



# Program Updates

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# Commercial – Data Team

- 2017 Commercial Data Available
  - ~3 million records
  - Soft release 16 April 2018
  - Public release 23 April 2018
- Excellent partner response/coordination
- Staff effort in recent years to improve/automate processing and quality checks
- Very positive feedback
  - “The data look REALLY good this year.”
  - “Great work; this year the data are cleaner than any previous year.”



# Commercial – Data Team

- Data Warehouse: Confidential account application and approval process improvements
  - New application form forces search for existing account and includes new help text
  - Electronic approval and account maintenance pages are available for security contacts
- Current stock assessments
  - ASMFC American Lobster
  - ASMFC Horseshoe Crab
  - ASMFC Shad
  - ASMFC Atlantic Menhaden
  - SEDAR 59 South Atlantic Greater Amberjack



# Recreational & APAIS

- NOAA Recreational Fishing Summit (March 28-29)
- MRIP FES/APAIS Calibration – Available July 2018
- SEFHIER participation – ongoing

## APAIS

- 2017 Final estimates available
  - Completed Intercepts and Productivity Increased vs 2016
- 2018 Data collection in progress
  - Regional Training Meetings Completed
  - MRIP Online vessel directory in use
- 2019 Budget updates submitted
  - APAIS Tablet data collection likely



# Software

- eTrips/Mobile and eTrips/Online changes
  - Additional fields supporting GARFO
- eDR Mobile partner options
- SAFIS Redesign status
  - DB design review underway
  - Design meeting planned for early June



# Outreach

- Table at New England Saltwater Fishing Show
- For-hire electronic trip reporting workshops & webinars
  - Coordinated with councils and state partners
- Digital, responsive FY17 Annual Report
- Newsletters



# Upcoming: ACCSP Presence at American Fisheries Society Annual Meeting

- Data Management for Dissemination and Data Visualization Symposium- *ACCSP staff Chair*
  - Optimizing Database Structures to Avoid...Loading Title 35%...
  - Managing Data Accessibility with the Help of Oracle Application Express
  - Out of the Box Data Visualization with Oracle Application Express (APEX)
  - Avoiding Groundhog Day: How to Move Your Calendar Forward
- Electronic Reporting to Improve Catch Monitoring in Recreational Fisheries- *ACCSP staff steering committee*
  - Atlantic for-Hire e-Logbooks: Many Agencies, One Report
  - Use of APAIS Intercepts to Validate for-Hire Logbooks: Opportunities to Estimate Both Effort and Catch





# Questions ?

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# Committee Updates

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# Biological Review Panel

Chair: Chad Power

Vice Chair: Chris Bradshaw

Staff: Heather Konell

Meeting: February 2018

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# Biological Review Panel

- Annual meeting/webinar February 2018
- Conversion Factor Project
  - Commercial Technical Committee document review deadline April 24
- Resilience Factor Project
  - Richard Cody is no longer on this committee
  - Mike Errigo will be taking over responsibility for this project
- Biological Inventory Application
  - Testing begins May 1, 2018
- Hot Topic presentation by Mike Errigo
  - South Atlantic States Pilot Project: Charterboat Electronic Reporting
  - Positive feedback and interest from committee members



# Bycatch Prioritization Committee



Chair: Mike Errigo

Vice Chair: Jacob Boyd

Staff: Heather Konell

Meeting: February 2018

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# Bycatch Prioritization Committee Action Items

- Annual meeting/webinar February 2018
- Exploring Citizen Science Projects
  - Could be a potential funding source
  - Source to fill data gaps such as discard data
  - Amber from SAFMC will be hosting a call to explain her research and answer citizen science project questions
- Bycatch Inventory Application
  - Begin testing by May 1, 2018
- Hot Topic presentation by Mike Errigo
  - South Atlantic States Pilot Project: Charterboat Electronic Reporting
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# Commercial Technical Committee

Chair: Nichole Ares

Vice Chair: Michael Lewis

Staff: Joe Myers

Meeting: March 2018

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# Commercial Technical Committee

- Annual meeting/webinar March 2018
- New seafood traceability API
  - Allows dealer-to-vendor sharing of SAFIS dealer reports, intended to address growing interest in seafood traceability activities.
- Reviewed the new Data Warehouse: Public Summary reports of the commercial landings/harvest data.
- Demonstration of the new Data Warehouse: Confidential Access Approval tool for Partner Security Contacts.
- Working with the Biological Committee to explore future conversion factor projects, and complete final draft report.





