

Atlantic Coastal Cooperative Statistics Program

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Atlantic Coastal Cooperative Statistics Program Recreational Technical Committee

Virtual

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March 31, 2025 from 1:00 –2:30 p.m.

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**DRAFT MEETING MINUTES**

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Committee Members not in Attendance: J. Ballard (FWS), C. Iwicki (NOAA GARFO), J. Lake (RI DMF), R. S ysak (NY DEC), S. Turner (NOAA GARFO), R. Zobel (NH FGD)

Others in Attendance: L. Dolinger Few (NOAA), M. Dean (MA DMF), L. Johansen (

Staff Members in Attendance: A. DiJohnson (Recreational Team Lead), M. Powell (Program Assistant), G. Thompson (Data Coordinator), G. White (Director)

**Welcome and Roll Call**

A.DiJohnson welcomed the group and went over attendance.

**Review and Approve Agenda**

Chair D. Franco moved to approve the draft agenda. The agenda was approved by consent.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Review and Approve December 5, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

Chair D. Franco moved to approve the previous meeting minutes. The previous meeting minutes were approved by consent.

**MRIP Amendments (Depredation, Area Fished)**

C. Hutt presented an updated request for the addition of depredation questions/disposition codes for the APAIS.

Questions/ Discussion

D. Franco asked if unidentified fish with the disposition of being eaten by shark be beneficial to the survey. C. Hutt noted whatever code used in APAIS survey used to establish unidentified fish would be helpful. This provides detail on the frequency of type of catch.

D. Franco noted for type 3 catch available to interviewer. For one single species only one can be chosen. Suggested new disposition codes would be helpful.

J. Moore noted NC DMF supports not adding new questions to the APAIS.

J. McGilly show support towards this effort. J. McGilly asked about the end goal for congress use of the data. C. Hutt replied that the purpose of the act is to organize a task force. Including experts, and members of the councils and the scientific community. The goal is to have solid data to inform decisions.

J. Foster noted that due to the existing ERA clearance. The codes would have to be different from historical codes.

**A.DiJohnson will request recommendations from the Recreational Technical Committee on the MRIP amendments to discuss at the future meetings later this year.**

A.DiJohnson discussed major questions relating to expanding beyond New England and Massachusetts area fished and ideas of a pilot study. A. DiJohnson went over the next steps with the group including scoping of map development with HarborLight and approval at the Coordinating Council, Operations and Advisory Panel level. A. DiJohnson noted future meeting planned for A

D. Franco asked if all partners needed to pick the same grid. D. Franco noted a current question asked ‘Where majority of fishing occurred?’ D. Franco asked the group if it would be better to change question to ‘What box were the majority fish caught?’

J. Moore noted that North Carolina is in need for this discussion.

**Wave 1 (Shoulder Month) Sampling of MRIP**

G. Thomspon provided an overview of Wave 1 sampling purpose and accomplishments.

**Update: MRIP Estimation Review Sessions**

J. Foster presented the MRIP Estimation Review state estimation process. L. Johansen went over the state partner review process, and what is needed from reviewers. L. Dolinger Few provided an overview of the review tracking system purpose.

**Update: Discards Project**

D. Franco provided a discards project update and demonstrated the new catch card view.

**A.DiJohnson will send out the updated catch card for Committee members to review.**

**Update: For-hire Methodology**

A.DiJohnson gave an update on the for-hire methodology. No progression on funding for the contract since the December 5th meeting.

**Other Business**

A.DiJohnson noted that staff are coordinating with the Recreational Technical Committee chair and vice chair. To plan the next in person meeting in September or October. A. DiJohnson noted this meeting may be 1 or 2 days depending on agenda. The meeting will be based in located in Arlington, VA for consideration for our federal partners.

**M. Powell will send out scheduling emails to solicit availability from Recreational Technical Committee members.**

**Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned by consent.

**Action Items**

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