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Marine Recreational Information Program

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Learning Objectives

- Provide broad MRIP overview.
- Explain how we estimate recreational fishing activity.
- Describe how the data are used.



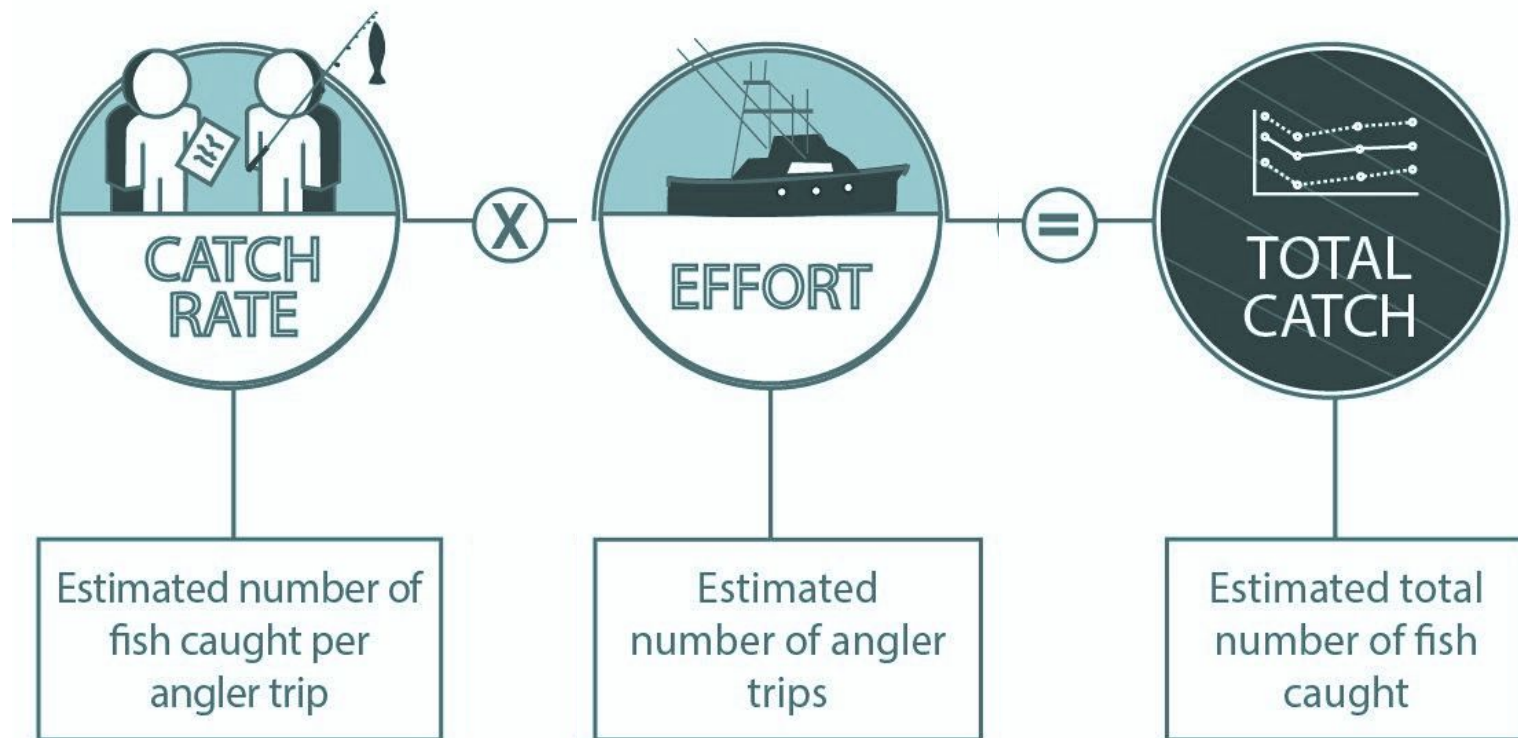
MRIP

- The angler-state-regional-federal partnership responsible for developing, improving, and implementing surveys that measure how many trips saltwater anglers take, and how many fish they catch.