# Information Systems Committee

Chair: Anna Webb

Vice Chair: Julie Dingle

Staff: Karen Holmes

Meeting: March 2018

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# Information Systems

- Annual Meeting/Webinar March, 2018
- Reviewed Status of Applications
- Reviewed SAFIS Redesign
  - Next planning meeting in June
- Discussed ongoing Projects
  - SE trip reporting
  - NC Data Integration (Warehouse)
  - VESL (Bluefin) API development



# Information Systems

- Reviewed Change Management Actions
- MA presented No Catch, No Effort Proposal
- MA presented SAFIS Audit Report
  - Recommendation for process and applications made based on report





# Standard Codes Update

Chair: Eric Hiltz

Vice-Chair: Connie Lewis

Staff: Julie Defilippi Simpson

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# 2017 Considered Recommendations

- Duplicate Hand Line Codes: Remove codes 330, 331 and 340 and continue to use codes 700, 701, 702 – **APPROVED**
- Update ACCSP Common Name - **APPROVED**
  - 169554 ANGELFISHES → BUTTERFLYFISHES
  - 553237 ANGELFISH → ANGELFISHES
- Addition of forage species and species groups to SAFIS species table - **APPROVED**



# 2017 Considered Recommendations

- New Species Code from SAFMC pilot (target species) – **APPROVED**
  - 172411 Mackerels Scomber
- New Gear from Northeast Observer Program - **APPROVED**
  - Gear: OTTER TRAWL, BOTTOM, TWIN, SHRIMP (102)
  - Category: OTTER TRAWLS (090)
  - Type: TRAWLS (004)



# Discussion of Primary Gear Codes

Type of Gear	Quantity	Fishing Time	# Sets	Time Set	Time Received	Depth Fished
Traps and Pots	# traps or pots pulled per effort	average total soak time	# of strings hauled	When first pot goes over	From the moment the first buoy line is retrieved	Bottom depth
Trawls	# nets towed per set	total tow time of all sets	# tows	When winch stops	When winch starts	Bottom of net
Gill Nets	total length of net	total soak time	# strings/hauls	When first buoy goes over	When last buoy comes on board	Bottom depth
Longlines	# gangions/hooks	total soak time	# hauls	Start of set	Start of retrieval of set	Bottom depth
Dredges	# pulled	total tow time	# tows	When winch stops	When winch starts	Bottom depth
Fixed Nets	# of pieces of apparatus	total soak time		When first buoy goes over	When last buoy comes on board	Bottom depth
Handheld Nets	# of pieces of apparatus	time actively fishing				Bottom depth
Hook and Line	# of hooks per line	time actively fishing	# of lines	When first lines are lowered	When last lines are pulled up	Bottom depth
Seines	# of nets	total soak time	# sets/hauls	Time gear placed in water	Time gear completely out of water	Bottom depth
By Hand		time actively fishing				
Spear and Gig	# of pieces of apparatus	time actively fishing				

