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National Saltwater Recreational Fisheries Initiative

FL Keys National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council
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Agenda

- National Saltwater Recreational Fisheries Initiative
- National Policy and Implementation Plan
- Recent collaboration with ONMS
- On the Horizon



Saltwater Recreational Fishing

	Nationally	FL
Saltwater Anglers	11 million	1.8 million
Trips	72 million	9 million
Expenditures	\$25 billion	\$4.4 billion
Sales Impacts	\$52 billion	\$3.9 billion

NOAA's Recreational Fisheries Initiative

Establish and maintain a strong and trusting partnership with the recreational fishing community through action

- Change NOAA Fisheries' approach to recreational fisheries
- Engage the recreational fishing community



RecFish Initiative

Change NOAA Fisheries approach to recreational fisheries

- National Policy Advisor for Recreational Fisheries
- Regional Recreational Coordinators
- National and Regional Recreational Action Agendas
- National Policy & Implementation Plan
- Example of success: Saltonstall-Kennedy Grants

RecFish Initiative

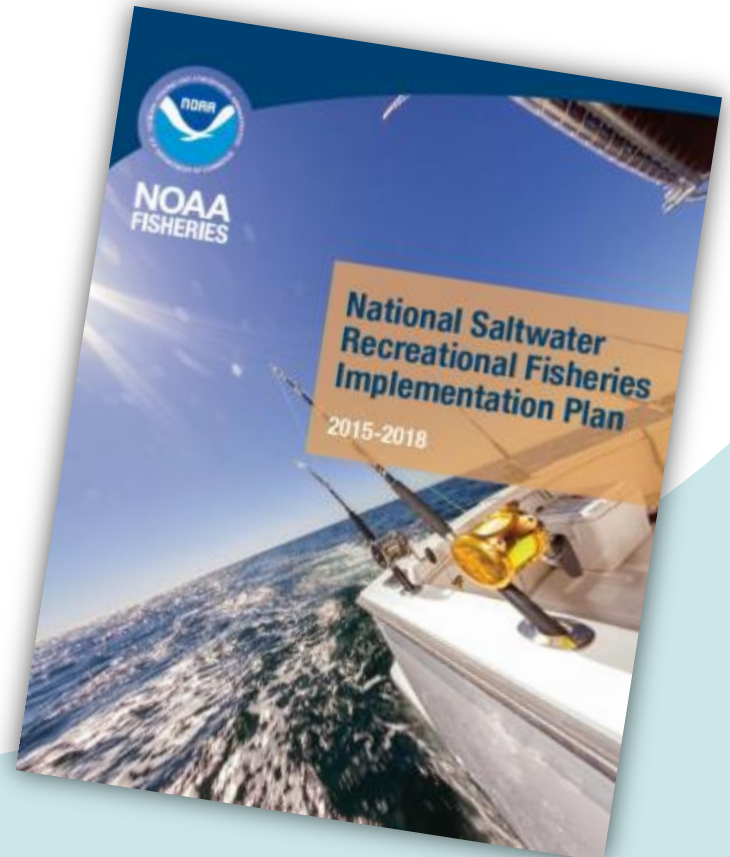
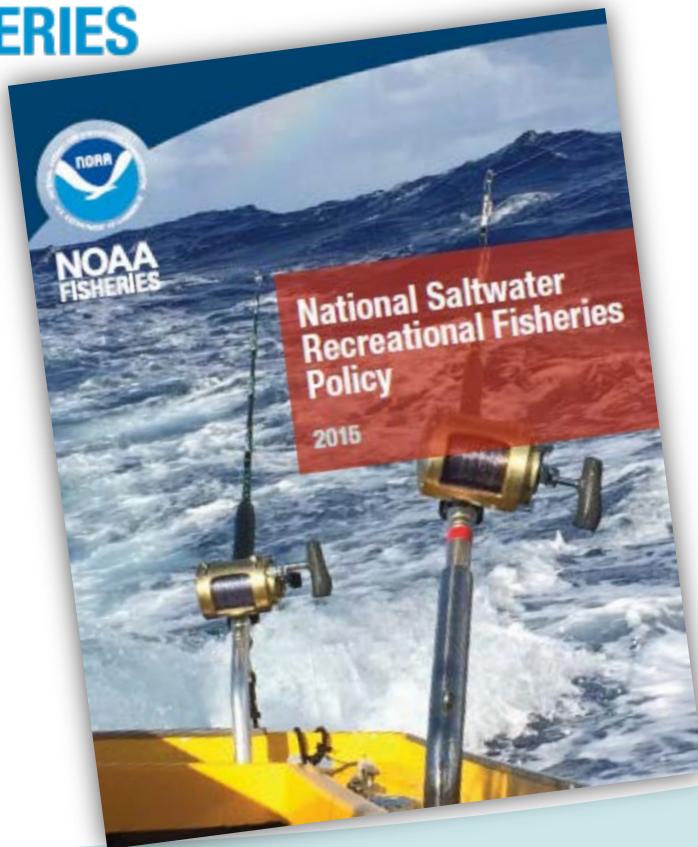
Engage the saltwater recreational fishing community

