

The Committee on Economics and Social Sciences (CESS) will be working on revisions to the Social and Economic Data section of the ACCSP Standards more frequently than the whole document is updated, and therefore those revisions will be reflected in subsequent appendices. CESS will undertake a substantial revision to this section for the next update of the ACCSP Standards. That revision will involve simplifying the data elements requested and based, in part, on the results from surveying ASMFC Commissioners on their statesq socioeconomic data needs. CESS will try to be clear about the questions being answered/hypotheses being tested rather than embarking on a major data gathering effort that is largely descriptive. They will also take into account any major studies that have occurred since these survey questions/parameters were originally described, as well as current demands for social science data. Some issues that CESS will work to incorporate:

1. Latent effort (i.e., fishermen that hold a permit/license but do not use it): Members feel that a clear understanding of this phenomenon (i.e., magnitude, motivation, etc.) may be crucial for the design of effective management (from buybacks to quota programs)
2. Additional measures of social capital and trust among fishermen (already ask about membership to fishery organizations): For example, do fishermen share information or %team fish+? If so, how many partner boats do they have?
 - a. Number of partner boats (i.e., number of boats with whom the permit holder shares information on fish location and cooperates in the harvest on a regular basis)
 - b. Number of individuals in the industry on which the permit holder can rely to harvest his permit in case of illness or other emergency
3. Attitudes and perceptions of stakeholders: Underlying aspects of stakeholdersqgeneral satisfaction with the fishery and its operations.
4. Implementation of acquiring these data: Consider less frequent data collection may be more realistic from a "survey fatigue" and cost standpoint