



# ACCSP Coordinating Council Meeting

February 6, 2019

Arlington, VA

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# Funding Update

- Total funding available remains unknown
- Possible overhead rates unknown
- New Jersey decided to direct hire one of its ACCSP positions
  - Frees roughly \$70K



# Partner Data Accountability Survey

What do we mean by data accountability?

- Accountability: a mechanism to verify that harvest data are an accurate reflection of activity on the water.

How was survey conducted?

- Online survey distributed to Partner Data Contacts and members of the Commercial Technical Committee
- Respondents were asked if their agency used each of 12 identified accountability measures
- If yes, respondents were asked to describe how the measure was implemented and what percentage of data it covered



# Why are we looking into this?

- Could develop ACCSP Accountability Standards
  - Provide consistent guidance for incorporating verification methods into electronic reporting platforms.
- Data that meet these standards could be flagged in the ACCSP database
- Potential Benefits:
  - Maximize investment in new electronic platforms
  - Allow for a tool that could assist states in the enforcement of reporting compliance
  - Improve data for stock assessments and for allocation decisions



# Survey Results

- Commonly-used methods of validation
  - Comparison of fishermen trips to dealer reports (16/19)
  - Negative trip reports (15/19)
  - Data audits (17/19)
- Rarely-used
  - Onboard observers (3/19)
  - VMS (5/19)
- In the middle
  - Dockside monitoring/sampling (9/19)
  - Pre-trip notifications/ hail-ins/ hail outs (9/19)
  - Interagency comparisons (12/19)
  - Law enforcement (12/19)



# Progress on eTrips/M v 2.0

- Much more flexible
  - Runs on multiple platforms including phones
  - Foundation for redesigned tool
    - Will eventually allow Partner specific configuration on the fly
  - Incorporates numerous improvements
- Targeted to be in production mid-March





# Recreational Updates

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# APAIS Metrics 2016 - 2018

- Angler Intercepts
  - 10% increase in NOAA funded assignments in 2018
  - 27% increase in angler intercepts
  - 43% increases in charter mode
- Productivity (interviews per assignment)
  - 15% increase from 5.4 to 6.3 average interviews
- Percent Eligible Anglers Interviewed
  - 8% increase from 54% to 62%
- Quality Control Process
  - Annual Form Edit rates reduced from 6.5% to 3.4%