Table I-1 of Appendix I of the Atlantic Coast Data Collection Standards





# Recreational Technical Committee Update

Chair: Brad Floyd

Vice-Chair: Greg Wojcik

Staff: Coleby Wilt

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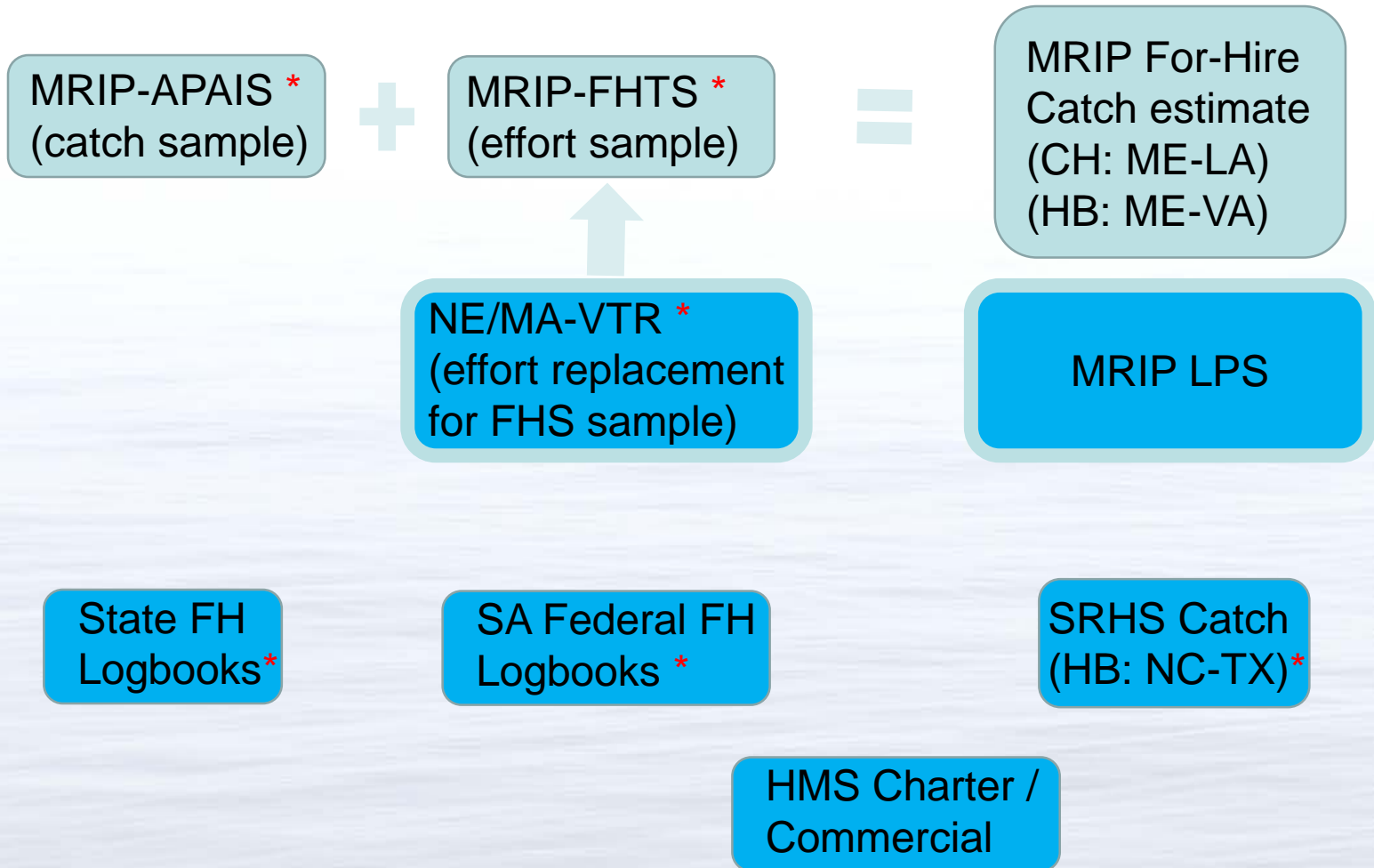
# Recreational Technical Committee

