ACCSP Coordinating Council

Webinar

10:30 – Noon | August 3, 2020

Chair: Lynn Fegley

Vice-Chair: John Carmichael

Staff: Geoff White

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Webinar Procedural Reminders

- Attendance and Motions will be roll-call format
- All meeting participants will be muted at the beginning on of the webinar (RED microphone).
- Members please 'raise hand' when you would like to speak – staff will un-mute you and Chair will call on you (GREEN to raise / RED to lower).
- Please mute yourself when not in line to speak
- Use Questions window to submit questions (visible to everyone on webinar) and staff will read them out at proper time.

Council Consent
a) Approval of Agenda
b) Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Governance Survey Results

August 2020

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Survey Background and Objectives

- In October 2016, the ACCSP Coordinating Council and the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission agreed to alter the governance structure of ACCSP.

- New governance structure
  - Full integration of ACCSP into ASMFC
  - ACCSP comparable to Science or ISFMP

- Objectives
  - evaluating the impacts of governance changes and see if additional adjustments are warranted, and
  - reporting to the Coordinating Council if ACCSP has been invigorated, renewed engagement from State Directors and the Program is advancing in its mission.
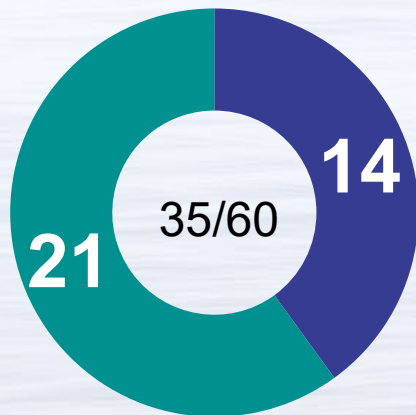
Survey Design

- Initial distribution to all 60 Coordinating Council and Operations Committee members

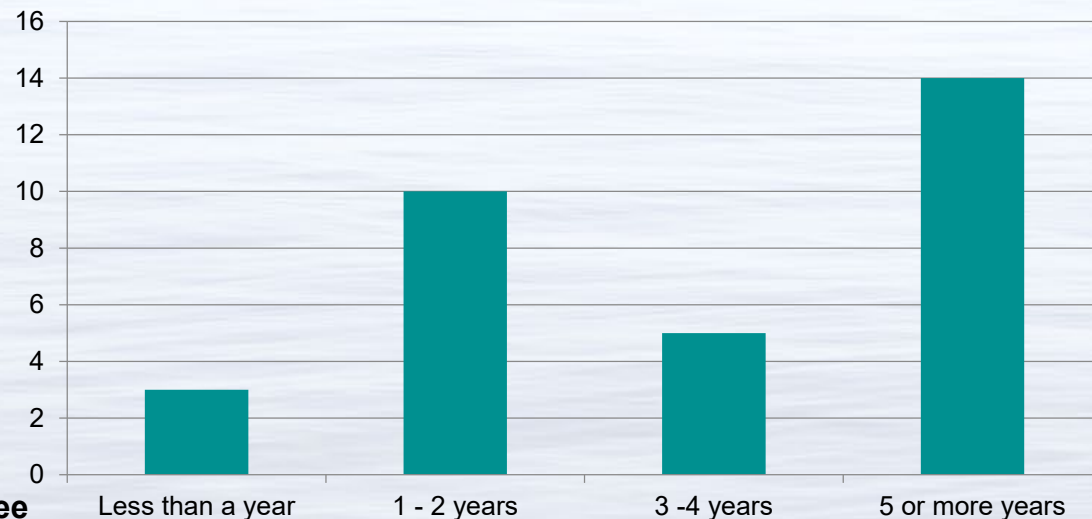- Reminders sent only to those that hadn't already responded

Response Rate and Demographics

Respondents by Committee

35/60

14
21

■ **Coordinating Council** ■ **Operations Committee**

How long have you served on your current ACCSP committee?

