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The Marine Recreational Information Program, or MRIP, is the way NOAA Fisheries is counting and reporting marine recreational catch and effort. It is a customer-driven initiative that not only produces better estimates, but does so through a process grounded in the principles of transparency, accountability and engagement.

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New MRIP Catch Estimates Released Today

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Today, NOAA released recalculated recreational catch estimates for the Atlantic and Gulf coasts going back to 2004 using an improved estimation method. As we've reported to you previously, this new method is a fundamental part of our overall work to improve the accuracy of the recreational catch data we collect and report. The improved methodology addresses a key issue identified in the 2006 report by the National Research Council, which identified a mismatch between the way we gather information from anglers and how we use those data to generate estimates.

We've developed a suite of outreach materials to help you answer questions and facilitate discussion about the new methodology and its impacts. The materials include:

- A **fact sheet** that explains the new methodology, analyzes its effects on four species in a series of case studies, and outlines NOAA Fisheries' strategy for transitioning to the improved numbers.
- A **video** in which NOAA Fisheries representatives, regional partners, stakeholders and outside experts offer a more in-depth look at the process of the re-estimation, what it will mean for the recreational fishing community, and what will come next.
- A **presentation** to read over and share with others that explains the new estimation work and a schedule for future improvements.
- A **data query tool** to allow for user-friendly comparisons of the improved MRIP estimates and previously reported MRFSS numbers. Just select "MRFSS/MRIP Comparisons" from the drop down menu.

This suite of materials is now available on **MRIP's website**. Please let us know if we can help answer questions or provide additional information by contacting Forbes Darby atforbes.darby@noaa.gov or (301) 427-8528.

Ask MRIP

Do you have questions about MRIP or our surveys? Ask us and we'll answer your question in an upcoming newsletter. If you've got a question about MRIP that you'd like answered, please e-mail Leah Sharpe at Leah.Sharpe@noaa.gov.

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