

Fisheries Information System (FIS)

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SE Background

- Four management organizations
 - SAFMC, GMFMC, CFMC, ICCAT / NOAA-HMS
 - Broad range of data availability, quality, reporting systems
- 174 stocks / stock complexes
 - At least 450 species
 - Many with very little information
- Multiple management approaches
 - 1 species under IFQ
 - Closed areas, closed seasons
 - Size limits, trip limits, bag limits, gear restrictions, quotas
- 55% of the recreational trips in the US
- States collect commercial landings
 - Close cooperation with states and Gulf FIN, ACCSP

Organizational Profile

Number of fisheries managed:

Number of active permits

- Vessel – open access: 9,500
- Vessel – limited access: 9,010
- Dealer: 1,500

Volume of reports (yearly)

- Vessel: 115,000
- Dealer: 86,000 (not including states)
- Observer: 400
- Sampling: 7,000 (11,000 including state partners)

Key Accomplishments

New permit system

- Improved tracking of vessels, permits

- IFQ system (Gulf of Mexico red snapper)

- Real time
- Web based landings and allocations management

- New quota monitoring system (biweekly)

- Web based data entry option
- Building system to accept electronic trip reports to states as substitutes for quota reports. Working towards daily electronic trip reports and daily monitoring for some species
- Improved projection approaches

Major Challenges

- Improve Caribbean data collection systems
- Expanded IFQ system
 - Gulf of Mexico grouper
 - South Atlantic grouper-snapper
- Reconcile IFQ and states' landings reports
- ACL definition and monitoring
- Fine scale catch-effort data for fisheries on species which move only small distances (electronic logs linked to VMS)
- Closer linkage between permit system and monitoring systems (landings and logs)

Planned Regional Initiatives

Expanded electronic reporting of landings (w GulfFIN and states)

- Reduce burden, increase timeliness and accuracy
- Linking states' trip tickets and IFQ landings reports

- Expanded IFQ system
- Electronic logs

Questions?





Other Comments

Identify any other thoughts/ideas/issues/concerns you wish to convey to the audience at the national meeting

- Comment