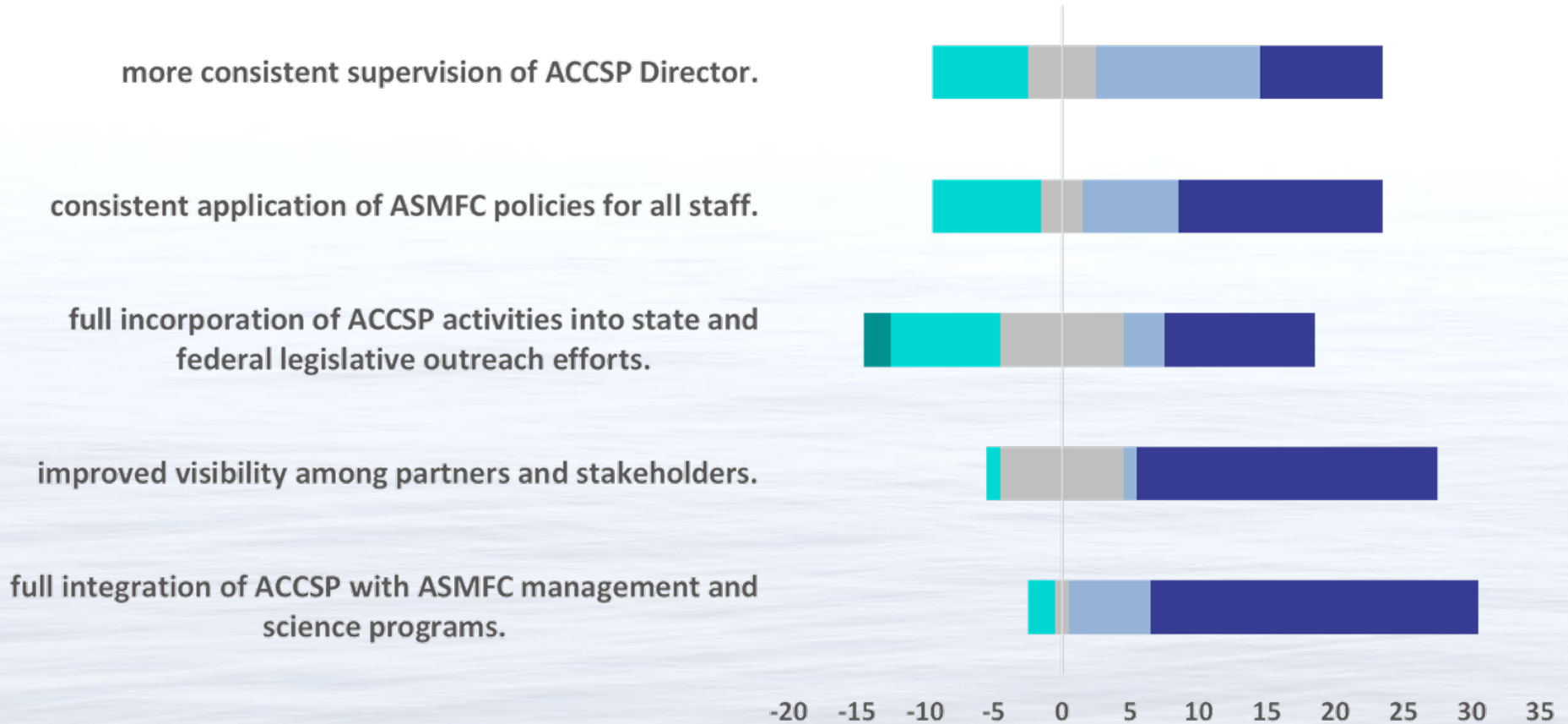| Less than a year | 1 - 2 years | 3 -4 years | 5 or more years |

Agencies that didn't respond: NEFMC, CT DEEP, DC FWD

Please indicate your level of agreement with each of the following statements. The ACCSP governance change has allowed for:
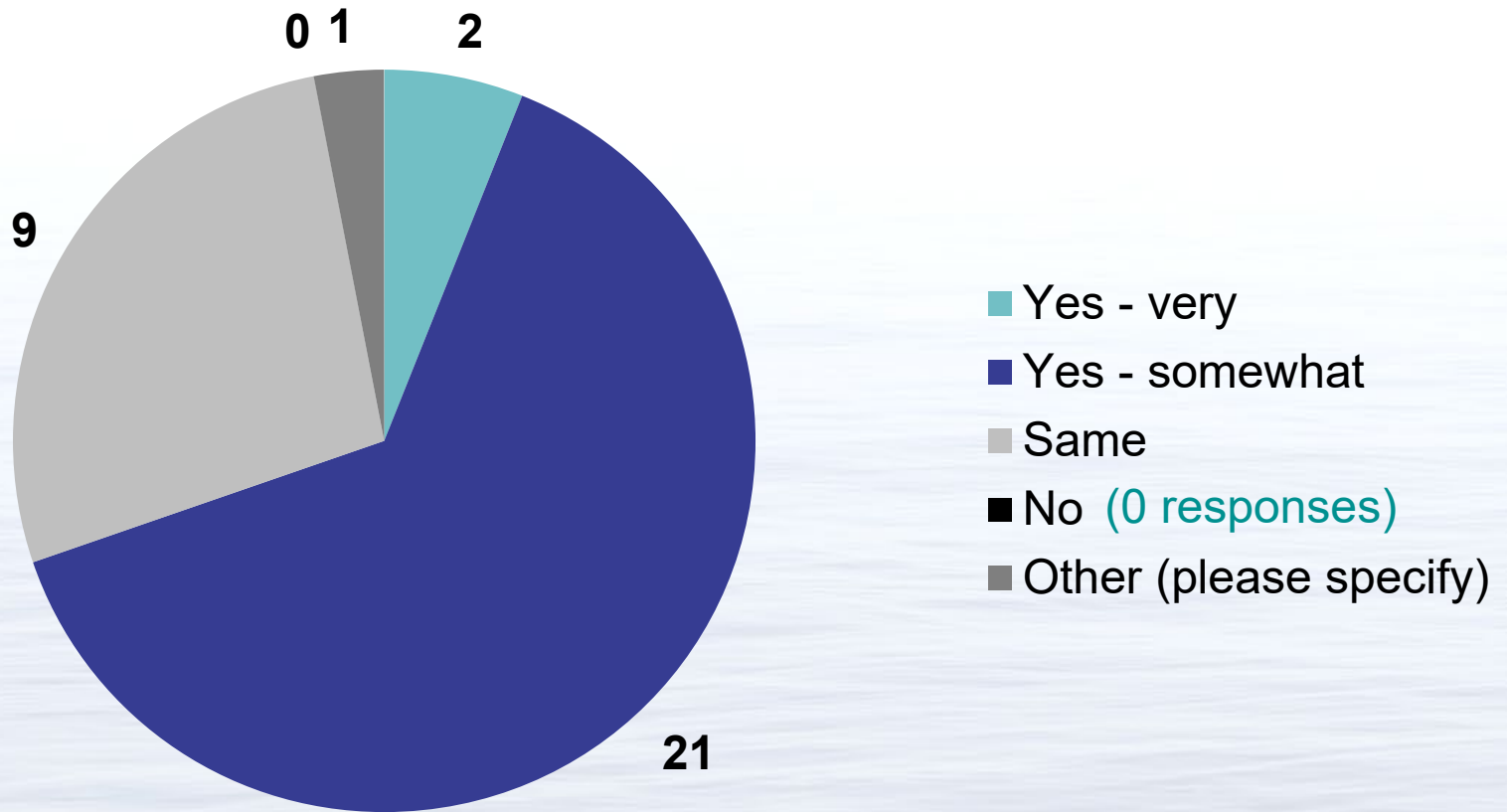

