

Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission Liaison Report

**Gulf Council Meeting
New Orleans, Louisiana**



INFLATION REDUCTION ACT FUNDING

- **Infrastructure Agreement:**
 - **Improve state and commission data management systems**
 - **Centralize state recreational data at GSMFC**
 - **Convene three workshops**
 - **Validating recreational fishing effort estimates**
 - **Improving recreational released catch data**
 - **Develop GulfFIN recreational data standards and warehouse**

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- **Infrastructure Agreement:**
 - **Completed two workshops**
 - **Validating recreational fishing effort estimates**
 - **Improving recreational released catch data**
 - **Reports for both workshops have been published & are available**
 - **Published a request for proposals**
 - **Pre proposals due November 15, 2024**
 - **Full proposals due February 14, 2025**
 - **Review team will rank and score**
 - **Final decisions made by Andy Strelcheck and Clay Porch**
 - **GSMFC working with NOAA Fisheries to obtain approximately \$7M to support selected projects**

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- **Workshop #3:**

- **Developing GulfFIN Recreational Data Standards and Pathway for Developing State Recreational Data Warehouse**

- **Scheduled for February 4-5, 2025 in Gulf Shores, AL**

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- **Infrastructure Agreement:**
 - **Improve state and commission data management systems**
 - **Centralize state recreational data at GSMFC**
 - **New priority**
 - **AL and MS Creel Survey Transition Plan**
 - **Re-budgeting some monies to support this work**

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- **For-Hire At-Sea Observer Expansion:**
 - **Current program exists in Florida, Alabama and Mississippi**
 - **\$1M in new monies to support expansion into Louisiana and Texas**
 - **Supports sampling 75 offshore trips per year in each state**
 - **Utilizing same methodology and technology**
 - **Targeting 2025 and 2026 for field sampling**

QUESTIONS?

