



ACCSP Coordinating Council Meeting

April 30, 2019

Arlington, VA

*Our vision is to be the principal source of fisheries-dependent information
on the Atlantic coast through the cooperation of all program partners.*

Accountability/Validation Progress

- Survey results redistributed in materials
- Discussed at the Commercial Technical Committee meeting in March.
- Concern over varying interpretations of validation and audit. Would like to begin by defining terminology.
- Small group created to address the issue



Program Updates

Federal Information Security Management Act (FISMA) Audit

- Requested by NMFS
 - Also supplied funding
- Contractor hired to perform audit
 - Audit report received and review under way
- Met with NMFS OCIO earlier today to review
- Next step is to create a Systems Security Plan and an Action Plan to address any deficiencies
 - Joan Palmer hired to write plans
- This is an ongoing process
 - Reviews conducted routinely



SAFIS Redesign

- Switchboard created for Partner Managed Optional Elements
- TMS update- phased approach should lead to some components within the year



Progress on eTrips/M v 2.0

- Released April 15
- Much more flexible
 - Runs on multiple platforms including phones
 - Foundation for redesigned tool
 - Will eventually allow Partner specific configuration on the fly
- Includes some redesign elements
- Hail-out function in development- aiming for June
 - Will include HMS and Social-Economic elements



Recreational Update:

For-Hire Data Collection Methods Workshop

- Purpose: Evaluate the minimum requirements and implementation challenges for a future comprehensive for-hire data collection program, focused on data validation, estimation, and recommend next steps. The supporting components of a comprehensive program may vary regionally but should provide for coverage of all for-hire fishery participants.
- Audience: National representatives of fishery survey design, data collection, and estimation. Participants should include Federal, Commission, Council, and States involved in production of recreational fishing statistics.
- July 10-11, 2019 (St. Petersburg, FL)



For Hire Workshop Terms of Reference

- 1) Characterize methodologies of current For-Hire Fisheries data collection
- 2) Recommend issues to be addressed in separate For-Hire Telephone Survey Peer Review
- 3) Recommend minimum required elements/components of for-hire data collection design combining mandatory reporting and dockside sampling
- 4) Provide direction on use of catch estimation approaches



Recreational: APAIS Tablet-Based Data Collection 2019

- Waves 1&2 data collection *almost* completed
 - 1,336 site assignments, 39 headboat assignments
 - 4,264 intercepts (avg. ~3/site assignment)
- Major changes to tablet software finalized
 - Improved speed to APAIS questionnaire
 - Improved timeliness of available data
 - Reduced staff time for data edits
- States received all tablets for year
- ACCSP-held Wave Meeting on 4/17



Recreational: FHTS CATI Data Collection in 2019

- Centralized tool for state conduct of MRIP's For-hire Telephone Survey
 - Developed with MRIP support
- Being used by NC, GA, & ME in 2019
- NC noted process is approximately 30% more efficient
- High response rates through system and state conduct
 - NC: 83% (waves 1 & 2)
 - GA: 81% (wave 2)
- Potentially used by all Atlantic states (ME-GA) in 2020
 - Increased state contact / relationships with fishermen
 - More direct vessel registry changes
 - Potential flexibility as for-hire logbooks are implemented



Commercial Update

- 2018 Commercial Data Available
 - ~3 million records
 - 31 data sources
 - Soft release 10 April 2019
 - Public release 16 April 2019
- Earlier deadline than ever before
- Excellent partner response/coordination
- Staff effort in recent years to improve/automate processing and quality checks
- Very positive feedback from all program partners
- Third round of standardizing species' common names display completed, fourth round underway



Committee Updates

Commercial Technical Committee



New Chair: Michael Lewis (NOAA HQ)
New Vice Chair: Chris Bradshaw (FL FWC)
Staff: Joe Myers/Mike Rinaldi
Meeting: March 2019

Commercial Technical Committee Action Items

- Gear Attributes
 - Scheduling a webinar to review new structures and solicit feedback on collecting detailed gear configurations
- Valid Ports List in SAFIS Apps
 - To present recommendations for change to Standard Codes committee
- Electronic Monitoring Standards
 - Forming a small group based on referrals for EM experts
 - Goal will be to define the utilities of EM, and establish a baseline standard of data elements
 - See materials
- Seafood Traceability
 - Approved data-sharing API and process into our Standards
- Aquaculture Reporting
 - Review found that the existing SAFIS applications meet the current needs of aquaculture reporting
 - Will continue to monitor any developments in aquaculture reporting to ensure that ACCSP is responsive to change



Commercial Technical Committee Action Items

- Data Validations and Accountability
 - Previously discussed
- Conversion Factors Future Projects
 - Small group to review list of potential species-of-interest; and begin to draft funding proposal for coast-wide project
- Reporting Illegal Species Purchases
 - ACCSP to document the process for reporting known illegal catches and discards via SAFIS applications



Information Systems Committee



Chair: Alan Bianchi
Vice Chair: Julie Dingle
Staff: Karen Holmes
Meeting: March 2019

Information Systems Committee Action Items

- Swipe card standardization
 - ACCSP will work to document the different options for swipe so other partners have a roadmap to join MA and ME.
- Valid Ports list
- HMS for-hire commercial species exception
 - Address how HMS sales are done on for-hire trips
- Address the issue of vessels being required to report VTRs after they no longer have permits



Joint Operations/Advisors Meeting



Operations/Advisors Chair: Amy Dukes/Jerry Morgan

Vice Chair: Nicole Lengyel/Fran Karp

Staff: Mike Cahall

Meeting: March 28, 2019

Joint Committee Activity

- Reviewed Year-to-Date Project Expenditures and FY2019 Funding Update
- Approved the FY2020 RFP with corrections
- Updates on the program and committees
- Held discussion on the idea of a new technical committee structure. Seeking support from the Coordinating Council before proceeding into information gathering phase.



Technical Committee Discussion

Condensing Technical Committees

- Reduce burden on Partner and ACCSP staff
- Increase efficiency in communications and reduce project timelines
- Modules are more integrated than previously, aligning with the integration of the data
- Structure
 - Full TC will meet as a plenary session
 - Workgroups will meet individually and report back as needed
 - Partners can send multiple individuals for representation on workgroups as desired while condensing travel and time out of the office



FY 2020 RFP
Review and Approval

So Long and

Thanks for all the Fish !!!

