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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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Congressional Hearing on Data Collection

Broadcast LIVE Today @ 10:30am

Recreational data collection will be the centerpiece of a Congressional Oversight Hearing today at 10:30am. The hearing - [broadcast live online](#) - is one of a series of steps informing the upcoming reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Act.

Among those testifying today are:

- Dr. Richard Merrick, NOAA Fisheries, Chief Science Advisor
- Dr. Jay Breidt, Colorado State University Professor
- Dave Donaldson, Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission, Interim Executive Director
- Chris Horton, Congressional Sportsman's Foundation and NOAA MAFAC Recreational Fisheries Working Group Member
- Capt. Mike Colby, Double Hook Charters (FL)

The hearing is broadcast live online from the [House Resources Committee website](#).

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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