Legend: Strongly Disagree · Unsure · Neutral · Agree · Strongly Agree

Categories:
- more consistent supervision of ACCSP Director.
- consistent application of ASMFC policies for all staff.
- full incorporation of ACCSP activities into state and federal legislative outreach efforts.
- improved visibility among partners and stakeholders.
- full integration of ACCSP with ASMFC management and science programs.

Axis: -20 -15 -10 -5 0 5 10 15 20 25 30 35

32 responses

Do you feel better informed, engaged, and invigorated?

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- Yes - very
- Yes - somewhat
- Same
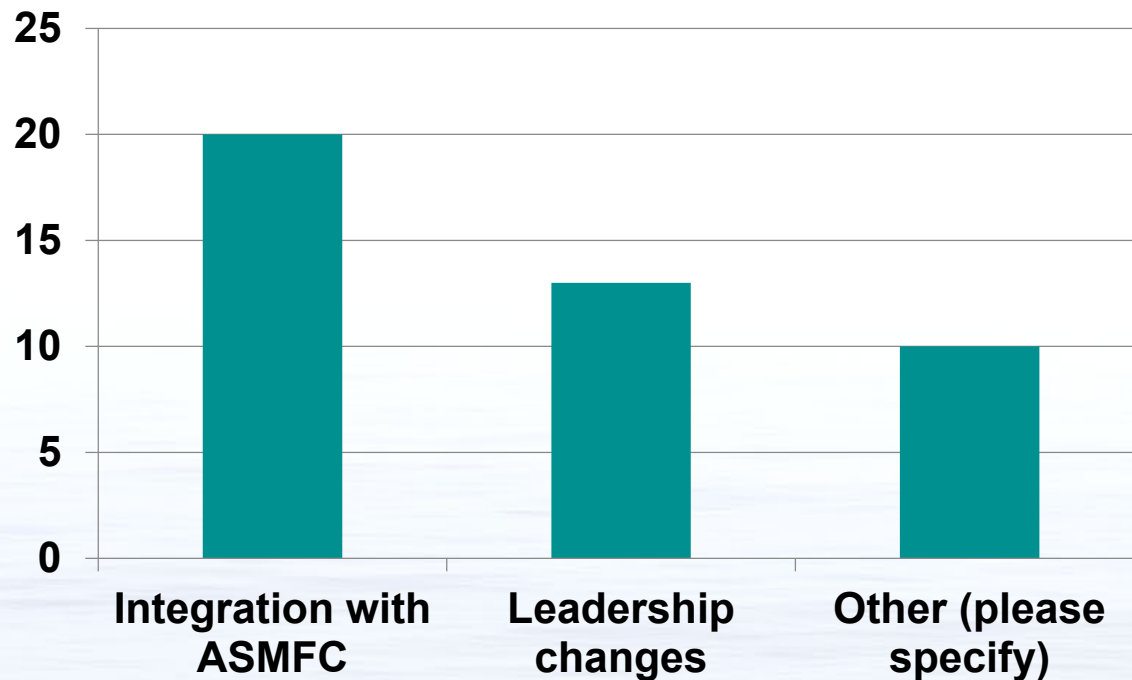- No (0 responses)
- Other (please specify)

33 responses

To what do you attribute this change or lack thereof? (check all that apply)

Other
I don't see a change on this particular question because I always felt well informed and engaged with ACCSP. (5)
Personal role/position (2)
SAFIS redesign (1)
Commitment to improved communication by leadership. (1)
Unsure (1)

32 responses

Do you feel the Operations Committee/Coordinating Council members are better informed, engaged, and invigorated?

