Sport Fish Restoration Program Update

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- Final Draft Presented at Joint Artificial Reef Meeting in February - Approved Pending Final Edits of Two Sections
  - Final Edits to Steel-Hulled Vessels and Designed Structures by April 1st
  - Final Formatting Edits By GSMFC
  - Distribution to the TCC for Review and Approval

- Electronically Available Through GSMFC and ASMFC Websites

- Living Document – Individual Sections will be Updated as Needed

Dedicated to Jim Francesconi and Jimmy Sanders
Jimmy Sanders Memorial Reef
New AFS Artificial Reef Book Available

- The proceedings from the “Marine Artificial Reef Research and Development: Integrating Fisheries Management Objectives” symposium at the American Fisheries Society’s 147th Annual Meeting in Tampa, FL and the 11th CARAH (Conference on Artificial Reefs and Related Habitats) held in Terengganu, Malaysia.

Marine Artificial Reef Research and Development
Integrating Fisheries Management Objectives

American Fisheries Society Symposium 86
Edited by
Stephen A. Bortone
Jimmy Sanders Memorial Lionfish Challenge

Changes for 2019:
- Tournament Will Run All Year
- Reducing the Number of Lionfish Necessary to be Entered Into the Monthly Prize Drawings

Looking for Ways to Establish Similar Efforts in Louisiana and Texas.

Sponsors - Engel Coolers, Neritic Diving, Costa Del Mar, ZooKeeper, Fishing Chaos, and USFWS.
America’s Wildlife Values Study

- **Traditionalists (Utilitarians)** – Wildlife should be used and managed for the benefit of people.
- **Mutualists** – Wildlife is a part of their extended social network.
- **Pluralists** – Share the views of Traditionalists or Mutualists depending on the situation.
- **Distanced** – Low levels of thought about and interest in wildlife.

![Bar Graph]

- **Traditionalists**: 28%
- **Mutualists**: 35%
- **Pluralists**: 21%
- **Distanced**: 15%
Percent of Mutualists by State 2018

Map showing the percentage of mutualists in each state.
Percent of Pluralists by State 2018
Percent of Distanced by State 2018
Percent of Change in the West 2004 - 2018
America’s Wildlife Values Study

- **Ever Fished**
  - Traditionalists: 79%
  - Mutualists: 56%
  - Pluralists: 75%
  - Distanced: 51%

- **Interest in Future Fishing**
  - Traditionalists: 37%
  - Mutualists: 22%
  - Pluralists: 49%
  - Distanced: 19%
America’s Wildlife Values Study

![Bar chart showing the percent of people who express trust in different entities. The labels are:
- Federal Government
- State Government
- State Fish & Wildlife Agency

The chart distinguishes between Trust Groups:
- Traditionalists
- Mutualists
- Pluralists
- Distanced

Percentages for each group are shown for each category.](image-url)
Recent Invasive Species Legislation

- **H.R. 4647 & S. 3223 Recovering America’s Wildlife Act**
  - Calls for $1.3 Billion to Implement State Wildlife Action Plans and Support Conservation Education and Wildlife Recreation Programs (Average $26 Million per State).
  - 116 Bipartisan Cosponsors in the House and 6 in the Senate.
  - Expecting the Bill to be Reintroduced in the House this Year.

- **H.R. 877 Modernizing the Pittman-Robertson Fund for Tomorrow’s Needs Act**
  - PR WRP can be used by State Fish and Wildlife Agencies for Outreach, Communication, and Education of Hunters and Recreational Target Shooters, Including Focused Efforts on the R3 Initiatives of Hunters and Recreational Target Shooters.

- **Wallop-Breaux Reauthorization**