

MRIP Work Group Chairs Conference Call 6/18/2009

The call convened at 10:00AM. The following work group chairs were present: Kathy Knowlton (DMSWG), Rob Ames (DAWG), and Bev Sauls (FHWG). Pres Pate and Rob Andrews were present representing the Operations Team (OT).

1. Project Updates:

- **FHWG:** 1) Gulf of Mexico Logbook Design: Planning a workshop in late August/early September in New Orleans. Participants will include for-hire industry and NGO representatives, staff from state natural resource agencies and NOAA Fisheries, and representatives from the Gulf FIN committee. The work group is proposing to hire a facilitator to moderate the meeting and broadcast the meeting over a live internet stream. The agenda will include an assessment of data needs (minimum data elements and reporting frequency), a cost/benefit analysis of different reporting options, and identification of potential data sources for validation. The product of the meeting will be a set of requirements to provide to a contractor to develop a pilot study. A question was asked about the percent of industry that supports logbooks. This isn't known but could be collected in a survey prior to the workshop. The workshop will include participants from other regions who have experience conducting logbook programs, as well as other project teams who are experimenting with electronic reporting. 2) SEHBS Non Response Imputation, SEHBS Electronic Reporting, SEHBS Intercept Survey: The project team has been waiting for a transfer of funds from NMFS HQ to SEFSC. 3) Puerto Rico Pilot: There is still only a single for-hire vessel participating in the pilot study. PR DNER may not have enough enforcement to police reporting requirements. PR DNER staff are getting back into the field to conduct outreach. The OT has requested a final report on the project by the end of the 2009 fiscal year (September 30).

- **DMSWG:** 1) QA/QC Project: Tom Sminkey is coordinating a conference call for the end of June. 2) Development of MRIP Data Management System: The project plan has been modified and returned to the OT for review.

- **DAWG:** 1) License Survey: A) Dual-Frame Mail Survey: The project team is planning to implement a dual-frame mail survey in North Carolina for Wave 5. A request to conduct the data collection has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget, and the project team is finalizing the survey questionnaires and a statement of work to procure contractor services to conduct the study. B) WA Dual-Frame Survey: The project team is expanding the methodology that has been developed in NC and the GOM to WA. The WA Department of Fish and Wildlife is unable to collect the necessary information from their ongoing intercept survey to measure coverage of the telephone surveys, so the project team is developing an independent field data collection. The project team anticipates that data collection will begin in wave 4 (July/August). 2) Survey Coverage: It is likely that data collection for the project to assess the

impact of under-coverage of access-point intercept surveys (e.g. private access and night fishing) will be extension of the mail survey that is being developed by the license survey project team. It is likely that fielding of a survey will occur during spring 2010. 3) Sampling and Estimation: The project team continues to assess the benefits of the new MRFSS intercept survey estimation methodology. The MRIP team leaders are developing a strategy to implement the methodology.

- HMSWG (Provided by Ron Salz via email): 1) HMS Characterization Gulf and S. Atl: Draft report will be completed by July 15th. Final report by August 15th. 2) HMS Tournament Project: Data analysis will be completed by July 15th. Draft report August 1. Final report August 15th. 3) Puerto Rico HMS characterization survey: Data collection completed June 15. Data analysis completed June 20. Draft report will be completed July 3. Final report August 1. 4) Florida HMS Private Angler Telephone Survey: Two-week reporting data collection and entry completed. Characterization data collection will be completed by July 15th. Draft report August 15. Final report Sept 1. 5) Florida HMS For-Hire: Data collection completed June 30. Data entry and analysis August 1. Draft report Aug. 15. Final report Aug 31.

The Operations Team is planning a meeting in September, likely the week of September 21-25. The meeting will include project updates from the work group chairs, as well as establishment of funding priorities for 2010.