- High percentage of uncertainty ~45% from both groups in regard to the other.

- Attributed to both integration with ASMFC and leadership changes.

Do you agree the ACCSP is advancing in its mission to produce dependable and timely marine fishery statistics for Atlantic coast fisheries that are collected, processed and disseminated according to common standards agreed upon by all program partners?
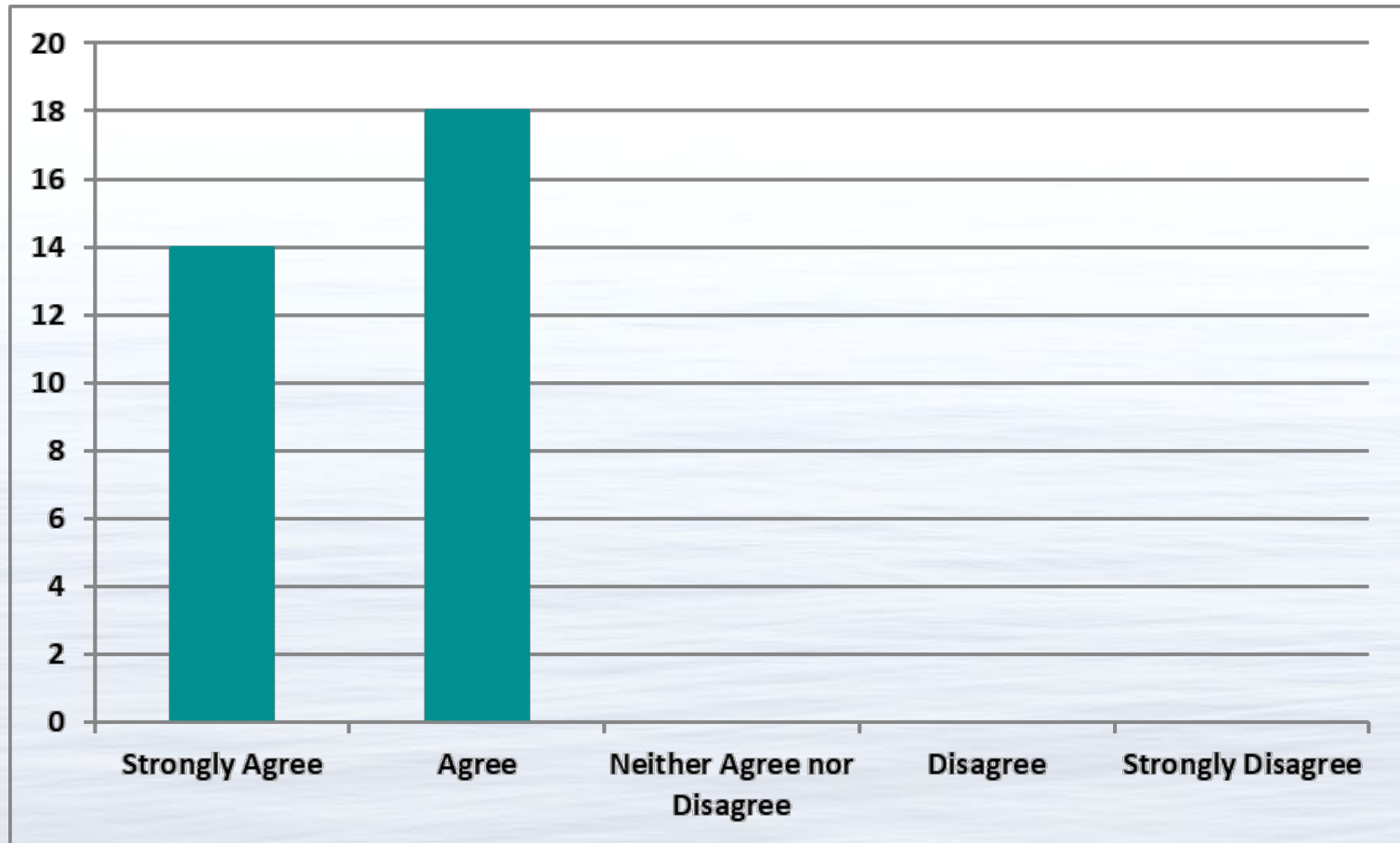
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Conclusions

- Respondents agree that new governance structure has allowed for
  - ✓ Improved visibility among partners and stakeholders
  - ✓ Full integration of ACCSP with ASMFC management and science programs

- Respondents agree, but have a higher level of uncertainty that new governance structure has allowed for
  - ✓ More consistent supervision of ACCSP Director
  - ✓ Consistent application of ASMFC policies for all staff
  - ✓ Full incorporation of ACCSP activities into state and federal legislative outreach efforts

- Coordinating Council and Operations Committee members, in large part, were uncertain of the feelings of their counterparts

Conclusions (cont.)

