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Modern Fish Act Investment Funds:

**NOAA Fisheries Allocation and Use of \$3.5M
Budgeted for the Modern Fish Act of 2018**

Joint Council Workgroup on Section 102 of MFA
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Modern Fish Act Investment Funds

This Congressional appropriation—to be allocated from existing agency funds—is driven by constituent interest in implementing the provisions of the Modern Fish Act and advancing the development and use of electronic reporting technologies.

Our strategy for distributing these funds is based on our implementation of MFA Section 202: State Partnerships.



Identifying Regional Funding Priorities

MRIP Regional Implementation Team	Top MRIP Regional Implementation Plan Priority	Modern Fish Act Investment Priority
ACCSP <i>Maine-Florida</i>	Produce more precise estimates.	Increase APAIS sampling levels to improve the precision of estimates for targeted fisheries.
GulfFIN <i>Florida-Louisiana</i>	Provide funding to support base-level general survey sampling. Provide funding to support LA Creel, Snapper Check, and Tails n' Scales.	Increase APAIS and LA Creel sampling levels to improve the precision of estimates . Support specialized state survey programs that provide angler electronic reporting options in FL, AL, and MS.
Pacific RecFIN <i>California-Washington</i>	Provide funding to support base-level general survey sampling.	Increase state survey sampling levels to improve the precision of estimates .



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Spending Summary

Region	FY20 Amount	FY21 Amount
Atlantic States <i>Via ACCSP</i>	\$0.9M Total Amount Provided to States in the Region: \$6,000,000	\$0.9M Total Amount Provided to States in the Region: \$5,987,266
Gulf States <i>Via GulfFIN</i>	\$1.2M Total Amount Provided to States in the Region: \$6,829,364	\$1.2M Total Amount Provided to States in the Region: \$6,773,476
Pacific States <i>Via Pacific RecFIN</i>	\$0.9M Total Amount Provided to States in the Region: \$2,193,476*	\$0.9M Total Amount Provided to States in the Region: \$2,193,476*

*An additional \$1M is provided to Pacific RecFIN through the NWFSC, bringing this total to \$3.2M.



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FY21 Spending

Congress has appropriated an additional \$0.5M, for a total of \$3.5M to be allocated toward Modern Fish Act provisions in FY21.

- We consider the initial \$3M a permanent part of our financial support to FINs, pending future changes to Congressional appropriations.
- The additional \$0.5M will support a study to examine non-sampling error in the Fishing Effort Survey.
- We will continue to distribute funds based on MRIP Regional Implementation Plan priorities.

