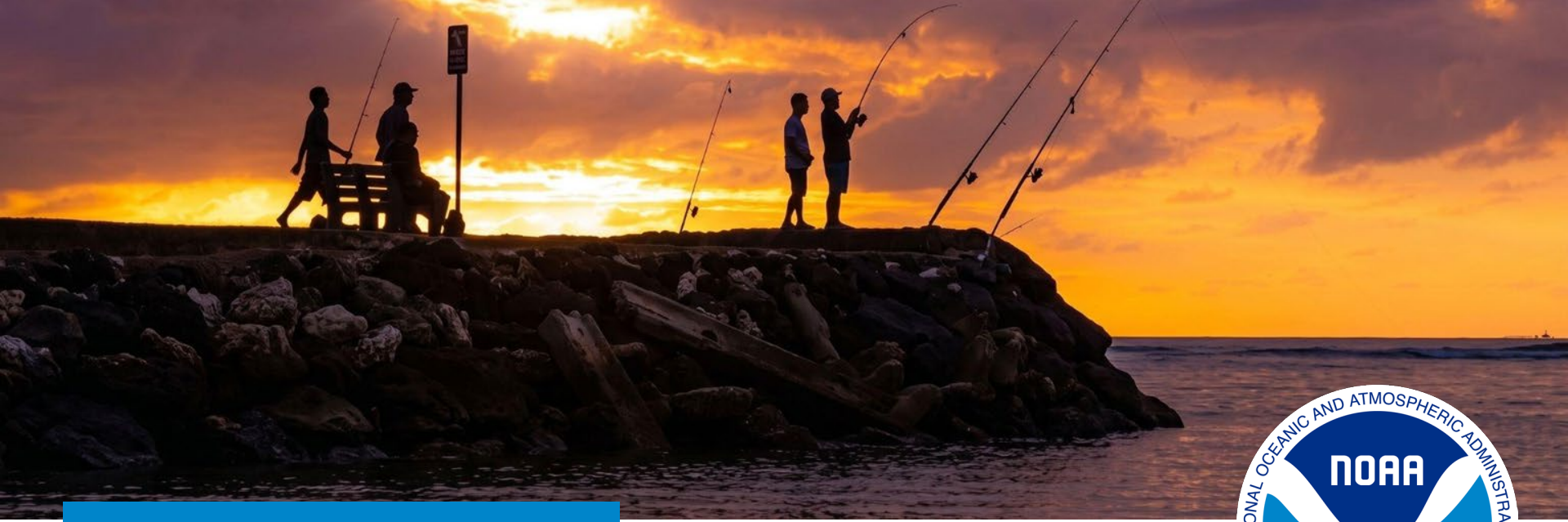


RAPID - An Update

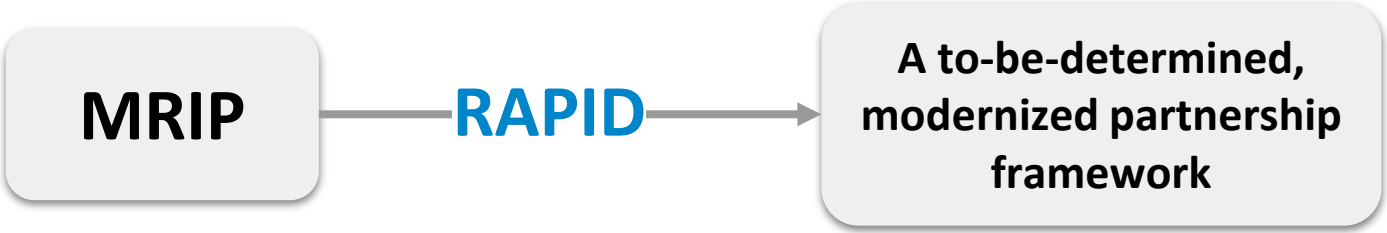
Recreational Angler Partnership Improvement Directive

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RAPID Overview

Recreational Angler Partnership Improvement Directive



- RAPID is the transition *process* to **remodel and improve recreational and non-commercial fisheries data collection** through a national series of workshops.
- This is a unique opportunity to co-develop a framework for non-commercial fisheries data collection that builds trust and stronger partnerships between anglers, state and territorial agencies, councils, interstate commissions and NOAA.

