

**Marine Recreational Information Program Workshop  
Webinar  
July 8-9, 2020**

**Workshop Objective**

The objective of this workshop is to promote an improved understanding of the changes made to estimate recreational estimates of fishing effort through the Marine Recreational Information Program. In this workshop, Committees will receive several background presentations and lead discussions from NOAA Fisheries Office of Science and Technology, the Southeast Fisheries Science Center, the Southeast Regional Office, and Council staff. These presentations and discussions are intended to create a more informed perspective for the Committees on the workings and application of the Fishing Effort Survey-adjusted Marine Recreational Information Program catch and effort data for the Gulf of Mexico. Two example species will be discussed in greater detail: Gulf migratory group king mackerel and Gulf gray snapper. The Committees should take this opportunity to seek additional clarification and provide feedback to the presenters on the provided materials. This workshop will be followed by another workshop on July 13, 2020 hosted by the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission and NOAA Fisheries Office of Science and Technology, which will more closely examine the relationships between Gulf state survey-generated catch and effort data and these federal data.