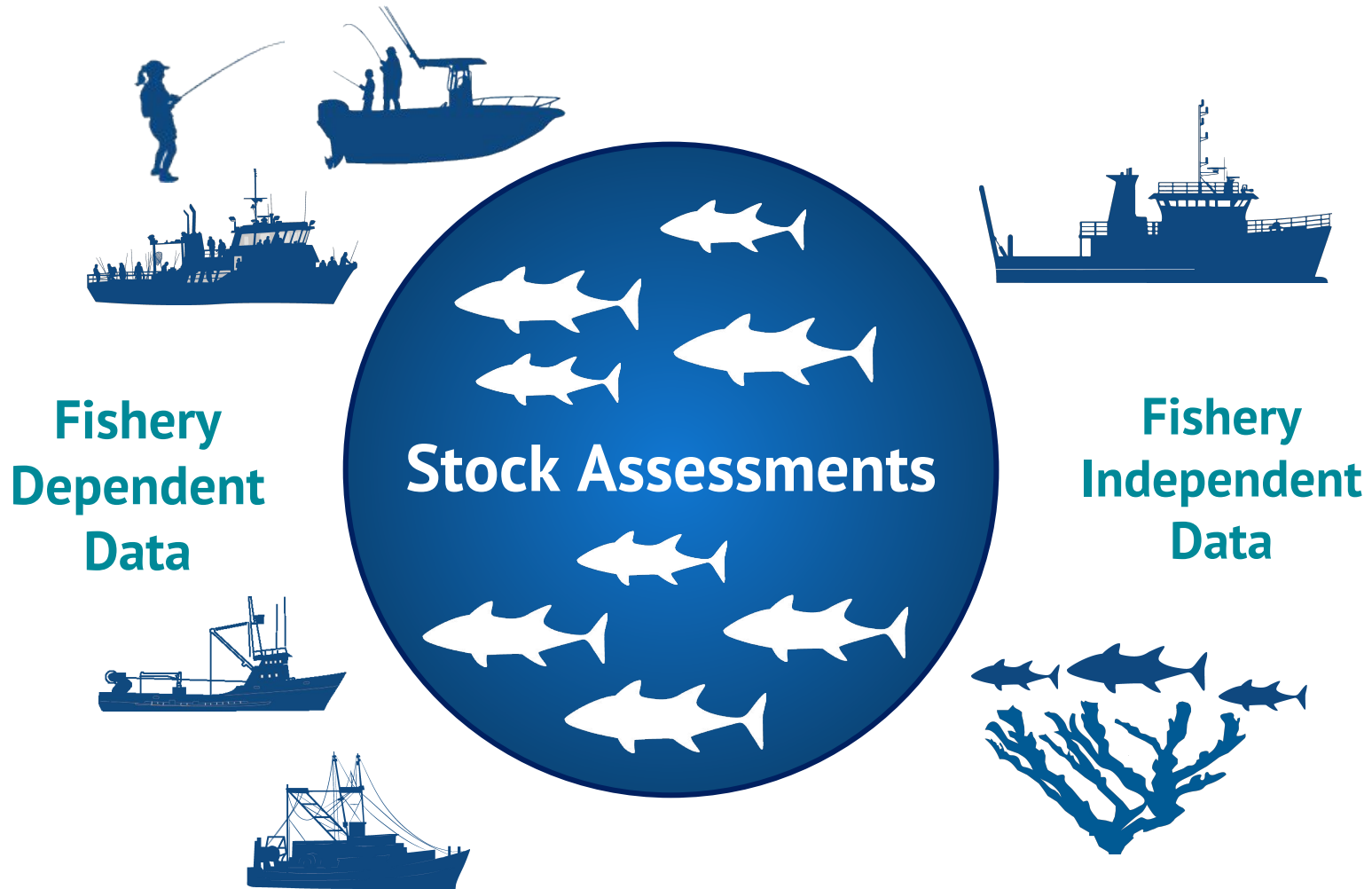


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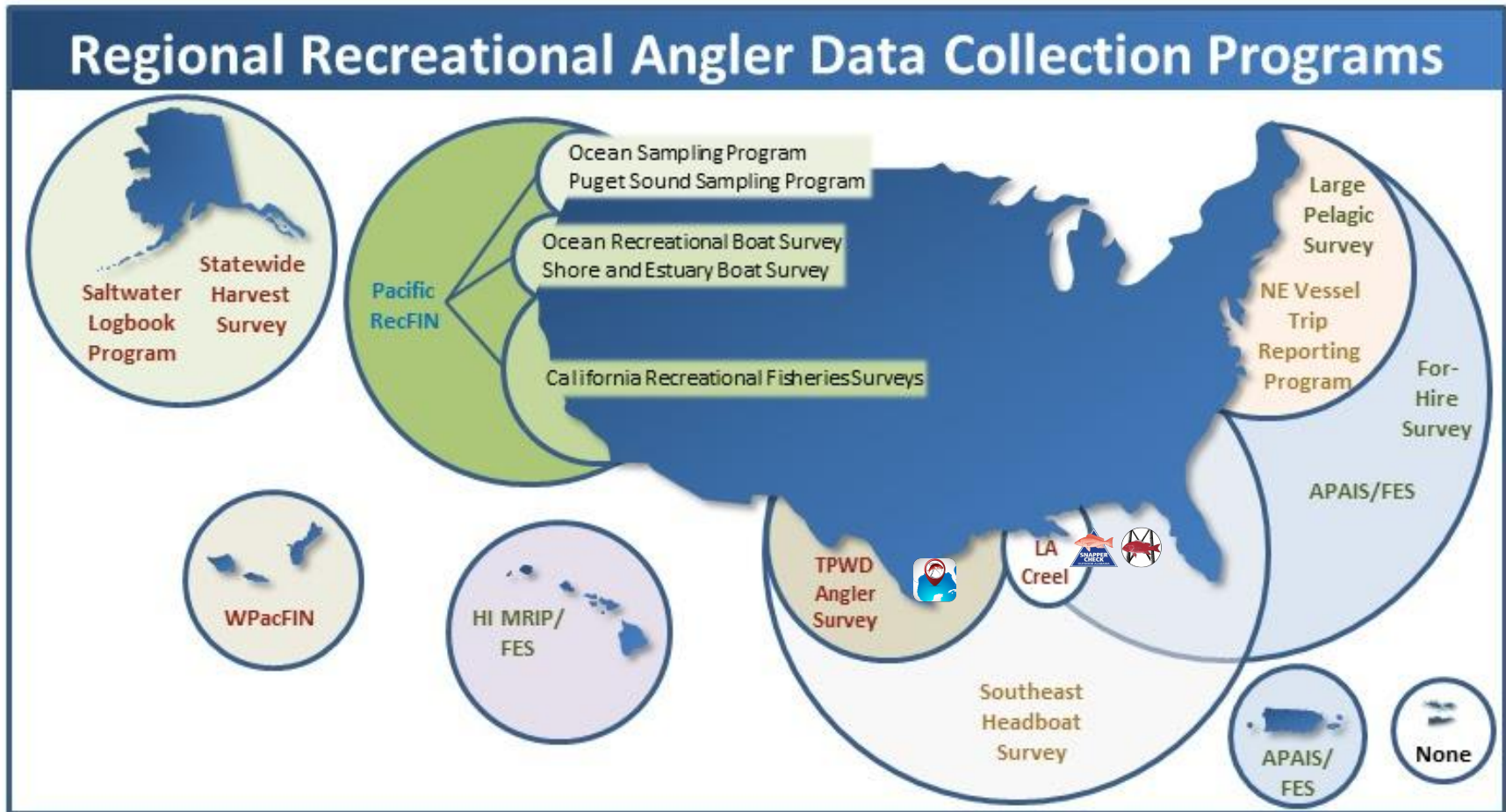
Estimating Total Recreational Catch



Assessing the Health of Fish Stocks



Regional Surveys, National Certification



Regional Surveys – Atlantic States

- **MRIP.**

- Access Point Angler Intercept Survey (ME to MS).
- Fishing Effort Survey (ME to MS).
- For Hire Telephone Survey (ME to MS).
 - GARFO Vessel Trip Report data (ME to VA/NC)

- **Large Pelagics Survey (ME to VA).**

- Angler Interview Survey.
- Telephone Survey.
- HMS Reporting (Atlantic and Gulf).

- **Southeast Regional Headboat Survey (NC to TX).**

Regional Surveys – Gulf States

- **MRIP** (FL to MS).
 - Access Point Angler Intercept Survey.
 - Fishing Effort Survey.
 - For Hire Telephone Survey.
- **LA Creel Survey.**
 - Telephone Survey (Effort).
 - Dockside Intercepts.
- **TX iAngler.**
- **FL Gulf Reef Fish Survey.**
- **MS Tails n' Scales.**
- **AL Snapper Check.**
- **Southeast Regional Headboat Survey** (NC to TX).

Regional Surveys – Pacific States

- **California.**
 - Recreational Fishing Surveys.
 - Commercial Passenger Vessel Survey.
 - Shore, primary, secondary private boat surveys.
 - Effort Surveys.
- **Oregon.**
 - Ocean Recreational Boat Survey.
 - Shore and Estuary Boat Survey.
- **Washington.**
 - Ocean Sampling Program.
 - Puget Sound Sampling Program.
 - Salmon/Halibut Catch Card Surveys.