- Conference Calls: April 9 & April 30
- Developing 2019 HB Proposal
- Focus on Recreational Implementation Plan Priorities
  - Improve PSE (Identify species data needs)
  - Comprehensive For-Hire Data Collection Concept
- APAIS as Logbook Validation
  - Reviewed final SC project report
  - Discussed next steps for certification
- Next Meeting June 19-20 (In-person)

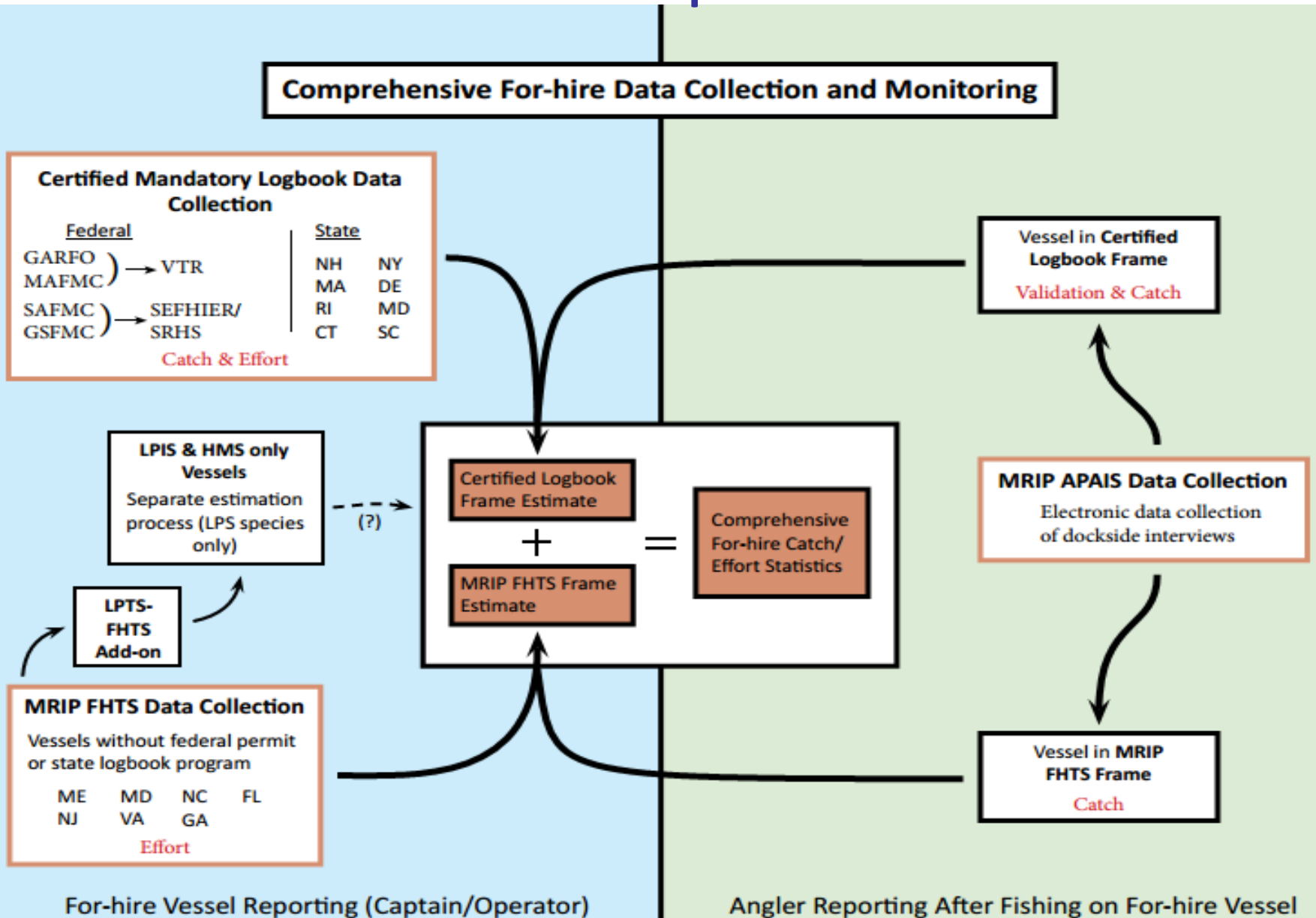




# 2018 For-hire Data Collection



# For-hire: Future Concept



**MRIP FHTS Data Collection**  
Vessels without federal permit or state logbook program

ME	MD	NC	FL
NJ	VA	GA	

Effort

**Vessel in MRIP FHTS Frame**  
Catch

**For-hire Vessel Reporting (Captain/Operator)**

**Angler Reporting After Fishing on For-hire Vessel**



# Operations Committee

Chair: Amy Dukes

Vice Chair: Nicole Lengyel

Staff: Ali Schwaab

Meeting: April 4, 2018

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# Operations Committee

- Received summary updates for FY17 new projects
- Presented with RTC letter on proposed direction for addressing precision and for-hire reporting issues
- Agreed on changes to proposal review process:
  - Written comments to be accepted before Initial Proposal Review discussion
  - All PIs will be invited to attend the Initial Proposal Review discussion
- Reviewed and approved the FY19 RFP package as presented
  - Changes incorporated from Fall meeting
- Determined how to improve project reporting
  - ACCSP staff will send email reminders to PIs regarding final report submission. Reports must be submitted to ACCSP separately from GrantsOnline.



# Changes made to FY19 RFP Package

- Ops/Advisors made several changes to ranking criteria

- Biological module elevated to equal standing with Catch & Effort module

Module	Primary Max Score	Secondary Max Score
Catch & Effort	10	3
Biological	10	3
Bycatch	6	3
Socioeconomic	4	1

- Other Factors now has a scoring range of 0-3 points
- Innovation and New Technology categories have been combined
- Definition of in-kind added to FDD
- Last year of full funding for some maintenance projects
  - 33% cut in FY20





# Advisory Committee

Chair: Jerry Morgan

Staff: Ali Schwaab

Meeting: April 19, 2018

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# Advisory Committee