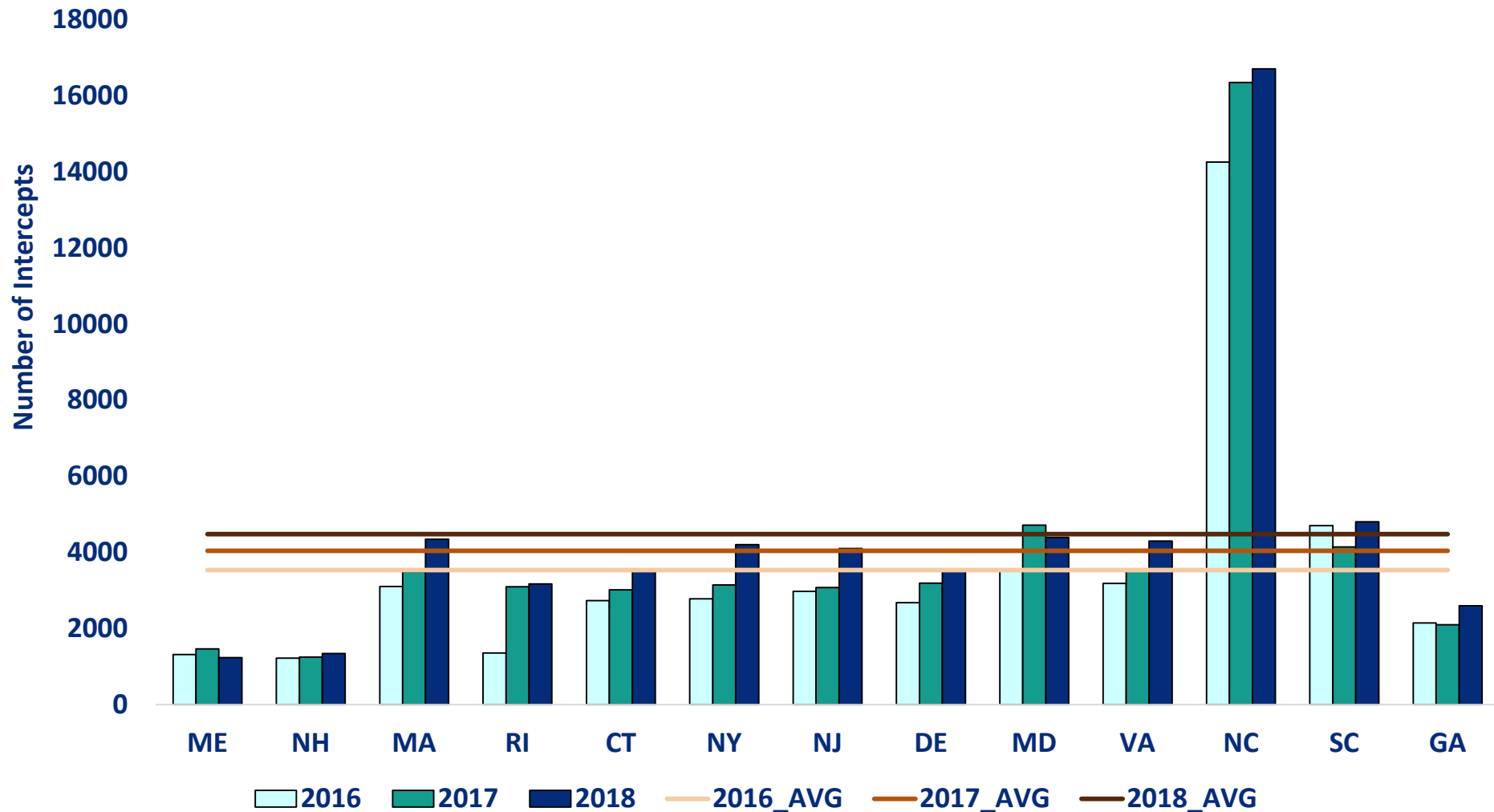


# Comparison of APAIS Intercepts 2016 - 2018

Comparison of APAIS Site Assignment Intercepts in Waves 1-6 From 2016-2018

Averages: 2016=3,538 | 2017=4,046 | 2018=4,484

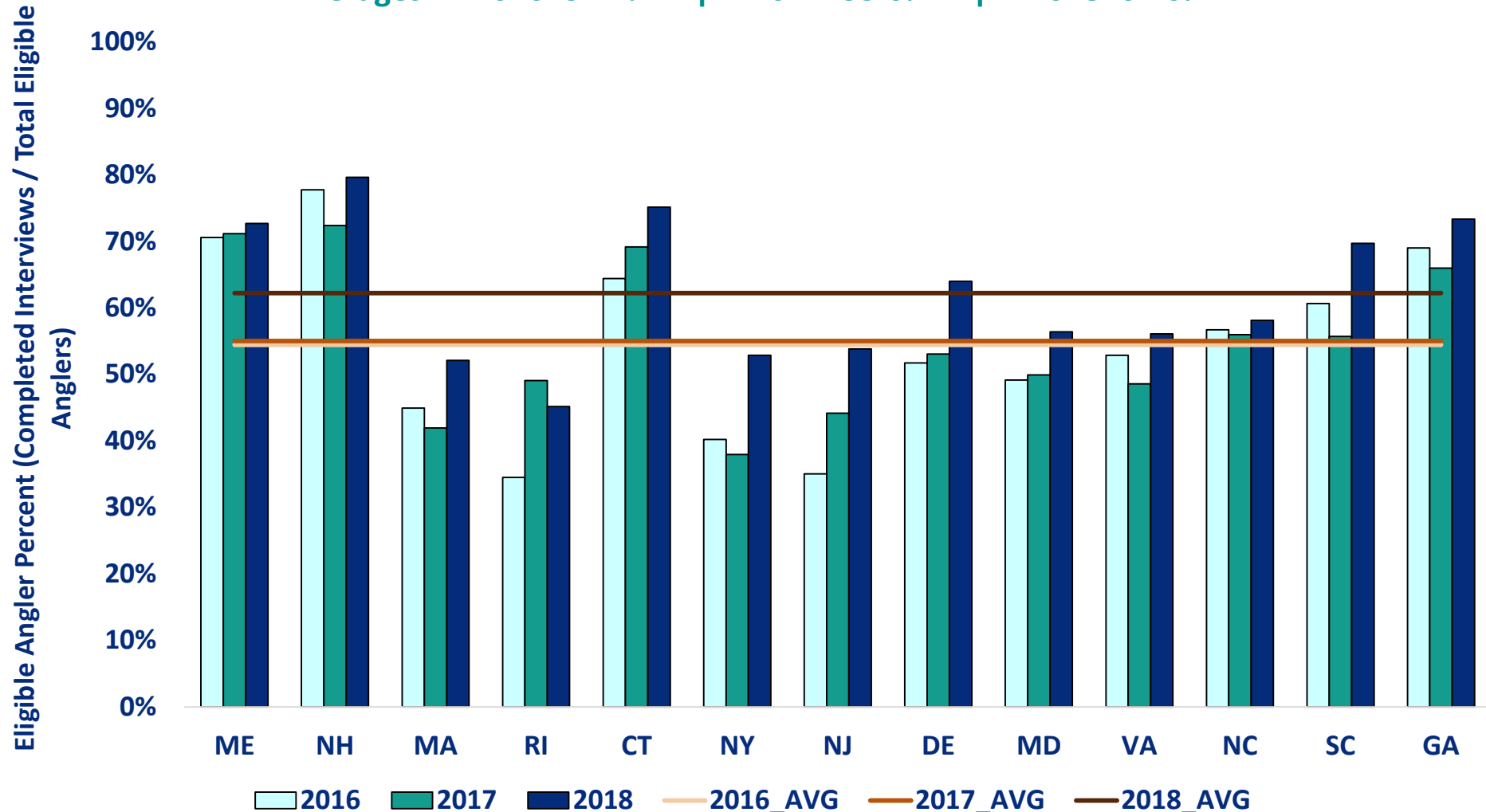
Totals: 2016=45,991 | 2017=52,599 | 2018=58,292



# Percent Anglers Interviewed 2016 - 2018

Comparison of Site Assignment Eligible Angler Percentage Interviewed in Waves 1-6 From 2016-2018

Averages: 2016=54.4% | 2017=55.0% | 2018=62.0%



# Deployment of the Dockside Interceptor APAIS Tablet

- Tablet field data collection started in Wave 1 in NC
  - Auto download of assignments by interviewer
  - Works offline during field assignments
- Paper submissions stopped completely
- Most manual corrections unnecessary
- Angler Intercept to Electronic data much faster
  - Paper 15-21 days
  - Tablet 1-4 days, most submit next day



# APAIS Tablet Data Collection

## Dockside Interceptor



### Your Assignments

Sun 12/23/18 8AM - 2PM

Private Rental

State: 45 County: 043

Interviewer: (7648)

Control: 4258578

Sat 12/22/18 11AM - 5PM

Private Rental

State: 45 County: 043

Interviewer: (7648)

Control: 4558575

Sat 12/22/18

Headboat

State: 45 County: 031

Interviewer: (7648)

Control: 4523514

Fri 12/21/18 8AM - 2PM

Shore

State: 45 County: 051

Interviewer: (7648)