Regional Surveys – Alaska, Pacific Islands, Caribbean

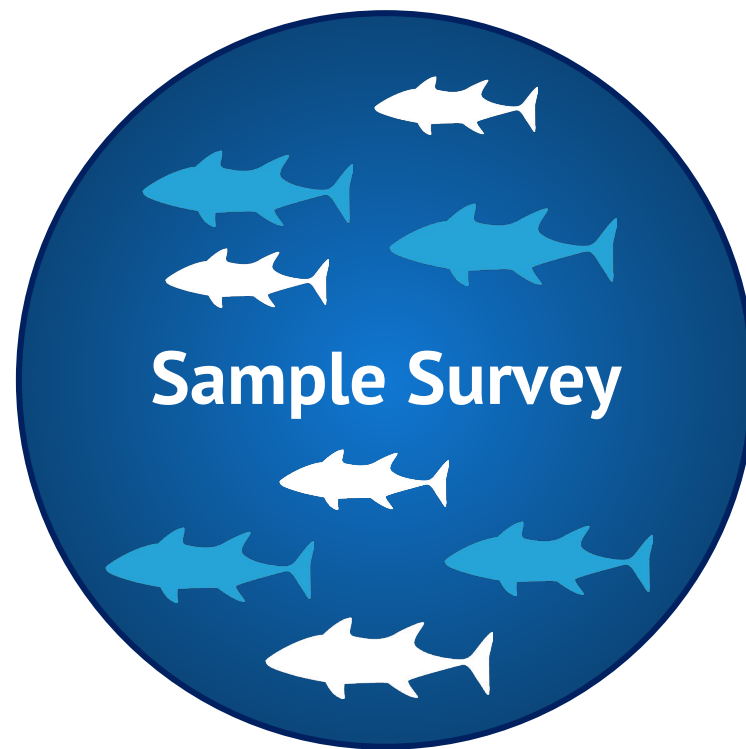
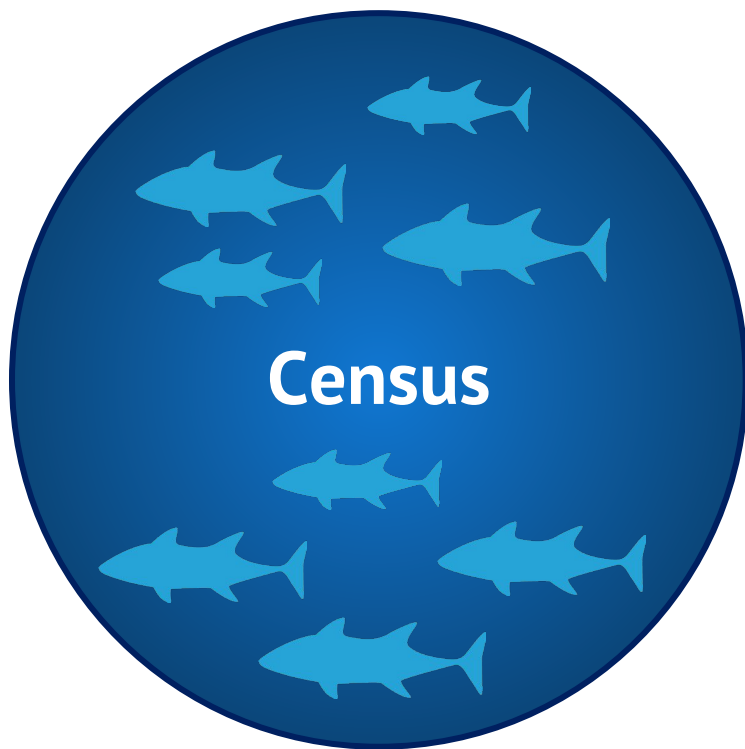
- **Alaska.**
 - Saltwater Logbook Program.
 - Statewide Harvest Survey.
- **Hawaii.**
 - Marine Recreational Fishing Statistics Survey.
- **Puerto Rico.**
 - APAIS.*
 - FES.*

* Suspended in 2018.

