory reporting program and provide suggestions from state agency scientists, who comprise the GSMFC's Gulf Fishing Information Network Committee, from their October 2025 meeting. The Committee should review the presentation, ask questions of staff, and provide direction to staff on any next steps regarding this item.