

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

Agenda Item IV: Public Hearing Draft of Generic Amendment: Modification to Gulf For-hire Data Collection Program

Timeline Status: Discussion, feedback, and motion

Council input and next steps: Council staff will review the public hearing draft of the generic amendment to modify data collection for the for-hire fleet. 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). If the Committee approves the amendment for public hearings, Council staff will schedule a series of virtual public hearings before the August Council meeting when the Council could consider final action.

Agenda Item V: Presentation: Feasibility of Recreational Mandatory Reporting

Timeline Status: Discussion and feedback

Council input and next steps: During the April Council meeting, a recommendation was made to gather information on the recreational mandatory reporting program for bluefish and golden tilefish in the Mid-Atlantic. The goal of exploration was to ascertain whether any pertinent information from that current program would be beneficial when considering development of a mandatory recreational program for the Deep-water Grouper Complex in the Gulf of America. Council staff will review the Mid-Atlantic Council's program include the program history, challenges, and recent developments. The presentation also included recommendations and lessons learned when developing a recreational mandatory reporting program. The Committee should review the background meeting materials, presentation, and ask questions of staff. The Committee should also provide direction to staff on any potential next steps they are interested in investigating for managing the Deep-water Grouper Complex.