- ✓ **Majority of respondents feel better informed, engaged, and invigorated.**

- ✓ **This change is due to both ASMFC integration and ACCSP leadership.** It should be noted that 5 respondents previously felt informed and engaged.

- ✓ All respondents **agree that ACCSP is advancing in its mission** to produce dependable and timely marine fishery statistics for Atlantic coast fisheries that are collected, processed and disseminated according to common standards agreed upon by all program partners.

Governance Discussion

Committee Activity Status

Committee Highlights

- Operations and Advisory Committees discussed initial FY2021 proposals (9 Maintenance, 6 New, 1 Admin for a total of $3.6M requests)
  - First submission from PRFC
  - Commercial Technical Committee submitted proposal for continued conversion factor validation and development
- Information Systems tracking SAFIS Redesign
  - Switchboard released for Partners to adjust fields being collected in the eTRIPS application
  - eTRIPS mobile include SERO/HMS needs (August 2020) and Multiple partner compromise lists (Jan 2021)
  - eTRIPS online redesign beta testing (November) and release (Jan 2021)
  - eDR redesign work planned for 2021

Committee Status Discussion

- Monthly Committee Newsletter utility
- Council Preference for future Meeting presentations

Accountability

Small Group Process:

1. Define accountability

2. Inventorying current practices and procedures

3. Define the gaps between provided data and data needed for science and management (gap between current and our definition of accountability.

4. Evaluate the practices and procedures

5. Document and develop best practices/standards

Accountability

AUDIENCE: ACCSP Partners, Coordinating Council, Partner Agency Leadership, ASMFC and other Councils

WHO (executes): Agencies that collect, audit, and/or process data to create consolidated/accessible datasets.

TO WHOM: Stakeholders, Public, and Self

Accountability

WHAT:

Data Integrity

Quality control

Quality assurance

Compliance

Integrity of data fields or data sets

Complete

Accurate

Accessible

Trusted

Tested against other data sets as possible

Defined uncertainty

Metadata (documented caveats)

Acknowledge limitations of available data

Comprehensive

Timely

Validated

Program Activity Status

Program Budget - 2020

ACCSP Admin Grant (Year 5 of 5)

- Meetings underspent & Contracts higher

MRIP State Conduct (Year 2 of 5)

- Increase $900K/year for APAIS sampling
- Supporting states invoices Waves 1-3

FIS (one year project)

- Improve Data Provisioning for ASMFC Stock Assessments. Initiated 6/1/2020

Program Funding - Proposals

- FIS proposal (2021) Continued Development and Enhancement to the ACCSP Online Data Query Tool and the ACCSP Assignment Tracking Application

- FIS proposal (2021) Atlantic Coast Project Scoping for Implementation of Automated Data Auditing and Validation for Electronic Logbooks

- NFWF proposal submitted for SAFIS Helpdesk (mobile applications)

External Coordination

- FIS - Monthly Coordination Meetings and participated in RFP proposal reviews.

- GARFO - Monthly ACCSP ⇔ GARFO coordination meetings increasing awareness of shared initiatives. One Stop Reporting (OSR) project delayed and moved virtual due to travel restrictions

- GULFFIN – Supporting their deployment of MRIP tablets and centralized database and cross-involvement on technical committees.

- MRIP Regional Implementation Council – Supported development of MFA reports to congress, implementation plans for next year, and spend plan for increased APAIS sampling. ACCSP increased participation in MRIP Regional Communications Groups

External Coordination

- NEFMC, MAFMC, GARFO – Participating in outreach and training for 2021 eVTR regulations

- SAFMC – Contributed to COVID article at SAMFC; coordinated on Citizen Science projects; participated in SEDAR scheduling

- SERO - Bi-weekly ACCSP ⇔ SERO coordination meetings supporting SEFHIER development and implementation

Project Highlights – Data Warehouse

- Spring Data load follow-up: updated HMS Bluefin tuna data, VA merge, participant ID updates, and MRIP final 2019 data

- Fall load schedule of 2019 data announced - target release is September 25, 2020

- Data Requests – Participated in multiple SEDAR's, assessment data requests, and COVID related requests for both data and contact information for surveys. ACCSP staff coordinated with partners on appropriate data for release

Project Highlights - FISMA

- ACCSP granted NOAA Authority to Connect on June 9, 2020. This is a grand accomplishment for ACCSP and federal partnership completing a 2018 commitment

- ISA agreements signed with GARFO, NEFSC, S&T, HMS, and SEFSC. SERO connection waiting on NOAA Privacy Office approval of sharing permit PII (birthdates). SERO ⇔ ACCSP staff have prepared the ISA and technical connections

