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
Regional Rec Engagement Plans

Core objectives:
• Visibility
• Understanding
• Collaboration

Examples:
• Roundtables
• Descending device education and distribution
• Attending fishing and boating shows
• “Get in Your Sanctuary” fishing events
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)
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
Modern Fish Act

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 incentive programs for mixed-use fisheries.

TITLE II—RECREATION FISHERY INFORMATION, RESEARCH, AND DEVELOPMENT

Sec. 201. Cooperative data collection.
Sec. 202. Research and development.
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
Summary

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