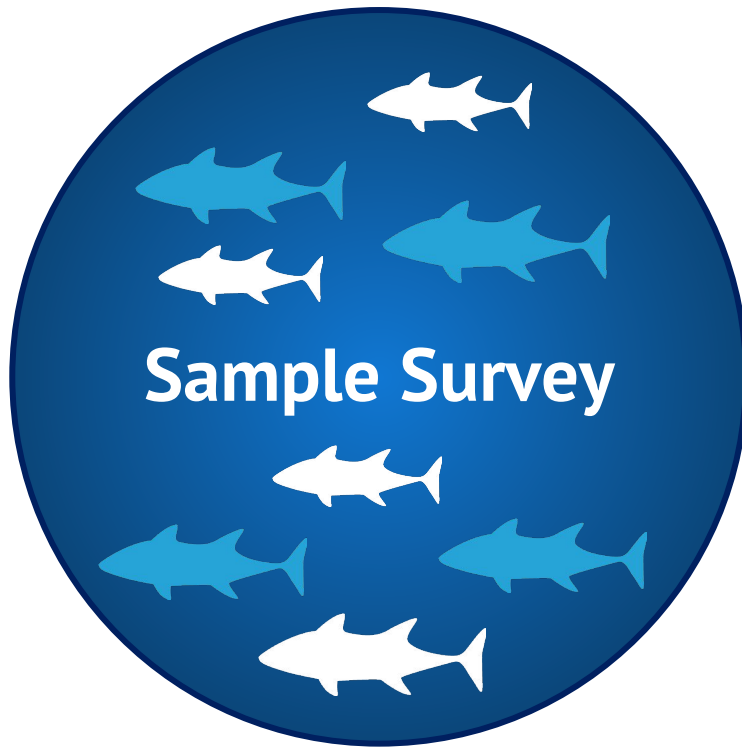
MRIP Regional Implementation Planning

- Plans ID regional data collection needs, priorities.
- Developed by Fishery Information Networks.
- Plans completed for Caribbean, Gulf, Atlantic, Atlantic HMS, Western Pacific Islands.
- Plans in progress for Alaska, Pacific states.
- Inform national data collection priorities.
 - Coordinated through Regional Implementation Council.

Census vs. Sample Survey



Why Sample Surveys



- Used when not possible or practical to conduct a census.
- Tried and true, mathematically sound approach.
- Key considerations.
 - Properly designed.
 - Design accounted for in use of survey.



Estimating Catch Rate

- **Access Point Angler Intercept Survey.**

- Shoreside and Dockside Intercept.
- At-Sea Party/Headboat Sampling.

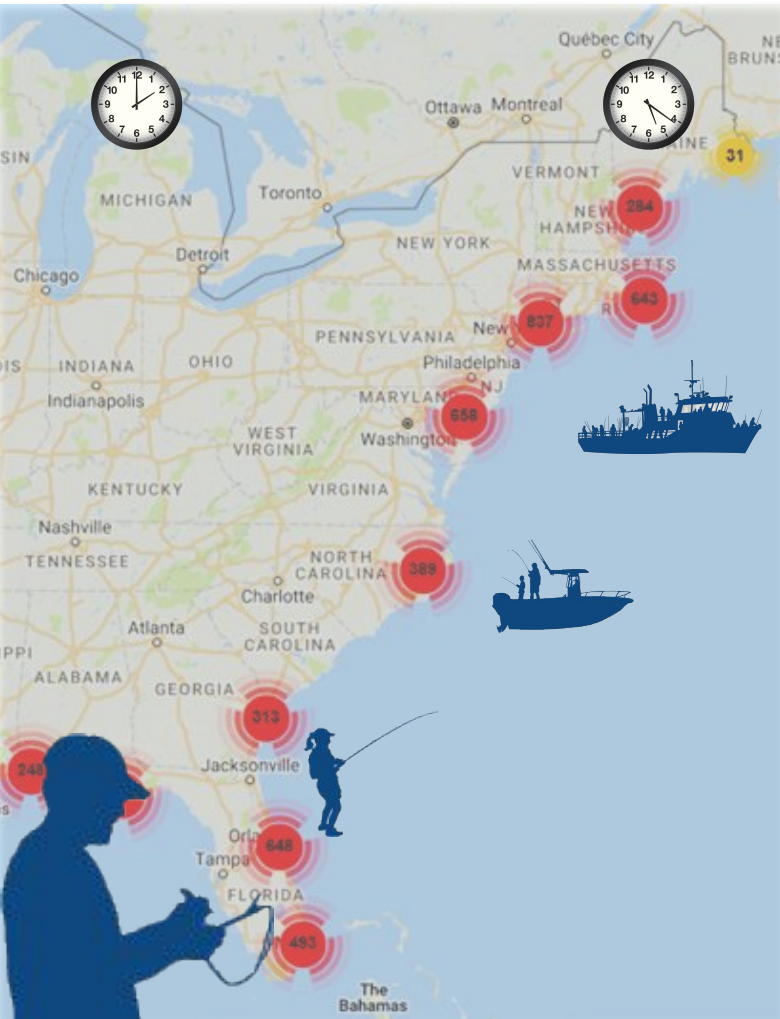


- **Large Pelagics Survey.**

- Dockside intercept.