Control: 1305633

Thu 12/20/18 11AM - 5PM

Shore

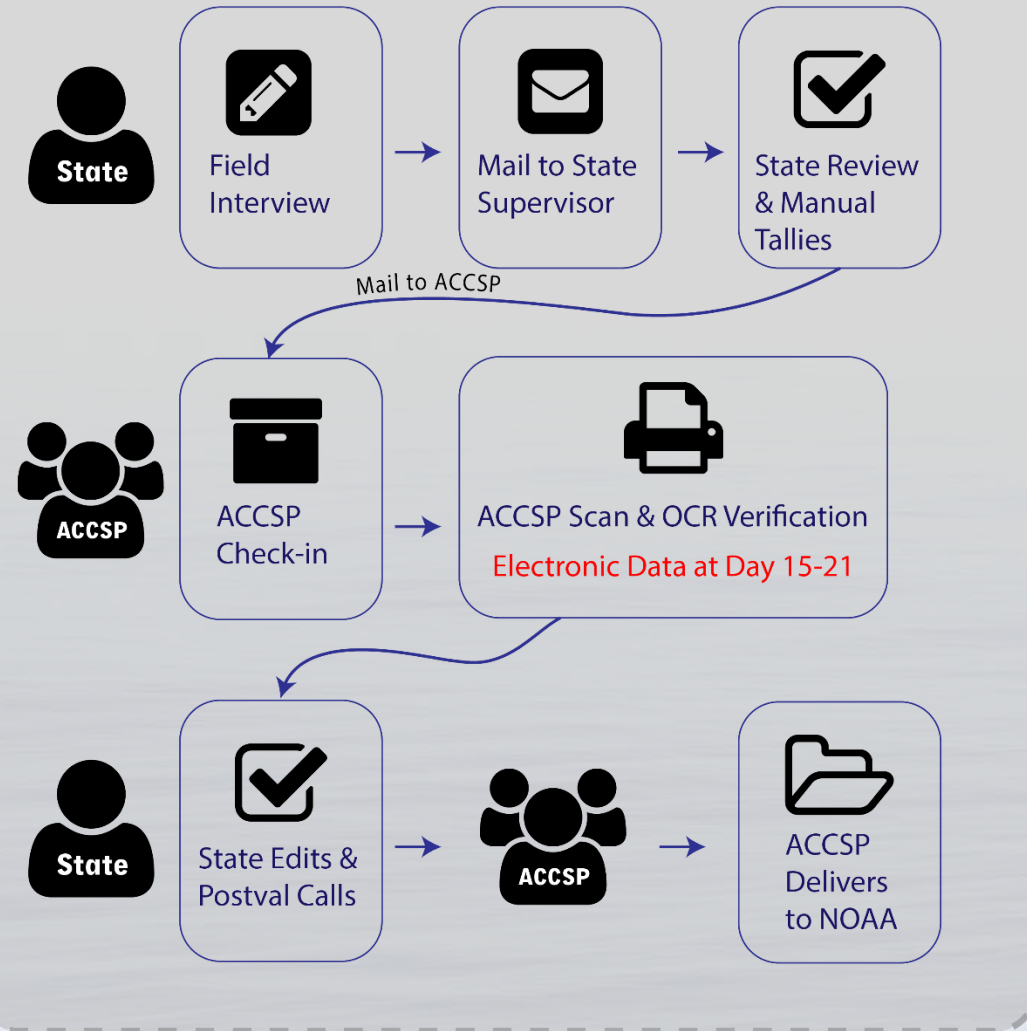
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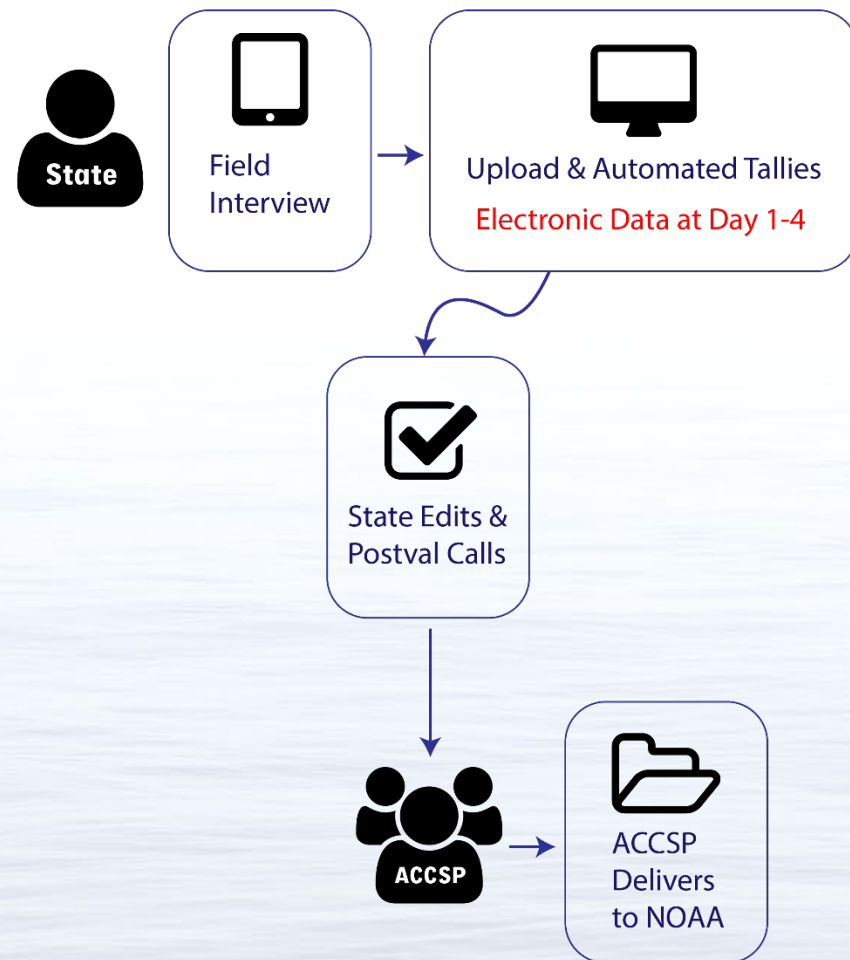
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## 2018 PAPER PROCESS: 15-21 DAYS



