

**Data Collection Committee
October 5, 2015
Johnny Greene – V. Chair**

Draft Public Hearing – Joint Electronic Charter Vessel Reporting Amendment

The committee reviewed the draft Joint Electronic Charter Vessel Reporting Amendment. Dr. Froeschke noted that the South Atlantic Council and the Reef Fish AP passed motions to separate the Gulf and South Atlantic reporting requirements into separate documents.

The Committee recommends, and I so move, to agree with the South Atlantic Council and split the Joint Modifications to Charter Vessel and Headboat Reporting Requirements Amendment into two separate amendments.

The Committee also discussed the membership of the technical subcommittee that has previously provided guidance about the structure and function of the proposed electronic reporting program.

The Committee recommends, and I so move, to remove the South Atlantic members from the technical subcommittee membership list.

3.1 Membership

- Mike Cahall – ACCSP
- Mike Errigo – SAFMC
- Eric Hiltz – SCDNR
- Doug Mumford – NCDENR

Motion carried.

Dr. Ponwith noted that implementation of electronic reporting in the for-hire fleet requires coordination of three components: 1) a Regulatory component; 2) Technical aspects; and 3) Funding requirements. The Electronic For-Hire Amendment addresses the regulatory component. The committee also discussed other components of the proposed program including administrative responsibility, funding requirements, and transition planning from current sampling programs. The committee noted that these elements will require additional consideration before implementation of the program.

Mr. Chairman, this concludes my report.