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# Recreational Fisheries Update

Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership  
Council meeting  
June 26, 2019

# Memorandum of Agreement

Formal framework for cooperation and collaboration

- Information sharing
- Identifying priorities
- Promote sustainable boating and fishing in federal waters





# Visibility

## National Fishing and Boating Week

- Social media campaign
- Multiple NOAA line offices



# Visibility

Upcoming:

- ICAST, Orlando
- TRCP Media Summit
- Alabama Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo



# Mutual Understanding

## Roundtables

- Completed: Sitka, San Diego
- Upcoming: Seattle (July 1)



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# Enhancing Collaboration

## Office of Habitat Conservation

- North Carolina
- South Carolina
- Alaska

## Bristol Bay Fly Fishing & Guide Academy



# Enhancing Collaboration

## Conservation tools distribution

- Partnering with ASMFC and states
- Circle hooks, descending devices



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# Modern Fish Act

S. 1520

One Hundred fifteenth Congress  
of the  
United States of America

AT THE SECOND SESSION

*Begun and held at the City of Washington on Wednesday,  
the third day of January, two thousand and eighteen*

An Act

To expand recreational fishing opportunities through enhanced marine fishery conservation and management, and for other purposes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS; REFERENCES.**

(a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This Act may be cited as the “Modernizing Recreational Fisheries Management Act of 2018”.

(b) **TABLE OF CONTENTS.**—The table of contents of this Act is as follows:

[Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents; references.](#)

[Sec. 2. Findings.](#)

[Sec. 3. Definitions.](#)

**TITLE I—CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT**

[Sec. 101. Process for allocation review for South Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico mixed-use fisheries.](#)

[Sec. 102. Fishery management measures.](#)

[Sec. 103. Study of limited access privilege programs for mixed-use fisheries.](#)

**TITLE II—RECREATION FISHERY INFORMATION, RESEARCH, AND DEVELOPMENT**

[Sec. 201. Cooperative data collection.](#)

[Sec. 202. Recreational data collection.](#)



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# Modern Fish Act – Reports Timeline

- Signed: Dec 31, 2018
- Section 101 (allocation criteria): 1 year
- Section 102 (management measures): 180 days
- Section 103 (limited access programs): 2 years
- Section 201 (data incorporation): 1 year
- Section 201 (MRIP implementation): biennial
- Section 202 (state data sharing): biennial



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# Summary

- Engaging the recreational community at the National and Regional levels is a priority
- Collaborative conservation projects will continue
- Further implementation of the MOA



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