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Modernizing Recreational Fisheries Management Act, 2018 Section 201 - Cooperative data Collection

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Sec 201 – Cooperative Data Collection

- **Report to Congress:** Facilitating greater incorporation of data, analyses, stock assessments, and surveys from State agencies and non-governmental sources into fishery management decisions.
 - In consultation with Council SSCs and Commissions.
 - Due December 31, 2019
 - Implementation Status
 - S&T has drafted report and sent to Councils, SSCs and Commissions in September with due date extended to December 31, 2019 per Councils' request.
 - Draft report primarily references existing documents (including NS2, the SAIP, and various MRIP Procedures) to demonstrate that processes and standards exist to accommodate incorporation of data.
 - There are also some recommendations for improvements in the draft report.

Report Contents

- Brief description of current practice and guidance for incorporation of various sources of data into fisheries management framework
 - Types of data and analysis
 - Inclusion of State and Non-Governmental Sources
 - Improving Accuracy and Precision of Data (SAIP, NAS Reviews)
 - Best Scientific Information as Basis for Fisheries Management
 - NS2, SAIP Recommendations, Citizen Science Guidance, MRIP
 - Recommendations
 - State or Nongovernmental partners
 - NMFS and Fisheries Management Councils