

# Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission Liaison Report

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**Gulf Council Meeting  
Gulf Shores, Alabama**



# 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 three workshops**
    - **Validating recreational fishing effort estimates**
    - **Improving recreational released catch data**
    - **Recreational Data Standards/Warehouse**
    - **Workshop Reports**
      - **Effort and Released Catch reports are available**
      - **Recreational Standards/Warehouse report coming soon**

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- **Published a request for proposals**
  - **Full proposals due February 14, 2025**
  - **Received 11 proposals, ~\$14M in research**
  - **Received \$7.5M IRA funding**
  - **Review team scores due April 11<sup>th</sup>**
  - **Final decisions made by Andy Strelcheck and Clay Porch**
  - **Hopeful to start research in summer 2025**

# INFLATION REDUCTION ACT FUNDING

- **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**
      - **Still waiting NOAA GMD approval**

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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**
    - **Training field samplers April 14-15, 2025**
    - **Data collection will begin May 2025**

# QUESTIONS?

