



SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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March 20, 2017

MEMO TO: Doug Gregory
 FROM: Gregg Waugh *GTW*
 SUBJECT: Gulf For-Hire Amendment

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The South Atlantic Council considered the Coastal Migratory Pelagic provisions of the Gulf Council Generic For-Hire Reporting Amendment at its March 2017 meeting. The Council passed the following motion addressing the amendment:

Accept the Gulf preferred alternatives and options in Actions 1-4. Approve the Coastal Migratory Pelagics portion of the Gulf Generic For-Hire Reporting Amendment for Secretarial review, and deem the codified text as necessary and appropriate. Give staff editorial license to make any necessary editorial changes to the document/codified text and give the Council Chair authority to approve the revisions and re-deem the codified text.

There was extensive discussion about the impact these reporting requirements would have on fishermen with both Gulf and South Atlantic CMP permits who operate primarily in South Atlantic waters. Because reporting requirements are tied to permit possession, such fishermen would be bound by the requirements of the Gulf amendment even when they are not fishing in Gulf of Mexico waters. Therefore, the Council passed a second motion requesting that the Gulf Council consider an exemption:

Move to request that the Gulf Council consider an exemption to the Gulf for hire trip level reporting requirements for vessels with Gulf and South Atlantic permits when taking a trip solely in South Atlantic waters, and to allow these vessels taking such trips to report according to the South Atlantic requirements.

We appreciate your consideration of this request. Please feel free to contact John Carmichael or me if you have any questions. John Carmichael will coordinate our Chair's deeming as needed.

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