Recent & Upcoming Activity

• Regional Rec. Fisheries Roundtables
• National Implementation Plan Status Report
• National Saltwater Rec. Fisheries Summit
Regional Roundtable Discussions 2016-2017

Purpose

• Continuation of dialogue to strengthen communications and partnership building

• Refresh NMFS’ understanding of rec. fish community priorities

• Identify emerging & long-term issues
## Regional Roundtable Discussions

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Key Challenges Raised

Alaska

• Halibut allocation
• Representation in the management process
• Communication challenges

Long-term concern: Habitat destruction/degradation

West Coast

• Sanctuaries and monuments
• Access and availability
• Communication challenges

Long-term concern: Access; fishery demographics
Key Challenges Raised

Southeast

• Frustration, process exhaustion
• Data
• Access and species availability

Long-term concern: Loss of access/opportunity

Greater Atlantic

• Data
• Regulatory stability
• Access/opportunity

Long-term concern: Regulation & loss of access/availability
Key Challenges Raised

Pacific Islands
• Communications
• Inclusion and partnership
• Challenges of geographic scale
Long-term concern: Lack of young participants

Atlantic Highly Migratory Species
• Charter issues: commercial / non-commercial
• Post-release mortality
• Reporting compliance
Long-term concern: Accuracy of stock assessments
National Implementation Plan Status Update

- Completed: 46%
- Initiated: 13%
- Substantial Progress: 37%
- No Progress: 4%
- No Longer Applicable: 1%

It is the policy of NOAA Fisheries to foster, support, and enhance a broadly accessible and diverse array of sustainable saltwater recreational fisheries for the benefit and enjoyment of the nation.

National Saltwater Recreational Fisheries Policy Goals:
1) Support and maintain sustainable saltwater recreational fisheries resources
2) Promote saltwater recreational fishing for the benefit of the nation
3) Enable enduring participation in, and enjoyment of, saltwater recreational fisheries through science-based conservation and management.

Commitment and Dedication:
NOAA Fisheries is committed to forging an ever-stronger partnership with the saltwater recreational fishing community. We remain dedicated to fostering, supporting, and enhancing a broadly accessible and diverse array of sustainable saltwater recreational fisheries for the benefit and enjoyment of the nation.

Fulfilling Commitments:
In the first 2 years of the 4-year Implementation Plan, NOAA Fisheries has made substantial progress on 80 percent of the identified projects, with another 10 percent of projects in early phases. Despite real progress in rebuilding overfished stocks, recreational fishermen and managers still face numerous challenges. The progress documented in this status update demonstrates that we are working hard to deliver on our commitments, and that recreational fisheries are and will remain a priority for NOAA Fisheries.
Office of Habitat Conservation

• 11 Commitments in National Implementation Plan
  • 10 with substantial progress
    • Funded construction of an artificial reef at the Bill Burton Fishing pier on the Choptank River
    • Carver Cotton Gin Dam Removal and Satucket River Restoration Project in Massachusetts
    • Bloede Dam removal in Maryland

• 1 completed
  • 2016 National Artificial Reef Workshop
2018 National Saltwater Rec. Fish Summit

March 28-29, 2018
Crystal City Westin, Arlington, VA
Co-hosted with Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

Improving Opportunity and Stability in Recreational Fisheries

Objective: Identify a discrete suite of challenges where tangible progress can be made through collaboration
Summit Topics

• Innovative Management Alternatives and Approaches
• Socio-Economics in Recreational Fisheries Management
• Angler Engagement in Collaborative Data Collection and Reporting
• Expanding Recreational Fishing Opportunity through Conservation
Questions?