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# Southeast Regional Electronic Technologies Implementation Plan

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# Electronic Technology Plan History

- 2013 – Initiation of ET Plan framework
- 2015 – Initial ET Plans finalized in January 2015
  - Bi-annual updates required through 2017
- 2019
  - Consultations initiated; new plan goal of 2020
  - “Electronic Technologies and Fishery-Dependent Data Collection” Policy (NMFS-04-115)
  - Intention to make plans comparable between regions
  - Status reviews annually by NMFS leadership
- 2020 pandemic pushed back new plans to March 2021
- Current status – draft document

# New Electronic Technologies Plan Policy

- Establishes regional vision for electronic reporting (ER) and electronic monitoring (EM)
  - Forecast for the next 5 years (through 2024)
  - Vision for developing, integrating, and implementing ET programs
- Plan includes
  - Regional Priorities
  - Council actions
  - Research and development
- Purpose
  - Prioritize internal and external funding
  - Highlight integration efforts through coordination and standardization
  - Identify challenges, costs, and funding transition plans
- Status review

# Vision for 2020-2024 - General

- Align electronic technologies with regional strategic priorities
- Identify and quantify costs – infrastructure, cloud, staffing, software – for continued ER expansion
- Develop process to review ER progress – lessons learned, areas of cost savings
- One stop reporting with the Greater Atlantic Region and states
- Data Governance (DG) plan and committee
  - Training: Data governance, data workflows
  - Formation of DG committee
  - Creation of DG plan

# Vision for 2020-2024 – Electronic Reporting

- Continuation of for-hire reporting initiatives
  - Streamline and improve process
  - Data connectivity to partners
- Commercial electronic reporting
  - Includes moving Wreckfish logbooks to the Coastal logbooks
- Gulf Shrimp cELB replacement system
- Modernizations
  - Permits System
  - Catch Shares system
    - Completion of Loan Program module
    - Modernization of Wreckfish ITQ
    - Continued efforts on the Gulf IFQ modernization project

# Vision for 2020-2024 – Electronic Monitoring

- Coordination with Mote Marine Lab's Center for Fisheries Electronic Monitoring (CFEMM) center.
  - Electronic Monitoring through National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF)
  - Underwater cameras for bycatch – Bycatch Reduction Engineering Program (BREP)
  - Cooperative research project (CRP) using EM for bycatch
- Rapid Sampling in Caribbean
  - Fish passed under cameras mounted on small platform
  - Artificial Intelligence (AI) help identify species and size

# Current Ongoing Initiatives

- For-hire electronic reporting
  - Both Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic
- Modernization of the Catch Share Programs
  - Includes potential Wreckfish Modernization
- Modernization of Permits system
- Commercial electronic logbook reporting
  - Both Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic
- Gulf Shrimp cELBs
- Rapid sampling EM project in the Caribbean