NOAA FISHERIES

Saltwater Recreational Fishing
Data Collection Programs

NOAA Fisheries' Marine Recreational Information Program works with state and regional partners to develop, implement, and continually improve a national network of recreational fishing surveys used to estimate total recreational catch. These estimates help scientists and managers assess the health of our fish stocks and set rules to keep them sustainable.

Learn more at countmyfish.noaa.gov

Saltwater Sport Fish Charter/Guide Logbook Program[6]

AK Sport Fishing Survey[6]

Port Sampling Projects[6]



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Fishing Effort Survey[1]

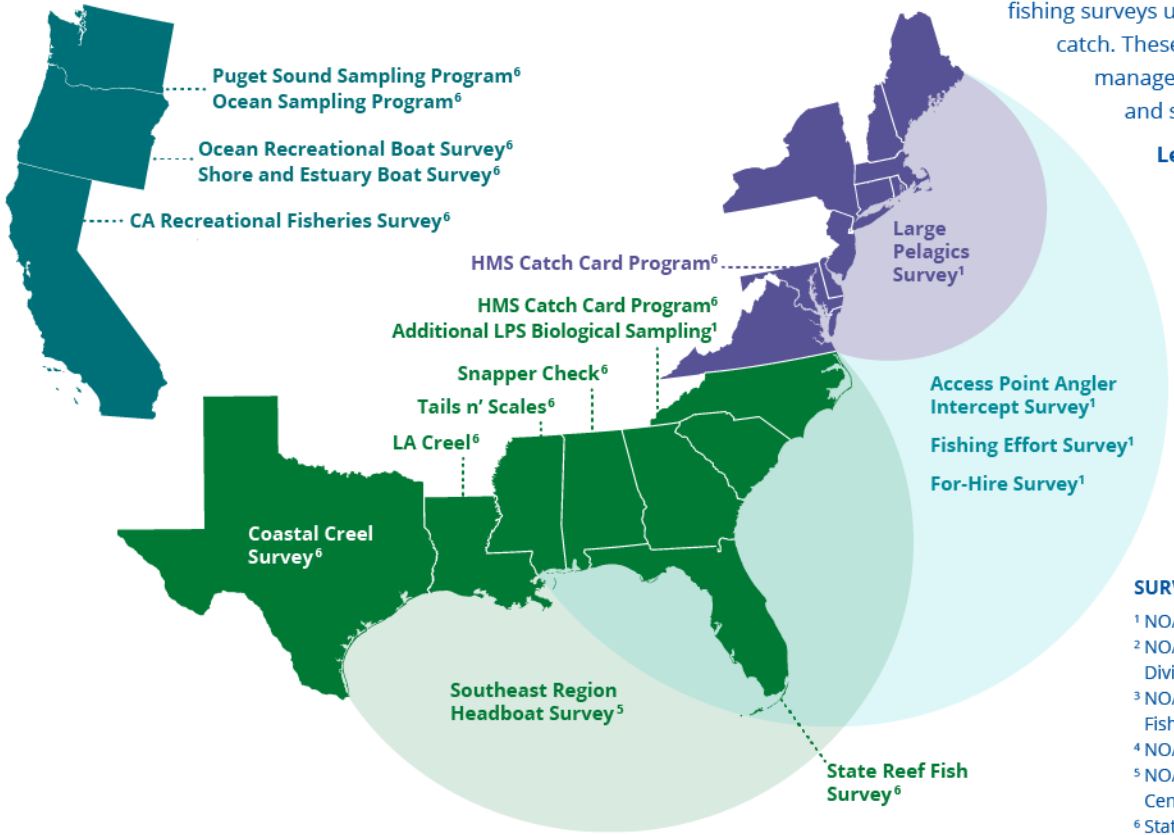


Guam, CNMI, and American Samoa Creel Surveys[6]



Surveys Pending in Puerto Rico and USVI





PERMIT-BASED PROGRAMS

Atlantic HMS Landings and Tournament Reports[2]

