

Fisheries Information Network (FIN) Report

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- **2023 ongoing work included:**
 - **Recreational landings sampling**
 - **Commercial Trip Ticket Programs**
 - **Biological Sampling for Ages and Lengths**
 - **GulfFIN Program Administration**
 - **Data Management System Administration**



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- **Additional Accomplishments:**
- **Implemented electronic application for Snapper Check dockside surveys**
- **Ongoing research on reef fish commercial conversion factors**
- **Completed GulfFIN Strategic Planning Meeting**



2024 Highlights

- **\$9M in GulfFIN funding**
 - **Ongoing activities**
 - **Administration of FIN**
 - **Recreational sampling**
 - **Commercial trip tickets**
 - **FIN Data Management System**
 - **Southeast Headboat Survey Port Sampling (funded with unspent SEFHIER funds)**
 - **Continued commercial conversion factor research**
 - **Alabama Snapper Check**
 - **Biological Sampling – no dedicated funding currently**

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2024 Highlights

- **\$6.6M in Inflation Reduction Act funding**
 - **Improving the quality and timeliness of fishery dependent data to assist in managing red snapper; 3-4 year project**
 - **Improving GSMFC and state data management systems**
 - **Developing improved quality control processes**
 - **Establish GSMFC as the centralized warehouse for FDD**
 - **Evaluate methods to validate recreational effort estimates**
 - **Evaluate methods for improving recreational discard data**

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2024 Highlights

- **\$1.48M in 2024**
 - **Developing Recreational Data Standards**
 - **Evaluation of FIN Data Management System (DMS)**
 - **Deploying improvements to FIN DMS**
- **Recreational Fishing Effort Workshop**
- **Recreational Discard Data Workshop**

Questions???

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