

# LA/TX Expansion At-Sea Sampling

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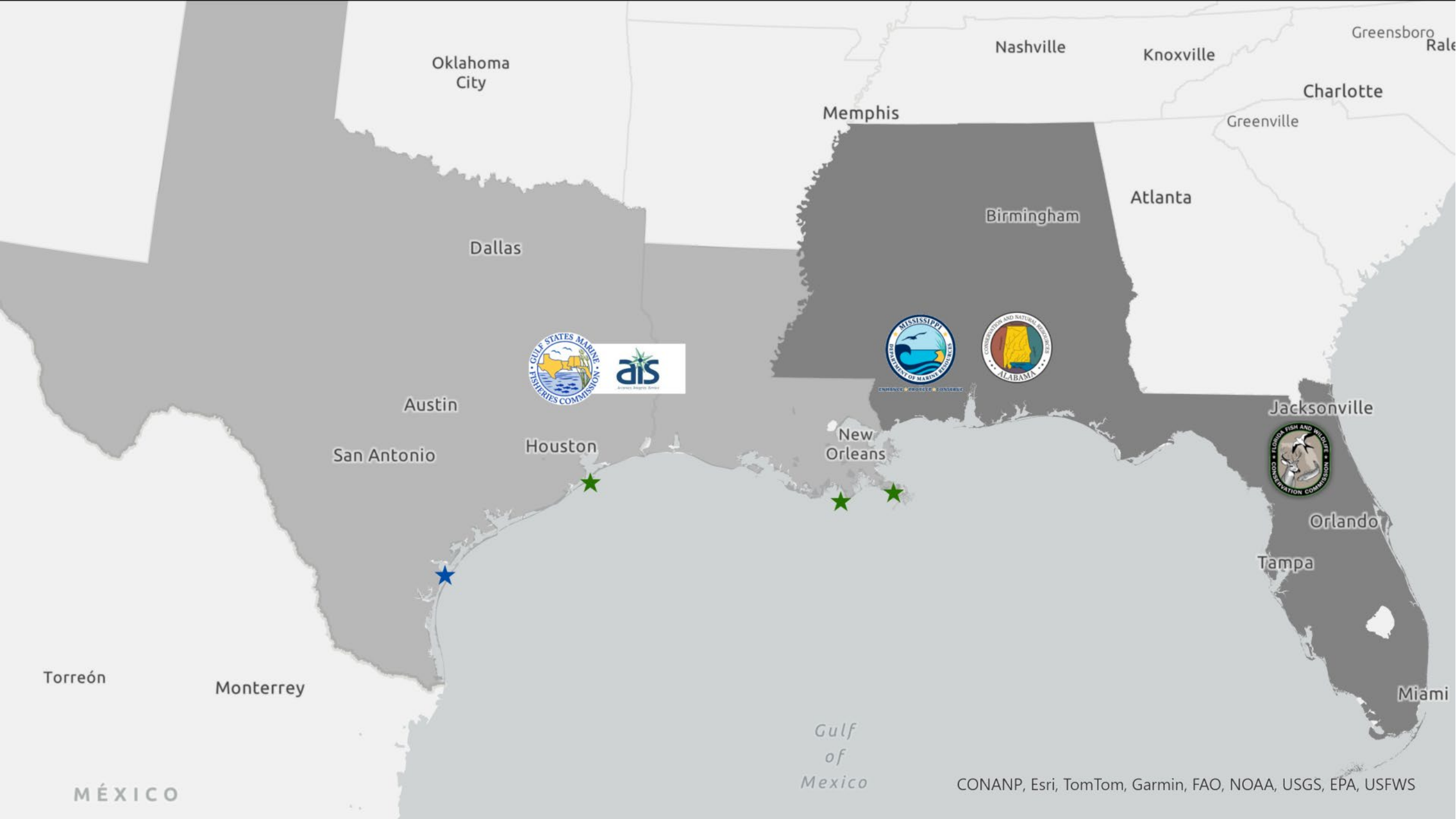
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# **Inflation Reduction Act Funding**

- **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 100 offshore trips per year in each state**
    - **Hiring independent contractors to be trained as field agents**
    - **Utilizing same methodology and technology**
    - **Targeting 2025 and 2026 for field sampling**





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# Questions???

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