- Completed updates to internal network to improve security on-site, over VPN, and between ASMFC and ACCSP computing resources

- Ongoing general monitoring and completion of some documentation items. This includes quarterly reports to the OCIO, and annual 3rd party audits

ACCSP FISMA Timeline

January 2019
- **ACCSP started formal FISMA process**

April 2019
- **SYSUSA (contractor) hired to develop 3-year compliance plan**
- **Scanning identified only low & moderate risk vulnerabilities. No critical vulnerabilities.**

Summer/Fall 2019
- **ACCSP addressed detected vulnerabilities & completed other security best practices**
  - upgraded servers & app-hosting environments
  - completed internal-network segregation (b/w ACCSP & Commission)
- **Joan Palmer (from NEFSC) started working with us to help navigate FISMA process**

FISMA → Federal Information Security Management Act (**FISMA**) is United States legislation that defines a comprehensive framework to protect government information, operations and assets.
FISMA was signed into law part of the Electronic Government Act of 2002.

ACCSP FISMA Timeline

Fall 2019

- **ACCSP started working with NMFS Office of the CIO (OCIO) Security Team**
  - NMFS OCIO agreed to support ACCSP's initiative to meet security objectives
  - OCIO's Security Team confirmed ACCSP's classification as a NIST SP800-171 r2 "moderate" risk, non-Federal system

March 2020

- **ACCSP hired IBSS (contractor) to conduct the FISMA audit**

May 5, 2020

- **External FISMA audit completed**
  - ACCSP submission to OCIO

June 9, 2020

- **Authority to Connect**
  - Completed of agreements with NOAA offices formalizing data sharing
  - SERO agreement awaiting Privacy Office approval for data sharing

Project Highlights - MRIP

- Coordinated APAIS Sampling impacts during COVID
  - Updated tablet data collection application
  - Supported State staff to maintain rediness
- Ongoing implementation of For-Hire Telephone Survey
  - Extended functionality of data collection tool
  - Data collection minimally affected (4 states limited calling during state mandated for-hire closures)
  - Delivered initial FHTS Wave reports

Project Highlights - Outreach

- ACCSP Monthly Committee Newsletter

- Addressing website maintenance supporting ease of information finding, robust document links, and expansion of content.

- Ongoing integration of communications strategy with ASMFC.

Project Highlights - SAFIS

- Alignment of ACCSP tools: eTRIPS/mobile and eTRIPS/online with connections to eDR/online & mobile. Includes complexities of multiple federal permit holders seeing the right questions and codes, and HMS species questions

- New evening testing method resulting in MAJOR benefit to partners and fishermen as better application product release

- SAFIS software rollout schedule
  - eTRIPS /mobile v2 for SERO/SEFSC/HMS/GARFO – August 2020
  - eTRIPS /online: modifications to pull existing partner elements from 'switchboard' similar to mobile
  - eTRIPS /online REDESIGN: Jan 2021 – move to very different underlying structure – allows for greater flexibility for partners to collect questions.
  - eTRIPS /mobile v2 compromise lists for multiple permit holders– January 2021
  - eDR /mobile & online redesign work during 2021

