

Better **Data,** Better **Fishing**

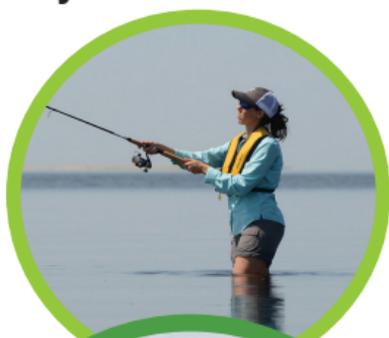
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When you **share information** about your saltwater fishing trip, you're playing a **key role** in supporting **healthy and productive fisheries**.

Specially trained field interviewers gather catch information by surveying anglers at the end of their trips. Interviewers play no part in law enforcement, and **all responses are confidential**.

States collect data in support of the **Marine Recreational Information**

Program: the state-regional-federal partnership that estimates **saltwater anglers' catch and effort**.



Top Photo: FL FWC. Bottom Photo: Chase Katechis/AL DCNR .

State Data Collection Programs

NOAA Fisheries has worked with Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida to develop state-specific surveys to produce more precise and more

timely catch estimates. In MS, AL, and FL, these surveys target certain species, including red snapper, and supplement MRIP data.



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Information you share about your fishing activity helps ensure sustainable fisheries today—and for generations to come.

Your **fishing activity** is counted through **surveys** conducted with tens of thousands of recreational anglers.

This information is **combined with other data**, such as commercial catch and stock age and growth rates.

Scientists evaluate all of these factors to **determine the health of our fisheries**.

Managers work with anglers and other stakeholders to **set rules that help keep stocks sustainable**.

The cycle continues as we **assess and respond to the ongoing health and productivity** of our fisheries.

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