- 2 National Saltwater Recreational Fisheries Summits
- Regional listening sessions
- National Angler Attitudes and Perspectives Survey
- National and regional barotrauma and release mortality workshops



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Saltwater Recreational Fisheries Policy & Implementation Plan



It is the policy of NMFS to:

“...foster, support, and enhance a broadly accessible and diverse array of sustainable saltwater recreational fisheries for the benefit and enjoyment of the nation.”

Goals

1. Support and maintain sustainable saltwater recreational fisheries resources, including habitats
2. Promote saltwater recreational fishing for the benefit of the nation
3. Enable enduring participation in saltwater recreational fishing through science-based conservation and management

Implementation Plan

Support ecosystem conservation and enhancement

- Advance adoption of release survival techniques and best practices
- Enhance public education & support partnerships, including angler-based control efforts, to address invasive species

Promote public access to quality recreational fishing opportunities

- Support review of harvest allocations on a regular basis, including issuance of guidance developed w/CCC
- Collaborate w/Office of National Marine Sanctuaries to ID and highlight recreational fishing opportunities

Implementation Plan

Coordinate with state and federal management entities

- Undertake joint state-federal angler education projects to improve understanding of fisheries regulations
- Establish regular dialogue with U.S.F.W.S. to ID mutual priorities and partnership opportunities

Advance innovative solutions to evolving science, management, and environmental challenges

- Develop & implement a Bio-economic Length Structured Angler Simulation Tool (BLAST) to assess effects of management actions
- Conduct acoustic tagging and telemetry studies to better understand commonly targeted recreational species

Implementation Plan

Provide scientifically sound and trusted social, cultural, economic, and ecological information

- Initiate National Research Council review of MRIP
- Develop a national strategic plan to guide socio-economic research on recreational fisheries

Communicate and engage with the recreational fishing public

- Work with stakeholder groups to host roundtable discussions
- Maintain open lines of communications and “no surprises” approach

Collaboration with ONMS

- ❑ National Policy & Implementation Plan
 - Enhance public education / angler awareness re: invasive species
 - Identify and highlight recreational fishing opportunities
 - Acoustic and tagging studies re: site fidelity, habitat use
 - Improve angler participation in sanctuary management processes and data collection
- ❑ Regional Recreational Fisheries Coordinator Meeting
- ❑ Constituent Communications (e.g. SAC nomination process, joint meetings)
- ❑ Discussions re: meeting of SAC recreational fishing representatives (2016)

On the Horizon

- Regional implementation plans (early 2016)
 - In development
- Artificial Reef Workshop (mid - 2016)
 - ASMFC – NMFS
- Detailed Status update (2017)

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Questions?
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Thank you

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