

Sustainable Fisheries Committee: Action Guide and Next Steps for Tab E

Agenda Item IV: Overview of the Southeast Fisheries Observer Program

Timeline Status: Presentation and Discussion

Council input and next steps: Mr. Scott Leach (NOAA Office of Law Enforcement) will present an overview of the Fisheries Observer program in the Southeast. The presentation will cover key features of the observer program, including its selection process. The Committee should evaluate the information presented, ask questions, and make recommendations, as warranted.

Agenda Item V: Presentation on Regulatory Streamlining and SSC Recommendations

Timeline Status: Presentation and Discussion

Council input and next steps: Mr. Peter Hood (independent contractor) will present proposed mechanisms for improving the efficiency of routine and minor adjustments to management advice, including developing a more automated process for updating catch limits and other management changes for a suite of pilot species. The Council funded this work as part of its ongoing regulatory streamlining efforts, with the aim of improving timeliness and throughput of incorporating updated scientific information into the management process. The Committee should consider the information presented, including the species proposed and criteria for automation, ask questions of Mr. Hood, and make recommendations as appropriate. The Committee should consider making a motion to direct staff to continue this work in coordination with the contractor and IPT process, which would add this work to the Council action schedule.

Agenda Item VI: Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) Report

Timeline Status: Presentation, Discussion, and Feedback

Council input and next steps: Mr. Moncrief, SSC Chair, will summarize the SSC's deliberations on the Spawning Habitat and Early-Life Linkages to Fisheries (SHELF) program and on the findings of a pilot expert survey assessing the social value of Gulf of America fisheries. The Committee should evaluate the information presented, ask questions, and make recommendations, as warranted.

Agenda Item VII: Other Business

Timeline Status: Potential Additional items

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Council Input and Next Steps: Additional items may be brought up for discussion by the Committee, time permitting. If the Committee wishes to pursue action, then action can be scheduled at a future Council meeting.