

GSMFC Liaison Report



Inflation Reduction Act Funding Activities

- Workshops update
 - Steering Committee has been established and meeting regularly
 - Facilitator has been selected
 - Proposed dates for Effort Validation Planning Workshop
 - June 4-6, 2024
 - Location still to be determined
 - Proposed dates for Recreational Discards Workshop
 - July 30 – August 1, 2024
 - Location still to be determined



Inflation Reduction Act Funding Activities

- At-sea Sampling
 - Working on expanding coverage to western Gulf of Mexico
 - Focusing on for-hire fishery and reef fish species
 - Working with Texas and Louisiana to develop Statements of Work and budgets
 - Work is scheduled to be conducted from January 2025 through December 2026



Recreational Fishing Effort Pilot Survey

- 1-year Pilot
- Purpose – test LA Creel Effort Survey in MS and AL
- Work continues and going well
- Planning between Gulf states & GSMFC staff to conduct estimates has begun
 - Once estimates are developed, analyses will be conducted to compare/contrast various effort estimates
- Presents unique opportunity to examine differences between state and federal recreational survey



Southeast Shrimp Strategy and Planning Meeting

- Scheduled for April 30 - May 1 in Baton Rouge
- Day 1
 - Trade Update – information on petitions, process, and remedies
 - Market Buyers Panel - discussion w/ various purchasers of shrimp about market needs
 - USDA & NOAA Presentations
- Day 2
 - Breakout sessions to prioritize and identify actions (industry, agencies & Sea Grant next steps)
- Meeting is invite-only



Questions?