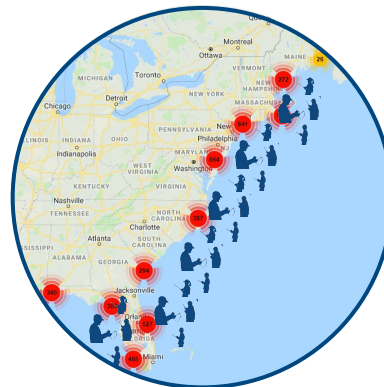
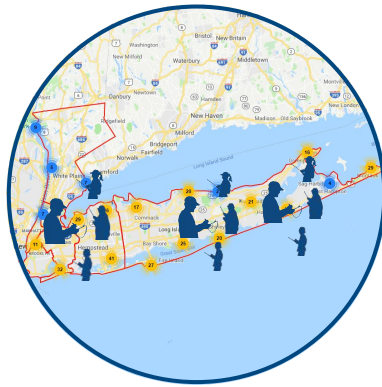
Estimating Catch Rate – APAIS



- Specially-trained state-based samplers.
 - MRIP data are state data.
- Detailed assignments by date, time, sites, and type of fishing.
 - Mix of high- and low-activity sites.
 - Representative sample of anglers.
- Interview as many anglers as possible.
 - Count, measure, weigh any catch.
 - Ask about releases.
- Nearly 5,000 public sites on Atlantic and Gulf Coasts.