Current Data Processing
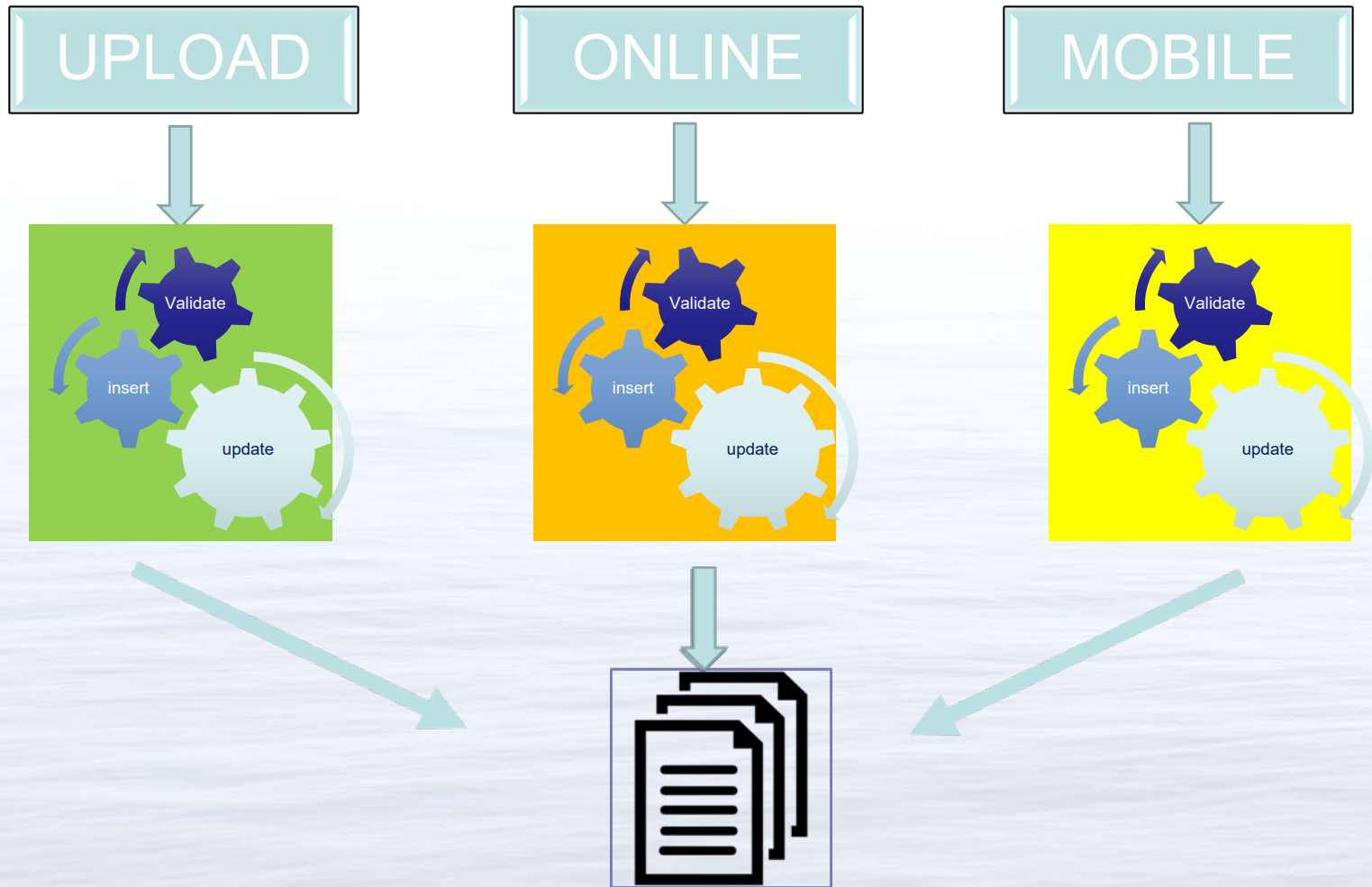
REDESIGN Data Processing

UPLOAD

ONLINE

MOBILE

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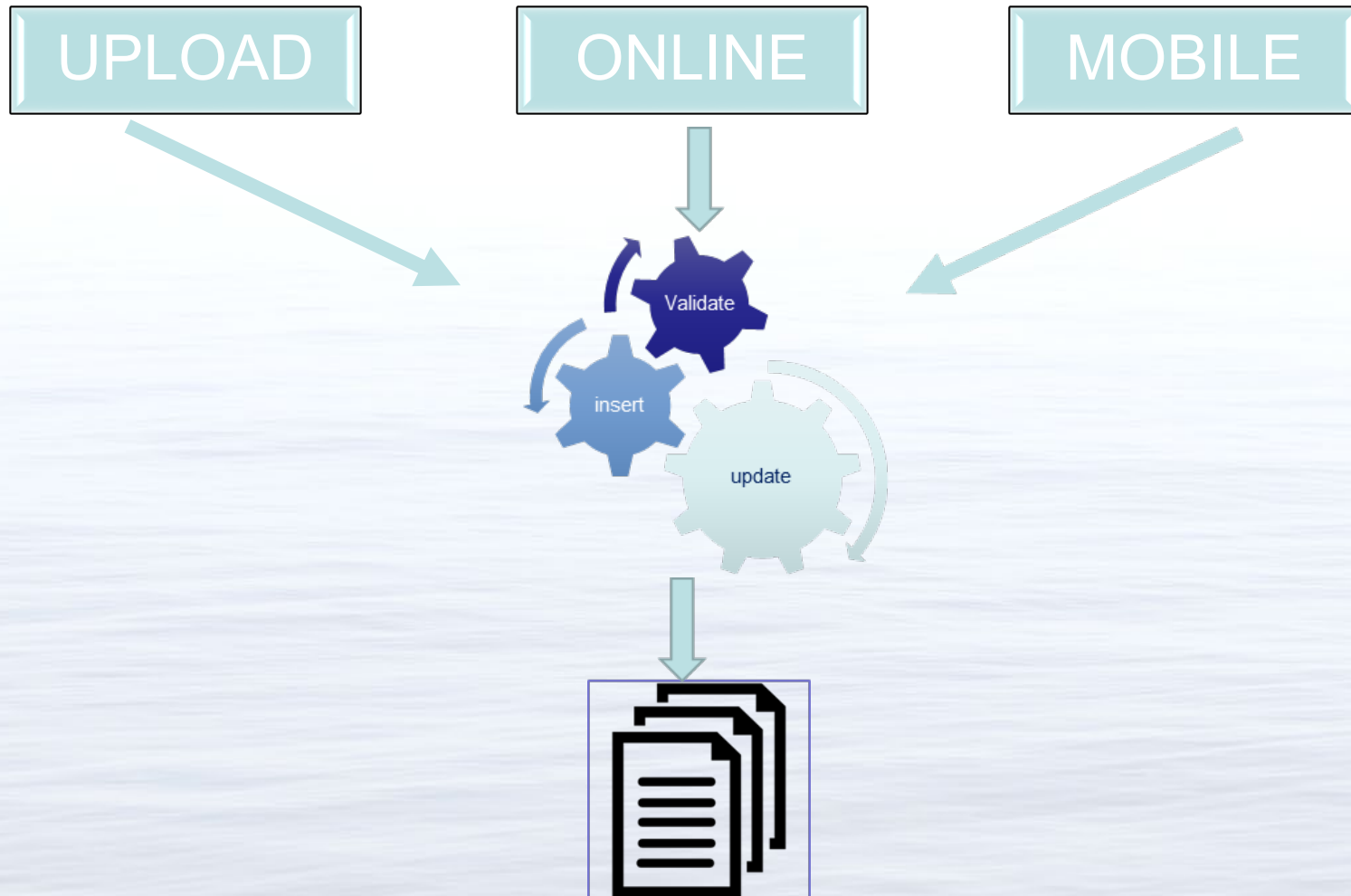
Project Highlights - SEFHIER

