

Greatest Management Challenge?

Inaccurate scientific data currently being used to make fisheries management decisions; lack of trust in the landing data

Managing entire Gulf recreational reef fish populations as one stock across diverse regions and various users with different goals & values.

Finding a balance to maintain each species while allowing anglers opportunities.

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Providing adequate stock levels , access and satisfaction to fishermen with varying goals, large annual turnover, and are the starting point for a huge economic engine

Allowable fishing days, quotas, commercial impacts, discard mortality

Population growth and improved technologies are placing tremendous pressure on the reef fish.

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Getting accurate data based on sample sizes and balancing conservation with the financial gains from open fishing seasons.

To maintain and sustain each reef fish species at a population level able to satisfy a growing number of recreational anglers.

Commercial sector and lobbyists

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Securing the health of fish stocks while providing opportunities for recreational anglers to access multiple fisheries at the same time

Shrinking opportunities for multiple species trips; trips are focused on a single species rather than providing multiple targets are hard to justify particularly on long runs.

Balancing charter and rec limits while allowing the fish to continue to thrive.

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Measurement of effort and landings in the recreational sector and providing fishing opportunities that increase accessibility to the largest group of recreational anglers.