

**Inflation Reduction Act Funding  
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- **Infrastructure Agreement:**
  - **Improve state and commission data management systems**
  - **Centralize state recreational data at GSMFC**
  - **Convene three workshops**
    - **Validating recreational fishing effort estimates**
    - **Improving recreational released catch data**
    - **Develop GulfFIN recreational data standards and warehouse**





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- **Infrastructure Agreement:**
  - **Completed two workshops**
    - **Validating recreational fishing effort estimates**
    - **Improving recreational released catch data**
  - **Published a request for proposals**
    - **Pre proposals due November 15, 2024**
    - **Full proposals due January 15, 2025**
    - **Review team will rank and score**
    - **Final decisions made by Andy Strelcheck and Clay Porch**
    - **GSMFC working with NOAA Fisheries to obtain approximately \$7M to support selected projects**
  - **Develop GulfFIN recreational data standards and warehouse – tentatively scheduled for February 2025**



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- **Infrastructure Agreement:**
  - **Improve state and commission data management systems**
  - **Centralize state recreational data at GSMFC**
  - **New priority**
    - **AL and MS Creel Survey Transition Plan**
    - **Re-budgeting some monies to support this work**



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- **For-Hire At-Sea Observer Expansion:**
  - **Current program exists in Florida, Alabama and Mississippi**
  - **\$1M in new monies to support expansion into Louisiana and Texas**
    - **Supports sampling 75 offshore trips per year in each state**
    - **Hiring four independent contractors to be trained as field agents**
    - **Utilizing same methodology and technology**
    - **Targeting 2025 and 2026 for field sampling**





# Questions???

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