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
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- 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
Questions?