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**National
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Engagement
Initiative**

Recreational Fisheries Update

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Agenda

- 2018 National Recreational Fishing Summit
- Recreational Engagement Plans
- Memorandum of Agreement with Rec Industry

2018 National Recreational Fishing Summit

- NOAA Fisheries - Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission - March 28-29, 2018
- *Theme:* Improving Opportunity and Stability in Recreational Fisheries
- *Objective:* Identify a discrete suite of challenges where tangible progress can be made through collaboration



Four Session 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

General Summit Takeaways

- Trust is still an issue
- Desire for additional transparency
- Interest in greater involvement in research designs
- Strong need for additional engagement



Conservation Session Takeaways

- Increase education and outreach regarding conservation activities.
- Engage recreational fishermen, scientists, and managers in collaborative efforts around improving water and habitat quality.
- Anglers should collaborate with scientists and managers to conduct further research on the best descending devices for particular fisheries.
- Collaboration with scientists to provide real time information regarding invasive species, range shifts, and impacts of climate change.

RecFish and OHC Collaborations

- Chesapeake Bay Recreational Angler Engagement and Priority Setting
- Opportunity to Increase Recreational Fisheries Engagement through the Fish Habitat Partnerships
- Formal Engagement Plans



Recreational Fishing Engagement Plans

- Three core objectives:
 - Visibility, Understanding and Collaboration
- Regional Plans with National Support
- Each region will complete annual recreational roundtables



Example Engagement Plan Projects

- Alaska Region:
Restore fish passage at 20 culvert barriers, 10 through removal and 10 through replacement
- Greater Atlantic Region:
Explore “Citizen Science” initiatives in the Greater Atlantic Region and Chesapeake Bay estuary
- Pacific Island Region:
Promote responsible disposal of fishing line and trash, identify best practices to prevent the loss of gear, and increase participation in the removal of debris from the shoreline and in the ocean including installation and maintenance of appropriate trash receptacles.

2019 Memorandum of Agreement



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