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Atlantic Coastal Cooperative Statistics Program Recreational Technical Committee

Virtual

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October 30, 2024 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

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 **DRAFT MEETING MINUTES**

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Others in Attendance: M. Ayer, J. Byrd (SAFMC), D. McCarron, B. Salmon (NC), K. Thiebault,

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

Day 1 – Wednesday, March 20

**Welcome and Roll Call**

A. DiJohnson welcomed the group.

**Review and Approve Agenda**

Chair A. Giuliano moved to approve the agenda. The agenda was approved by consent.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Review and Approve March 20-21, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

Chair A. Giuliano moved to approve the agenda. The agenda was approved by consent.

**MFA Allocation Analysis**

A.DiJohnson went over the allocation analysis for MFA. A presentation was given on the method of analyzing current APAIS MFA add-on allocation, looking at the potential for small shifts in the distribution of assignments.

The MFA (modern fish act) create more allocations. The was to assess what additional allocations would do. The APAIS annual report includes number of base state addons and MFA addon assignment. 6 species managed throughout the coast are reviewed. Including their PSE’s, harvests, and discards throughout time from 2020-2030.

The allocation is distributed by month and site group. ACCSP worked with NOAA and J. Foster to improve allocation analysis.

J. Foster provided a summary on the analysis. Notes the analysis contains number of assignments by Wave and site group, and expressed as percentages of the annual total. The number of total species for the year of the prioritized species.

D. Franco went over the analysis presentation for Georgia for MFA allocation.

D. Martins asked if NOAA will add anything to the base to increase PSE’s. A.DiJohnson replied D. Franco is presenting analysis scenario of shifting around. A. Giuliano asked about FES changes coming related to the variances of the estimates. J. Foster replied the variances depend on the level of funding. Will not have differential affects by Wave by year. J. Moore asked for clarity on funds for allocating assessments. Noted charter related species they would want to see more improved PSE’s on. Noted Captains will get tired of increased assignments. J. Foster one way to not burn out Captains with the increase assignment is to divide them up within site group. D. Halder asked where the effort metrics came from. D. Franco replied the Wave effort estimate came from query data, and trip data.

The next Recreational Technical Committee call is December 5th. A.DiJohnson recommended group to have allocation feedback provide by then.

The Recreational Technical Committee must have allocation feedback by December 5th meeting. Please send to A. DiJohnson.

Update on Discards Proposal

A. Giuliano provided an update on the discards proposal. The Discards Committee worked to update the catch card to reflect total length rather than fork length. The has been discussion on subsampling reviewing MRIP intercept data to review how many release fished for give species. 14 species were reviewed. On June 17th, 2024 the proposal was submitted. The budget and milestones were updated and resubmitted to the Operations and Advisory Committees. In September, the Operations and Advisory Committees ranked the proposal highly of the new proposals. The proposal was approved for funding at the October Coordinating Council meeting. Working with NOAA on allocation of overdrawn assignments. States will need to decide allocations. The Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission as IRA presentations. G. White and T. Scheffel presented proposals to the Gulf states. Currently, working on a similar discards project.

**Increased FHTS Sampling in 2025**

A.DiJohnson noted 2025 ACCSP will try to increased sampling along the Atlantic coast for FHTS. The goal is to review any historical changes in trends, fishing industry and fisheries for hire world. As well as potential reviewing movement of species. Sampling will be done in months when Waves are not sampling. Including Wave 1 and Wave 2 for some states partners. This will be reviewed once every implementation plan every 5 years.

Update vessel information by December 13th. J. Foster noted they will update the PRA reduction act.

**A.DiJohnson agreed to send out the vessel directory document and set up a call on how metrics were collected.**

**J. Moore asked NOAA about including southern states for the for hire sampling is a long term goal. J. Foster noted yes if they find support and additional funding.**

A.DiJohnson recommended group to have allocation feedback provide by then. G. White noted the Atlantic implementation plan includes sampling for Wave 1 for effort and APAIS sampling. First, utilize the FHS phone calls in the South Atlantic. Next utilize private angler effort sampling.

**Process for Requests to MRIP**

A. DiJohnson went over the process for request to MRIP. This can be found on the NOAA fisheries website. Make sure proposed change aligns with goals and survey estimates, and applies to the Coast. Evaluate timeline of request permanent or temporary.

A partner would present an idea for MRIP modification through the Recreational Technical Committee. In the Gulf the partner would go through Gulf FIN. Follow up with ACCSP staff and Committee chair on process updates.

**Collecting Area-Fished In MRIP Interviews**

M. Dean gave a presentation on collecting area fished in MRIP interviews. Working species in New England including Cod, Flounder, Menhaden, etc.

Questions
K.Drew asked recreational technical staff if this presentation could be similar to the pilot program project. What are the options moving forward. A.DiJohnson replied next steps should be to review all aspects of the project. G. White asked the group if Massachusetts or the Recreational Technical Committee would include in the standard estimates. Or would data be collected in the download file. J. Foster noted the estimates should go into the public data sets.

**Depredation Data Options for APAIS**

C. Hutt went over the depredation of data options for APAIS.

D. Franco supports adding deposition codes over potential additional questions.

**Other Business**

The next Recreational Technical Committee call is December 5th.

**Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned by consent.

Action Items

1. **The Recreational Technical Committee must have allocation feedback by December 5th meeting. Please send to A. DiJohnson.**
2. **A.DiJohnson agreed to send out the vessel directory document and set up a call on how metrics were collected.**