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PROJECT UPDATE

Electronic Technologies: Regional Implementation Plan Development Process

to the Council Coordination Committee

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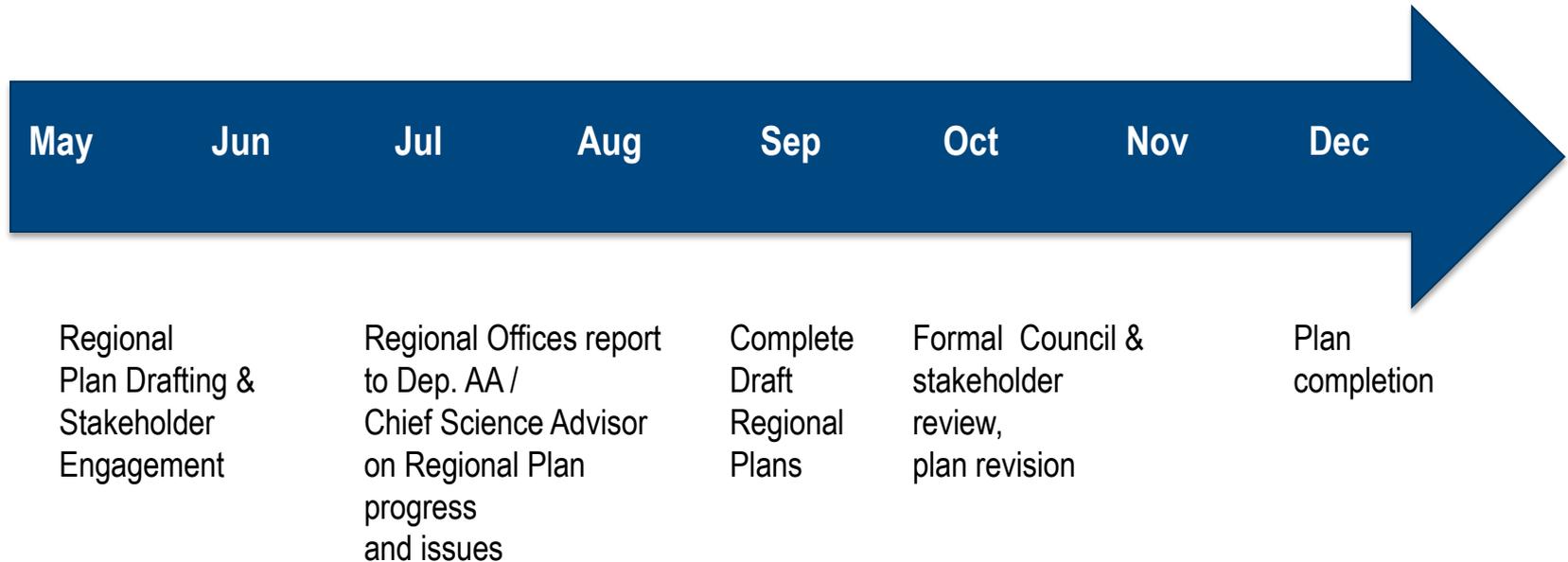
Regional Implementation Plans

- Goal – to establish operational, cost effective EM / ER systems in each region, and with Atlantic HMS
- Contents of Regional Electronic Technology Implementation Plans
 - Objective of monitoring program
 - Technological capabilities
 - Evaluation or comparison of costs
 - Funding for regional plan implementation
 - Industry cost share
 - Regulatory Changes needed
 - Proposed evaluation methods

Regional Implementation Plans, cont.

- List of fisheries suitable for implementation of EM and ER
- Regionally specific means to resolve technical / scientific, budgetary, process obstacles to implementing ET systems

Timeline and Milestones to plan completion in 2014



Regional Implementation Plans need early Council, stakeholder input

Implementation of this policy will rely on Regional Offices initiating consultations and deliberations with their respective Councils on the consideration and design as appropriate of fishery dependent data collection programs that utilize electronic technologies for each Federal fishery

Activities to Inform Regional Implementation Plans

- Consultations with Regional offices, Centers, Councils, stakeholders
- National EM workshop
- Progress in each region

Pacific Island Region

- Electronic Reporting
 - Archipelago specific approaches needed
 - Hawaii – has ER capability
 - Other archipelagos – need technology solution that works at shore
- Electronic Monitoring
 - Pelagic longline fishery? Longer term

Alaska Region

- Strategic Plan for EM/ER in the North Pacific
 - Integrating Monitoring Technology into the North Pacific Fisheries Dependent Data Collection Program
- Electronic reporting
 - Partnership with State of Alaska
 - Largely in place
- Electronic monitoring
 - In place in 3 fisheries
 - Proposed rule to expand EM for at-sea scales to all trawl and longline vessels
 - Southeast Alaska fixed gear & Bering Sea trawl
 - Research leading to implementation

West Coast Region

- Electronic Reporting
- Electronic Monitoring
 - Groundfish
 - Whiting
 - Fixed Gear
 - Bottom Trawl

Southeast Regional Office

- 3 Council regions
- Electronic Reporting
 - GMFMC, CFMC, SAFMC areas
 - Commercial
 - Recreational
- Electronic Monitoring
 - Longer term

Greater Atlantic Region

- Electronic Reporting
 - eVTRs are a reporting option
 - Interest in fishery wide application in NEFMC, MAFMC areas
- Data system modernization
- Electronic Monitoring
 - Regional EM workshop, 7-8 May
 - To help develop EM objectives
 - Groundfish sectors
 - Focus of NEFMC
 - Objectives not established
 - Herring
 - Interest, low level of activity
 - Scallop
 - Interest, low level of activity

Atlantic Highly Migratory Species

- **Electronic Reporting**
 - Recreational landings by phone/web – in place
 - Commercial handgear by phone/web – Jan 2015
 - Longline vessels via their VMS – Jan 2015
- **Electronic Monitoring**
 - Longline fishery – Jan 2015
 - Regulations early fall 2014

Summary Questions / Issues

- Degree of consistency among regional plans
- Council and stakeholder engagement needed
- Fisheries = fisheries, sectors, sub-sectors
- Non tech issues important, e.g. infrastructure, costs, staffing, etc
- Funding, cost share
- Consider looking ahead beyond current issues. 5 years? 7 years?
- Consider implementation target dates

Questions / Comments?

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