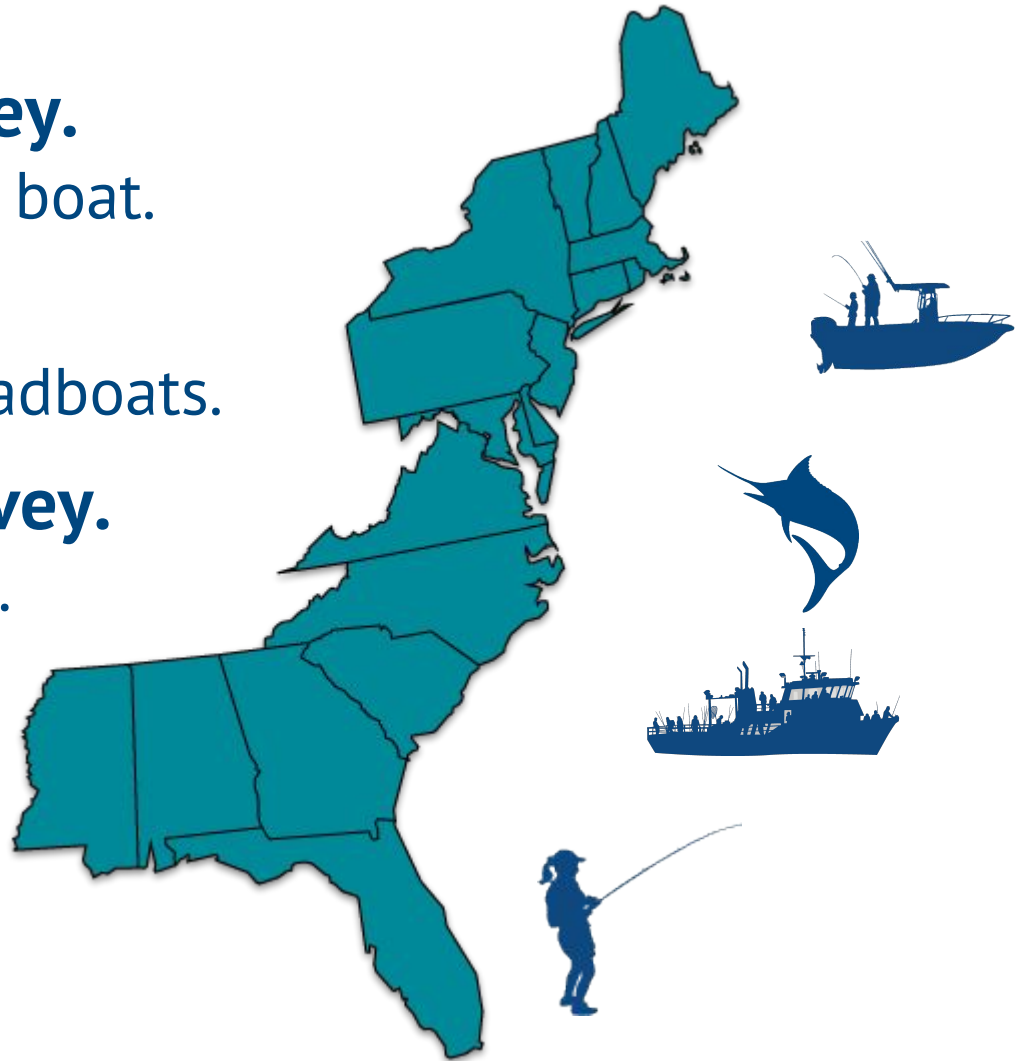


Survey to an Estimate



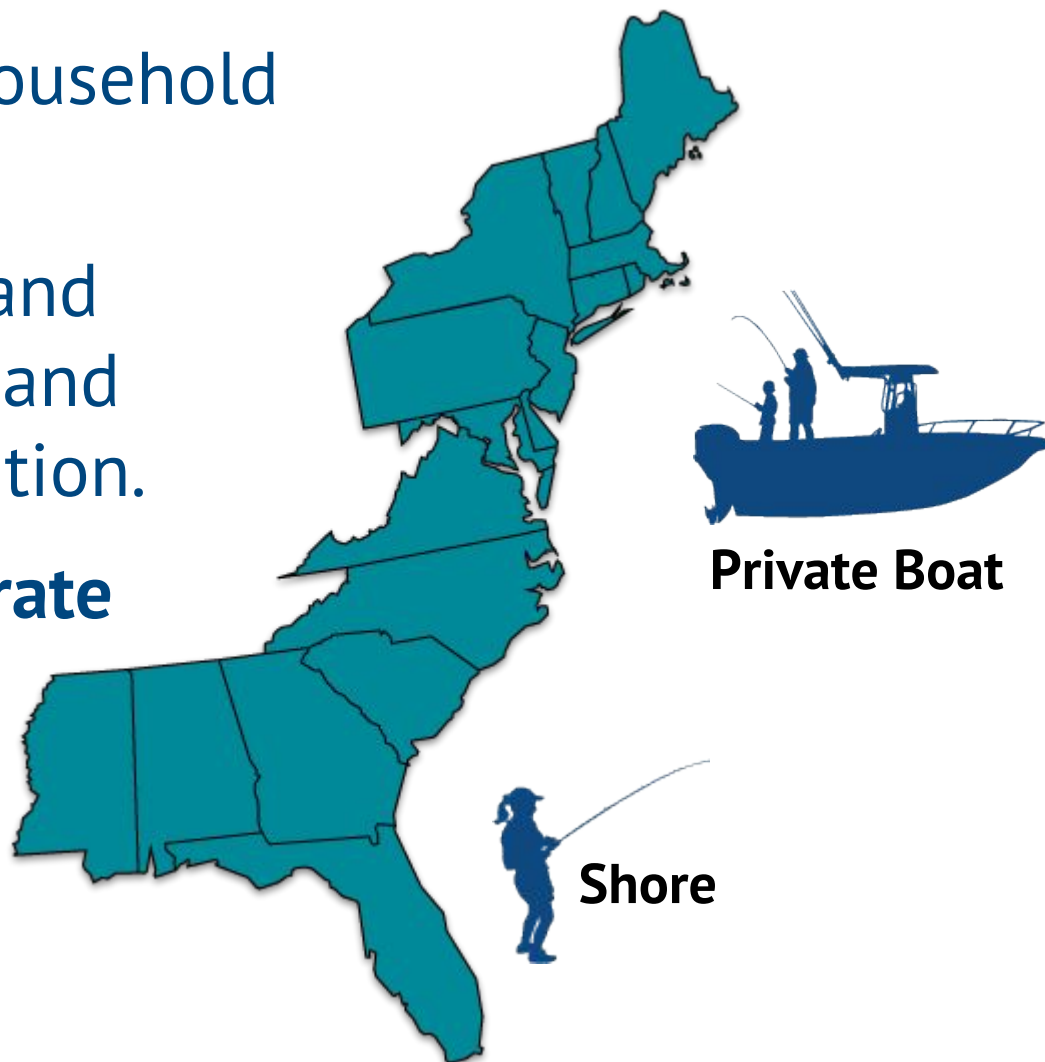
Estimating Effort

- **Fishing Effort Survey.**
 - Shore and private boat.
- **For-Hire Survey.**
 - Charter, Party/Headboats.
- **Large Pelagics Survey.**
 - Telephone survey.



