





Citizen Science Program Update

SAFMC June 2021

Program Activities

CitSci Project Coordinator Position CitSci Operations Committee – May 2020 CitSciVirtual Conference – May 2020 Fisheries Special Issue Prospectus Submitted on 2020 AFS Symposium 2021 AFS Symposium on Angler Engagement CitSciMonth Campaign – April 2021





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Program Planning & Evaluation

Program Vision: Advancing science and increasing trust, one project at a time

GOAL 1: Design, implement, and sustain a program framework to guide the development of projects that support fishery management decision making.

GOAL 2: Facilitate development of individual projects to address specific research priorities.

GOAL 3: Ensure that data collected are accessible, robust, and fit for purpose.

GOAL 4: Foster mutual learning, collaboration, and program engagement.

Initial Evaluation Plan

 Working with Rick Bonney to gather baseline data on knowledge, attitudes, collaborations, engagement, and trust levels of various stakeholders in three stages:



Interviews - 2021



Develop survey – 2021/2022



Implement & analyze survey – 2022*





A pilot project to document historic for-hire catch and length estimates using historic photos





FISHstory Project Components



Digitizing historic fishing photos - *complete*



For-hire catch composition – data collection complete in Zooniverse; validation & analysis underway



Method to estimate length composition – *King Mackerel measurements complete; analysis underway*

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FISHstory Project Stats



2,120 Volunteers 35,470 Classifications *COUNT* workflow: 1,374 photos complete *CLASS/FY* workflow: >750 photos complete

King Mackerel Measured in 1,374 photos

FISHstory Outreach

- Make it Count Monday
- College of Charleston **Marine Policy Class**
- CitSciVirtual Conference





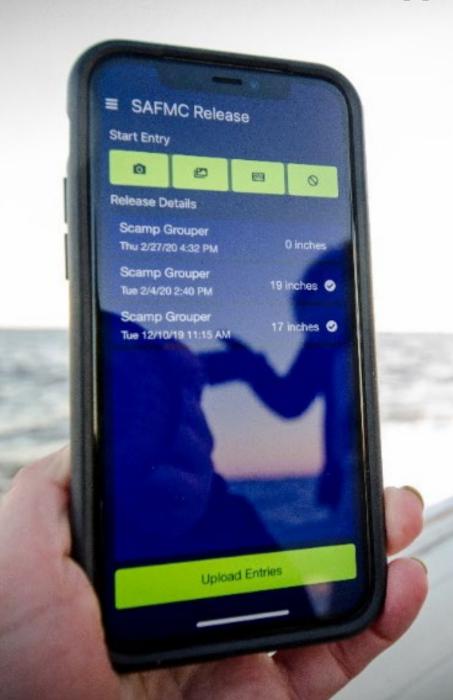
SAFMC Release

- Continue to work on recruitment & retention
- Graduate student work continues; will be complete Summer 2021
- SAFMC Release moving to SciFish









Customizable Citizen Science App Scoping

To develop a mobile application that encourages & supports the capture and sharing of information about Atlantic coast fish



Online questionnaire

 To gather information from broad group of fishermen, scientists, and managers



Virtual town hall meetings

- March 9 at 5pm EST
- March 11 at 10am EST



Half day virtual workshops

- April 1 at 9am EST
- April 14 at 9am EST
- April 20 at 1pm EST

Customizable Citizen Science App Workshops

Workshop 1	Workshop 2	Workshop 3
Data gaps & deficiencies Which gaps may respond well to a citsci approach	What data are needed to address gaps What data can be reasonably collected	How to make the app as user-friendly as possible What would make someone start and continue using app

SciFish Demo





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Keep Up with Projects & the Program!

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