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Webcast of Calibration Workshop

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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Reminder: MRIP Calibration Workshop to be Webcast

Anyone wishing to follow the proceedings of the MRIP Calibration Workshop in North Carolina March 27-29 will be able to do so online. The full workshop will be available via webcast at

https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/714581928 during the following times:

- Tuesday, March 27, 1:00-5:30pm
- Wednesday, March 28, 8:30am-5:30pm
- Thursday, March 29, 8:30am-12:00pm

Please note this link is different from the link sent out last week. Some people had difficulty using the earlier link.

The goal of the meeting is to determine the most effective and appropriate means of matching up data collected under MRFSS with the new MRIP methodology for years prior to 2004. Representatives from the affected Fishery Management Councils, Atlantic and Gulf State Marine Fisheries Commissions, Atlantic and Gulf Coast states, and NOAA Fisheries have been invited to participate at the workshop.

NOAA Fisheries is co-hosting the workshop with the Southeast Data, Assessment, and Review (SEDAR) program. For more information, visit www.CountMyFish.noaa.gov orwww.sefsc.noaa.gov/sedar.

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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