## 2019 TABLET PROCESS: 1-4 DAYS



# North Carolina Experience So Far (Jan 2019)

- 131 site assignments, all uploaded successfully on time (within 4 days)
- 112 interviews obtained on 42 assignments
- Staff getting comfortable with tablet data collection
- Saves considerable time in data handling
  - 20 hours per week mailing and reviewing paper forms
- ACCSP continues to make software adjustments to improve efficiencies





# Tablet Live Demo

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# New Tool for State Conduct of For-Hire Telephone Survey

- Computer Assisted Telephone Interview (CATI)
  - Developed with MRIP support
- NC noted process was more efficient - even in first weeks of implementation (January)
- Being used by ME, NC, GA in 2019
- Potentially used by all Atlantic states in 2020
  - Increased state contact / relationships with fishermen
  - More direct vessel registry changes
  - Potential flexibility as for-hire logbooks are implemented







- Home
- Site Assignments
- Headboat Assignments
- LPIS Assignments
- Calendar
- FishDump
- Vessel Good List
- FHS Preval
- Headboat Pressures
- PostVal Selection
- FHTS Selection**
- Completed Surveys
- Vessel Dir Upds
- Reports
- Administration

Select to filter FHTS Selections

Current Survey Week: 03

filter by State

all States

filter by Survey Year

2019

filter by Survey Week

03 - Jan 14 to Jan 20

Calls by US for week 03 in 2019

| Call | Rep Phone | Captain       | Vsl Name | Day | Round | Notes          |
|------|-----------|---------------|----------|-----|-------|----------------|
|      | 252-      | Data redacted |          | 6   | 10    |                |
|      | 252-      |               |          | 0   | 1     | longer captain |
|      | 252-      |               | 441WD    | 6   | 10    |                |
|      | 252-      |               | 015BM    | 6   | 10    |                |



Vessel Directory Updates ~ Pending

| Compl?                   | Captain | Vessel Name   |
|--------------------------|---------|---------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> |         |               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | MICHEAL | Data redacted |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | MICHAEL | Data redacted |

Total State CallBacks

No callbacks found

Mail Merge

Mail Merge

State

- Please select a State above -

Start Week

06 - Feb 4 to Feb 10

End Week

06 - Feb 4 to Feb 10

# FHTS Calling Information

Introduction

FHTS-CATI Survey: Alan D

Data redacted

## Contact Information

Phone # 910  
Captain Ala  
Vessel Name -Ur  
Vessel # NC  
Vessel Id 510  
Vessel Length 24  
Vessel Home Port - PRIVATE LOCATION -  
HMS Permit? N

Data redacted

## Vessel Directory Update

### Vessel Update Information

- enter vessel update information here -

Save Vessel Update Info

### Notes / Comments for this Vessel

- enter notes / comments / remarks for this vessel here -

Save Vessel Notes/Comments

Answering Machine

Fax/Computer

Busy

Not Available

Wrong Number

Bad Number

Refused

Call Back

No Answer

Language Barrier

Unreachable

Inactive

Deceased

No Longer For-Hire

Vessel Sold/Destroyed

Cancel

Logsheets, Call or Email?

