

Inflation Reduction Act Funding Activities



Goals and Objectives

- Improve quality and timeliness of recreational fishery dependent data to assist in managing red snapper, will also benefit many additional managed species
 - Improving state and commission data management systems
 - Develop better methods of quality control
 - Establish GSMFC as centralized warehouse for regions fishery depending data
 - Evaluate ways to validate recreational fishing effort estimates
 - Evaluate ways to improve recreational discard data



Data Management System Improvements

- Year 1 – 2024
 - Develop Recreational Data Standards
 - Evaluation of Data Management Systems
 - Develop and Deploy FIN Data Management System Improvements
- Effort Validation Planning Workshop
- Recreational Discards Workshop



Data Management System Improvements

- Years 2-4 – 2025-2027
 - Improve State Data Management Systems (likely take 2-3 years)
 - GSMFC will contract with IT Specialists, Security Experts, Statistician, Programmers
 - Monies available for hardware, network, communication improvements
 - Will work with each state individually
 - One-time money, needs for ongoing support costs will have to be figured out as future cost increases
 - If fully obtained the award totals \$6.6M



Questions?