- Gulf of Mexico regulations published for January 5, 2021 for Logbooks and Hail out. Location tracking TBD

- ACCSP applications awaiting SERO certification

- Note with integrated program and database that coordination and lead time critical to overall success
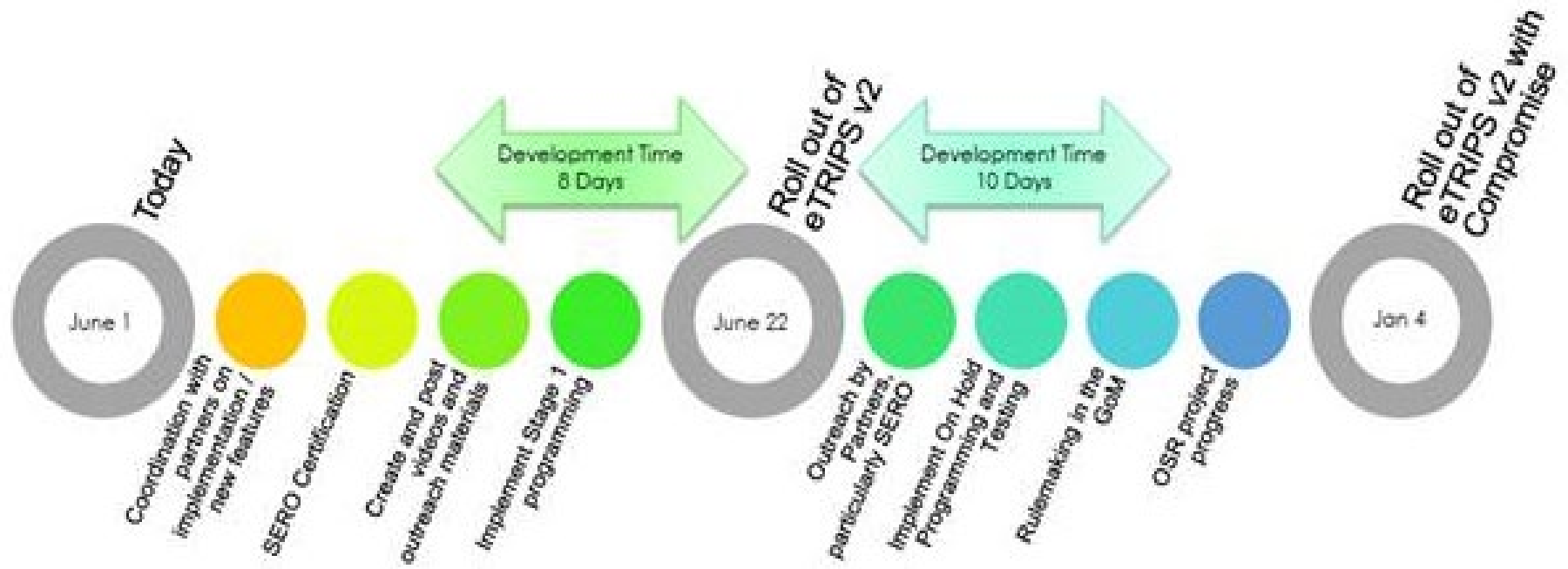
2020 Action Plan Status

2020 Action Plan – On track

- Program Management
- Data Collection
  - SAFIS
  - Recreational Surveys
- Data Distribution
- Data Infrastructure and Security

Questions?

Switchboard: Partner Flexibility

- – SAFIS eTRIPS applications (Online and Mobile) responds directly to switchboard

- – Partner may select (turn on/off) visibility and collection of non-standard fields

- – Online help standardized for each field