Call

Entering Logsheets

Hello, my name is **Geoff White** calling from **Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission** on behalf of NOAA Fisheries Services and the For-Hire Survey.

May I speak with **Alan** Data redacted

Cancel

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# Data Warehouse Updates

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# Data Update

- Spring load:
  - Participants – February 8
  - Data – March 8
  - Data release mid to late April
- Second round of standardizing species common name in display update released
- Data Warehouse Enhancements
  - Improvements made to confidential account application
  - Account management interface created for security contacts



# Supporting Science and Management

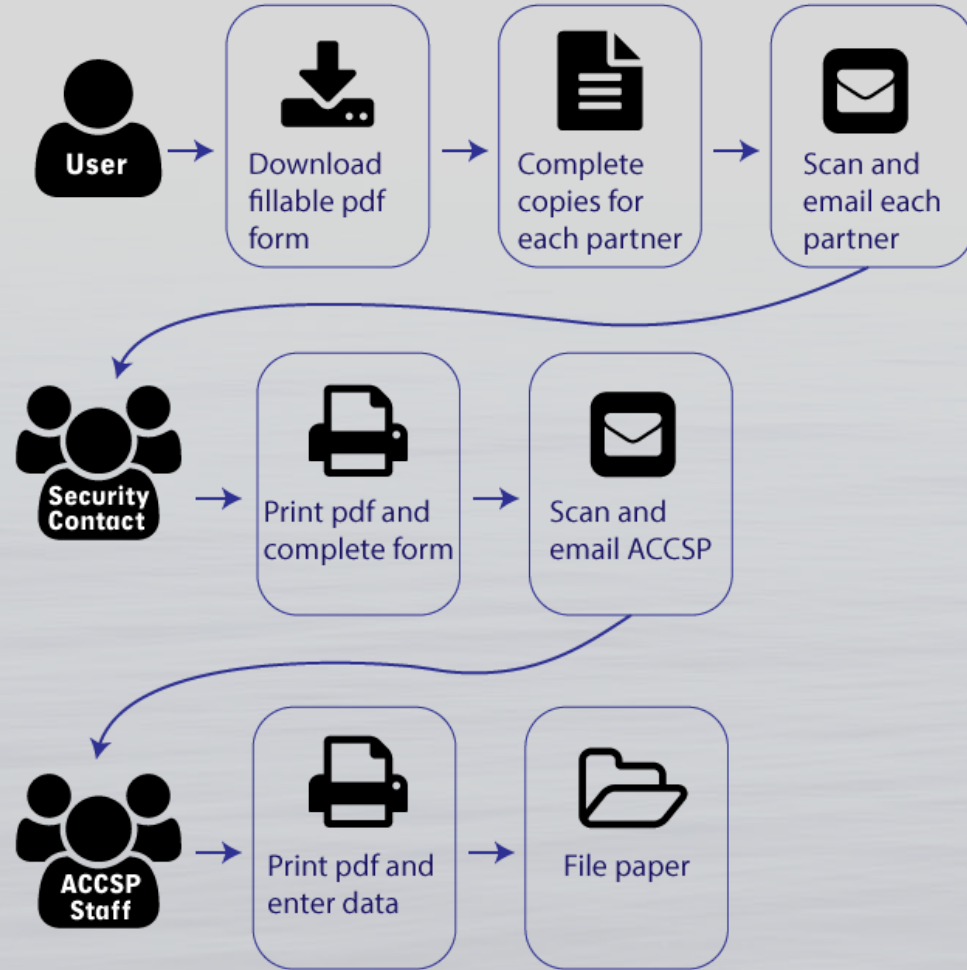
- Stock Assessments/Management
  - Atlantic Herring (FMP review)
  - Black Sea Bass (ASMFC stock assessment)
  - Bluefish (FMP review)
  - Winter Flounder (FMP review), and others.
- Custom Data Request Highlights
  - Peneaid shrimp fishery and associated vessel landings for SC and GA disaster relief funding
  - Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (Canadian American Eel Stock Assessment)

*\* Activities since October meeting*



# Modernizing the Confidentiality Approval Process

## OLD CONFIDENTIAL PROCESS



## NEW CONFIDENTIAL ACCOUNT PROCESS

