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Re-envisioning the Recreational Data Collection Partnership

A joint initiative is underway to transition to an improved state-federal recreational fisheries data collection partnership that better meets regional needs.

Working Goal

A state-federal data collection system for marine and estuarine recreational fisheries that is regionally specific and nationally coherent and leverages partner expertise and resources to obtain the best quality data possible from available sources to inform sustainable, adaptive fisheries management.

Working Objectives

- Clear roles, responsibilities, and lines of transparent communication among partners
- Enhanced recreational data precision, accuracy, and timeliness
- Adherence to data collection standards
- Transparent, consistent, and centralized data warehousing and access
- Survey, estimation, and review improvement frameworks that promote data integrity and accountability
- Data stream connectivity among different surveys and effective integration
- Enhanced partner/angler collaboration and participation

Timeline

2024 (Information-Gathering)

- **Spring** - Held 4 virtual briefings with approximately 150 partners and members of the recreational fishing community across the nation to introduce the effort and garner initial feedback on the re-envisioning process and objectives
- **Summer/Fall** - Hold information-gathering sessions with key internal colleagues and regional and state partners; public listening sessions during regional Council and other relevant meetings
- Summarize results to inform workshop development

2025 (Workshops and Planning)

- **Early 2025** - Establish new interagency working groups and/or leverage and restructure existing recreational data partnership teams
- **Summer** - Hold workshops to inform new vision and associated action plan
- **Fall/Winter** - Draft a vision/structure for renewed partnership and circulate for public feedback

2026 (Implementation)

- **Early 2026** - Announce and transition to renewed partnership

Information

https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/topic/recreational-fishing-data