Fishing Effort Survey

- Replaced Coastal Household Telephone Survey.
- Uses USPS records and state-based license and registration information.
- Provides **more accurate** estimates.
- Estimates are several times higher than CHTS.



More Accurate Estimates



We're reaching more anglers.



Surveys get into the right hands.



Improved questionnaire.



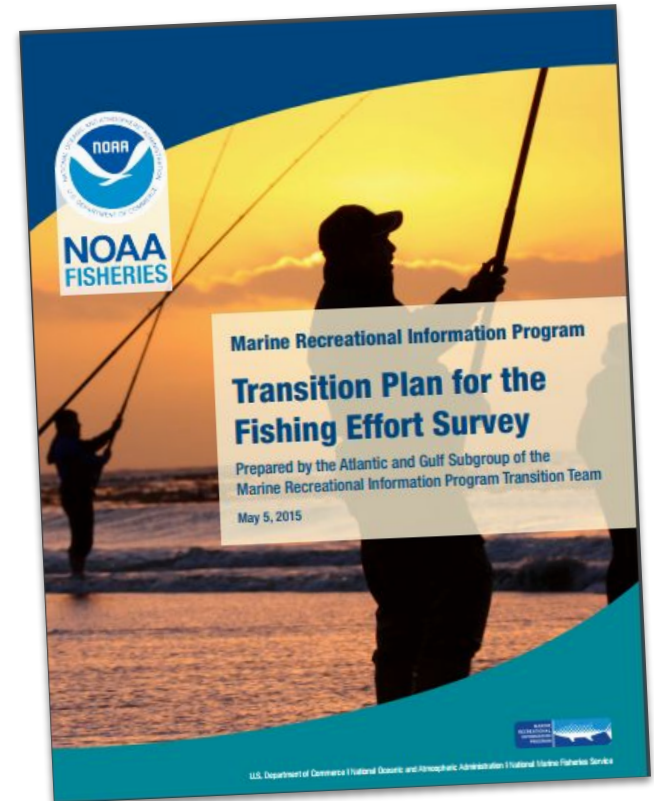
More complete answers.



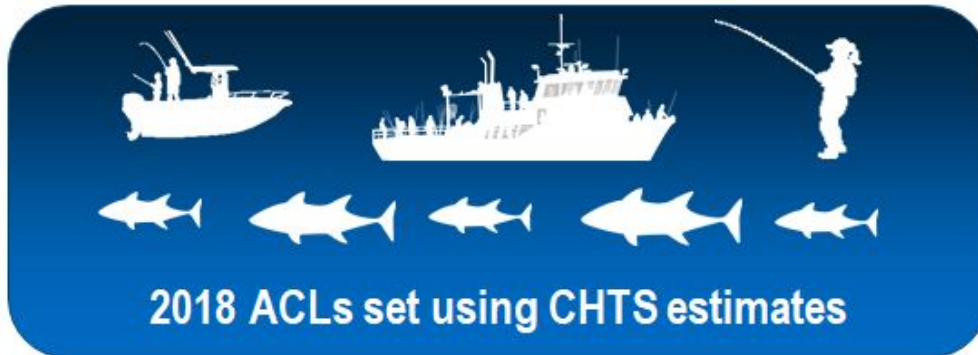
Three times the response rate.

Implementing the FES

- Three-year Transition Plan.
- Developed by NOAA, states, councils, commissions.
 - Side-by-side benchmarking.
 - FES calibration model.
 - APAIS adjustments.
 - Re-estimation.
 - Stock assessments.
 - Management decisions.



2018 Annual Catch Limits



FES and Recreational Fishing



What's Next for FES

2018

- Revised total catch estimates now available for use in planned stock assessments.
- 2018 ACLs and catch estimates will be in the **same “currency.”**

2019

- Preliminary management changes may be made for re-assessed stocks.
- Calibrated statistics incorporated into additional stock assessments.

2020

- Based on new stock assessments, management changes could occur for a number of species.

Recreational Electronic Reporting Programs

Commercial Passenger Fishing Vessel Survey

MAFMC For-Hire eVTRs

SAFMC Private Boat ER Pilot

SEFHIER

SE Region Headboat Survey

NFWF/CLS America Gulf Charter Boat ER

Three Things to Remember

- MRIP data found at countmyfish.noaa.gov.
- FES will result in higher estimates of fishing effort.
- MRIP is an angler-regional-state-federal partnership.







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**Questions?
Discussion.**

Extensive Testing and Peer Review

“[The APAIS methods are] a **vast improvement** over the previous sampling and estimation procedure and reflect **state-of-the-art method** in survey sampling.”



Anatomy of an Estimate

