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Modernizing Recreational Fisheries Management Act of 2018 (S. 1520)

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- MRFMA requirements currently being evaluated by NOAA Fisheries
- Relevant sections of the Act: 101a, 201, 202
 - Sec 101(a): allocation review process recommendations for mixed use SA and GOM fisheries
 - Sec 201(a)(b): Cooperative data collection
 - Sec 202: Establishment of a partnership to develop best practices

Cooperative Data Collection (Sec 201 a, b)

- DOC report (within one year) on facilitating greater incorporation of BSIA consistent data sources and analyses
- Biennial Report from DOC detailing progress on NAS 2017 review recommendations
- Evaluation of MRIP responses to all NAS recommendations
 - Evaluation of ER data collection applications
 - Evaluation of MRIP compatibility with in-season management
 - Alternative methods for in-season management.
- *MRIP annual implementation plans detail ongoing efforts to address NAS recommendations*

Recreational Data Collection (Sec. 202)

- **Federal State Partnerships**
 - Establishment of Partnerships
 - To develop best practices from implementation and administration of state surveys
 - Grants to States to improve implementation of surveys
- **DOC Biennial Report**
 - Accuracy of registry program information
 - Description of uses for state program information

MRFMA 2018

- Secretary recently received a letter from Senator Wicker which outlined the intent of the law – provides further guidance on requirements.
- Statement of Work for National Academies Review in development.
- Expect further clarification on funding.
- Office of Management and Budget expected to set schedule for reporting (initial and biennial reports).
- Will be reaching out to the Commission on next steps for State-Federal partnering



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Questions?



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