Fisheries Information Network

• Consists of two major components:
  • ComFIN and RecFIN(SE)

• Provide a year in review of FIN Activities for 2018

• Highlights for 2019
Recreational Catch/Effort

- Conducted over 30,000 angler interviews (Florida [both coasts], Alabama, Mississippi)

- Warehousing LA Creel data

- Continue to assist states with certified specialized surveys
  - Trying to assist in sharing survey details
  - Assisting with integration/calibration process
Commercial Trip Ticket Programs

- Electronic trip ticket reporting
- Working with dealers in TX, LA, MS, AL, and FL
  - Allows electronic reporting of data
- Currently have over 1,000 dealers submitting reports on-line
- Working with Bluefin Data on VESL development
FIN Data Management System

• Over 35 million records loaded into FIN DMS

• Commercial data (trip tickets): 1985-2018
  • Historical data from NMFS available also

• Biological age/length data: 2002-2018
FIN Data Management System

• Recreational catch and effort data: 1981-2017
  • Includes Gulf States as well as Puerto Rico (2000-2016)

• System on-line (as of July 2002)
  • Allows for non-confidential and confidential user access
    • Currently 48 users with confidential access privileges
Biological Sampling

• New temporary funding obtained
  • Sept 2018 through Aug 2021

• FIN Priority Species
  • Black drum, gag, gray snapper, gray triggerfish, greater amberjack, gulf flounder, king mackerel, red drum, red grouper, red snapper, sheepshead, southern flounder, spotted seatrout, striped mullet, vermilion snapper

• Focusing current efforts on recreational sampling
2019 Highlights

• $6.0M in GulfFIN funding (2.7% funding deficit for existing work)
  • Ongoing activities
    • Administration of FIN
    • Recreational sampling
    • Commercial trip tickets
    • FIN Data Management System

• NOAA FIS has $5.0M available for fishery dependent data system improvements in 2020
  • Electronic reporting and monitoring, Quality management and Continuous improvement, FIN Improvement, Data modernization
  • Deadline for pre-proposals is April 24, 2019
Questions???