



**TAB F, No. 5b**

Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council

# **Modifications to Charter Vessel and Headboat Reporting Requirements**

# Proposed Actions

**Action 1:** Modify frequency and mechanism of data reporting for charter vessels

- **Preferred Alt. 4:** Trip level, electronic reporting

**Action 2:** Modify frequency and mechanism of data reporting for headboats

- **Preferred Alt. 4:** Trip level, electronic reporting

**Action 3:** Modify electronic reporting requirements to require vessel or catch location reporting

- **Preferred Alt. 2:** Record vessel location using a NMFS approved electronic device

# Timeline of Council Activities

Jan 2015: Received technical subcommittee report

Mar 2015: Initiated joint Gulf/SA amendment

Jun - Aug 2015: Amendment development

Oct 2015:

- Separated into Gulf only amendment
- Directed staff to prepare amendment for final action

Jan 2016:

- Review draft Final Action document\*

\*Codified text could not be developed at this time without more information

# Action 1: Charter vessel reporting\*

## Modify frequency and mechanism of data reporting for charter vessels

**Preferred Alternative 4.** Require that federally permitted charter vessels submit fishing records to the SRD for each trip via electronic reporting (via NMFS approved hardware/software) prior to arriving at the dock.

\***Action 1** applies to federally permitted for-hire vessels that *do not* participate in the Southeast Regional Headboat Survey (SRHS).

# Action 2: Headboat reporting\*

## Modify frequency and mechanism of data reporting for headboats

**Preferred Alternative 4.** Require that federally permitted headboats submit fishing records to the SRD for each trip via electronic reporting (via NMFS approved hardware/software) prior to arriving at the dock.

\***Action 2** applies to federally permitted for-hire vessels that participate in the Southeast Regional Headboat Survey (SRHS).

# Action 3: Vessel catch location reporting

Modify electronic reporting requirements to require vessel or catch location reporting

**Preferred Alternative 2.** Require federally permitted for-hire vessels to use a NMFS approved electronic device to record vessel location at specified time intervals:

- **Preferred Sub-Alternative 2a.** Headboat
- **Preferred Sub-Alternative 2b.** Charter vessel

# Steps to implementation

## **NMFS/SEFSC**

- Develop software/hardware requirements
- Develop data standards and data flow
- Develop transition plan
- Develop technical recommendations for implementation

## **GMFMC (after completion of items above)**

- Complete analyses based on NMFS/SEFSC guidance
- Continue work with stakeholders
- Complete regulatory requirements

# Questions ?

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