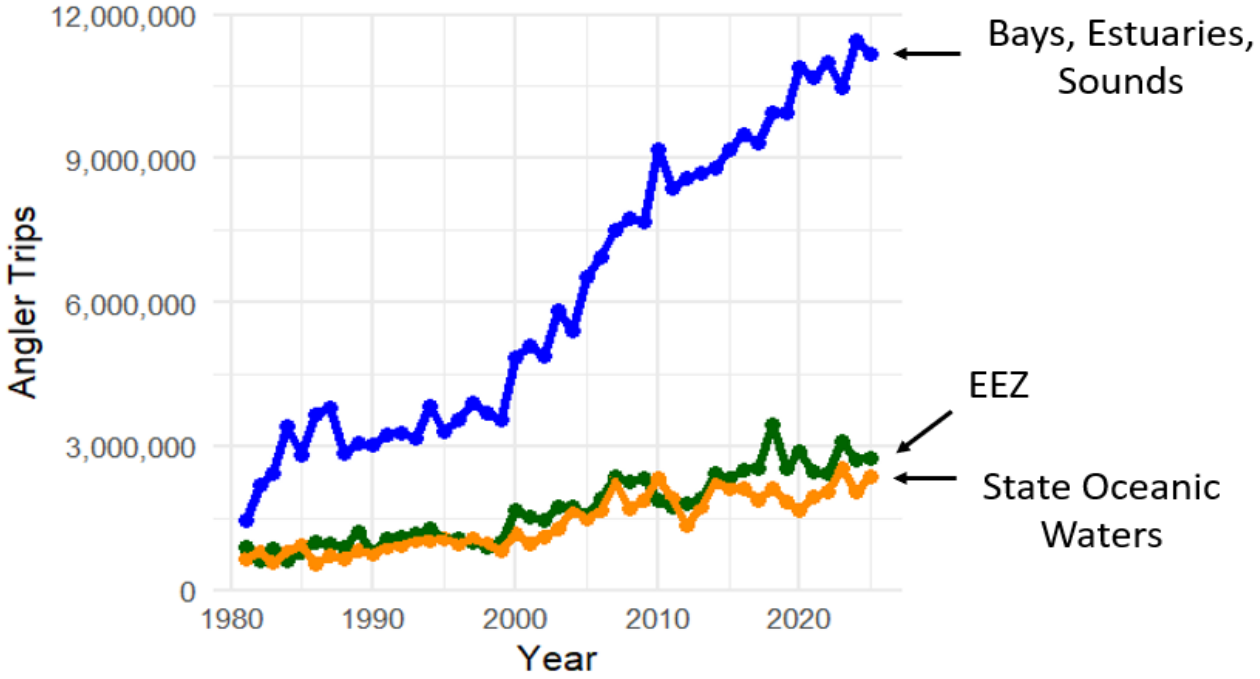
Greater Atlantic For-Hire Electronic Vessel Trip Reports[3]

Southeast For-Hire Integrated Electronic Reporting Program[4]

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[4] NOAA Fisheries Southeast Regional Office
[5] NOAA Fisheries Southeast Fisheries Science Center
[6] State/Territorial Agency

South Atlantic Region: MRIP Trips By Area Fished



RAPID Progress and Updates

- A national steering committee is helping guide and support the transition.
- Eight regional workshop planning teams have been activated to determine workshop locations, participants, and adapt agendas to their regions.
- Regional RAPID workshops will begin in late 2026 and extend into early 2027.
    - **Eight** regional workshops will be held in council regions, and at least one national angler workshop will help verify key regional takeaways and inform the action plan.
    - Keystone Policy Center is managing the planning, facilitation, and execution of workshops.

RAPID Steering Committee

- **Gregg Bray** - Assistant Director/Fishery Information Network Program Coordinator - GSMFC
- **Alex DiJohnson/Geoff White** - Deputy Director/Director of ACCSP
- **Dr. Nancy Leonard** - Senior Program Manager at PSMFC
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What Can We Expect from RAPID?

All recreational fishing data systems will be open to change.

Evaluation	Regionally flexible-Nationally cohesive	Preserved recreational data time series
Discussion of what is working well, what can be improved and what may need to be removed from our current recreational and non-commercial data systems.	Opportunity to identify resources needed to improve our recreational and non-commercial data collection at a regional and national level.	NOAA will maintain the continuity of non-commercial fishing data throughout the RAPID process and use existing surveys as a “bridge” post-RAPID, so there will be no abrupt management changes.



Main Takeaway

Since RAPID has no predetermined outcomes, we do not yet know how this transition will impact management. However, we do anticipate changes to existing data systems and will be identifying opportunities for improvement across the board.



Questions?

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