

**Atlantic Coastal Cooperative Statistics Program
Coordinating Council**

May 5, 2020

PROGRAM UPDATES

(Since October 2019)

1) ACCSP Staffing

- a. Alex DiJohnson was selected and promoted to the Recreational Team Lead in November
- b. Marisa Powell started in January as Program Assistant
- c. Sarah Hylton started in April as a Data Coordinator on the Recreational Team
- d. Melissa Paine started part-time contract in April supporting the Recreational Technical Committee
- e. Lindsey Aubert selected to fill Data Coordinator position on the Data Team (start date August 1)
- f. Julie Defilippi Simpson is a candidate for American Fisheries Society 2nd Vice President

2) Budget / Funding

- a. Final 2020 ACCSP budget approved with all projects funded (Maine Lobster Reporting partial funding) and reduced regional office administration fees
- b. Historical ACCSP budget scrub completed, identifying \$350k un-allocated to be spent by Feb 2021. ACCSP Leadership Team was re-constituted and approved staff suggestions for unfunded support to coastal initiatives (SAFIS Helpdesk, Data Warehouse changes to adapt to SAFIS Redesign, VESL API data submission to ACCSP for South Carolina For-Hire trips, respond to FISMA requirements).
- c. ACCSP received 2020 Admin grant funds from NOAA
- d. ACCSP 5 year grant on track for spend out/completion 28Feb2021
- e. MRIP Cooperative Agreement: Completed 2015-2019, In Year 1 of 2019-2023
- f. Developed initial state by state allocation of increased annual base funding (\$900K/yr) with input from the ACCSP Leadership Team

3) Regional Coordination

- a. FIS
 - i. ACCSP staff participating in monthly FIS Project Management Team meetings
 - ii. Supporting Ongoing Projects
 - 1. Support GARFO One Stop Reporting (meetings on hold due to travel restrictions). Develop the Technical Specifications of a system that will enable a single electronic vessel trip report (eVTR) to satisfy the individual reporting requirements of all the fishing management authorities along the East Coast.
 - 2. Supporting Quality Management – Provision of Commercial Landings for ASMFC Stock assessments (meetings on hold due to travel restrictions)

- iii. Proposals for future projects
 - 1. Continued Development and Enhancement to the ACCSP Online Data Query Tool and the ACCSP Assignment Tracking Application. These enhancements are geared toward improving application design and improving data collection, sharing, and coordination.
 - 2. ACCSP Atlantic Coast Project Scoping for Implementation of Automated Data Auditing/Validation for Electronic Logbooks. This project will conduct a SIPOC workshop to identify and document partner inputs and outputs into SAFIS and determine partner electronic logbook audit and validation needs.
- b. MRIP
 - i. Regional Implementation Council (several conference calls)
 - 1. ACCSP and states input on Modern Fish Act Reports
 - ii. Supporting GSMFC transition to APAIS tablet data collection (ongoing through 2020)
- c. Council Meeting Participation
 - i. SAFMC – December 2019 webinar, March 2020 in person
 - ii. MAFMC – November 2019 commercial eVTR webinar presentation, December 2019 in person (electronic reporting)
 - iii. NEFMC – December 2019, April 2020 webinars

4) ACCSP Project Highlights

- a. Spring Data Load: Completed early on April 14, 2020 to support ongoing stock assessments. Special thanks to staff for coordination and Partners to provide data to maintain timeline.
 - i. Included direct data feed from PRFC for first time
- b. South East For Hire Integrated Electronic Reporting (SEFHIER):
 - i. Biweekly coordination calls since October, adjusting to shifting requirements and timelines.
 - ii. South Atlantic Rule Published in February for September 1 full on-water implementation.
ACCSP supporting June 1 software ready date for outreach and early adopting participants. SAFIS eTRIPS includes features for single report to multiple regions for dual-permitted participants. SERO reviewing SAFIS software for certification.
 - iii. Gulf of Mexico Rule in development. ACCSP implemented trip notifications including Hail-out, and vessel location data collection features to support requirements.
- c. SAFIS Redesign
 - i. Database design changes in development and test environments have been implemented.
 - ii. SAFIS Management System has been updated to include a SWITCHBOARD feature. This provides partners with increased flexibility of turning on/off additional attributes for report components, species, gears, dispositions, offloads, and notifications.
 - iii. eTRIPS mobile-v2 is in the final stage of development. It will include features required by the Southeast and HMS including:

1. Trip Notification – Hail Out,
 2. Species attributes (including nbr of fish/tags for Tautog);
 3. Multiple target species
 4. Partner managed offload attributes
- iv. eTRIPS/online is currently being redesigned to incorporate new data structures and switchboard capability.
- d. Outreach
- i. Improved integration with ASMFC website and social media
 - ii. Participating in MRIP Regional Communications Working Groups (NE and SA)
 - iii. Updating functionality and document references in ACCSP website
 - iv. Continued notifications of code changes, major system maintenance, etc to partners
- e. MRIP
- i. Completed new state agreements for state conduct of MRIP components CY2020
 - ii. Completed 2019 data delivery for APAIS (ME-GA) and FHTS (ME, NC, GA)
 - iii. Completed 2020 Regional APAIS&FHTS trainings (South, Mid, North)
 - iv. Began FHTS State conduct for all states Maine to Georgia
 - v. Tracking data collection changes due to COVID-19
- f. FISMA – Federal Information Security Management Act
- i. ACCSP completed response to initial Audit performed April 2019
 - ii. Informed of updated process, requirements, and timeline shift to May 2020
 - iii. Finished internal documentation in March 2020
 - iv. Completed a second FISMA Compliance review April 30
 - v. Updated Interconnect Security Agreements with six Federal systems
 - vi. Submitted request for Authority to Connect / FISMA compliance May 1, 2020
- g. Data Dissemination
- i. SEDAR(s), Stock Assessments, and Management
 1. Data Team staff have or are currently working on SEDAR stock assessments for Red Porgy, King Mackerel, Snowy Grouper, and Scamp.
 2. Data were provided for a number of ASMFC species FMP reviews, including but not limited to scup, summer flounder, striped bass, and tautog.
 - ii. Custom Data Requests
 1. The Data Team has completed over 50 custom data requests during this period for partners and a number of projects, such as wind farms, and agencies, including DFO and NOAA Office of Coastal Management.
 - iii. Posted MRIP estimates through ACCSP data warehouse queries
 - iv. Online Data Warehouse usage for 2019 was recently analyzed. The following are high level statistics.
 1. The Public Data Warehouse had 758 unique sessions in 2019.
 2. The Login Data Warehouse had 3,609 unique sessions by 170 users in 2019.
- h. ACCSP Governance Transition Survey
- i. Initiated follow up from 2017 integration with ASMFC. Postponed until next Coordinating Council Meeting.