- Discussed merits of inviting PIs to Initial Proposal Review
- Continued to explore ways to recruit new advisors
- Approved FY19 RFP Package
- Expressed concerns regarding proposed date for Annual Operations/Advisors Joint Meeting





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# Validation Stock Assessments

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# Validation/Stock Assessment Concerns

- Coordination with Science and FMP staff
  - Improve ACCSP staff knowledge of timelines and expectations
  - Develop integration of ACCSP data provision into stock assessment process (increasing need)
  - Provide feedback in both directions
    - Example: Data availability timelines



# Validation/Stock Assessment Concerns

- Coordination/Communication
  - Consistency
    - Validation responses from different staff
    - Validated data and compliance reports
  - Changes/updates not provided
    - Local changes not provided to ACCSP
    - New or missing data streams not provided to ACCSP
  - Lack of follow-up after validation
    - Inconsistency in presented data leads to confusion
    - Validation process is considerably more work for all involved when there are recurring/unresolved discrepancies



# Accountability Standards



**ACCSP**  
Good Data, Good Decisions

- **Accountability:** a mechanism to verify that harvest data are an accurate reflection of activity on the water.
- **Accountability Standards** would provide consistent guidance for incorporating verification methods into electronic reporting platforms.
- Data that meet these standards could be flagged in the ACCSP data base.

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# How could Accountability Standards Help?

- Maximize investment in new electronic platforms
- Allow for a tool that could assist states in the enforcement of reporting compliance.
- Improved data for stock assessments and for allocation decisions.



## Potential Next Steps

ACCSP team develop examples of accountability standards for presentation at August Meeting.

If interest after August meeting, assemble workgroup to flesh out details

Potentially to include:

*Operations Committee*

*Commercial Tech Comm*

*Recreational Tech Comm*

*NOAA fisheries*

*State Law Enforcement*

*NOAA Law Enforcement*

