



Marine Resource
Education Program
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Marine Resource Education Program Southeast Update

Partners:

Gulf of Maine Research Institute

Gulf and South Atlantic Fishermen

NOAA Fisheries

Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council

South Atlantic Fishery Management Council

Caribbean Fishery Management Council



MREP Goals



“A program developed by fishermen for fishermen”

- Bring fishermen, scientists & managers together in a neutral setting.
- Increase the number of people in the region’s fisheries who become familiar with fishery data and management.
- Help policy makers & scientists become more familiar with fishing communities.
- Increase the number of fishermen involved in collaborative research & pursuit of best available science.
- Develop leadership and promote trust.

MREP Southeast Workshops

Joint Gulf of Mexico, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Workshops in 2013-2016:

- Intro to Fishery Science
Spring Workshop
- Intro to Management
Fall Workshop



Science Workshop Highlights

- Sampling and Survey Methods
 - Fishery Dependent & Independent Data Uses
 - Data Collection & Sources
- Population Biology
 - Wet Lab
 - Age & Growth
 - Sampling Gear
- Conservation Engineering and Gear
- Oceanography and Climate Drivers
- Ecosystem-Based Management



Management Workshop Highlights

- The Fishery Management Process
- The Role of Science in Management
- How to Get Involved
- Legal Framework
- Enforcement Overview
- Sustainable Fisheries
- Mock Council Meeting



Marine Resources Education Program

- MREP Invites Council members to participate.
 - One person per workshop.
- Council members participate on their own time.
 - MREP pays all travel costs.
 - No salary stipend will be provided.
- Process for MREP Participation by Council
 - Executive Director will solicit interest from Council members
 - Council Chair will select attendee for that year/workshop.

Additional Program Information can be found at:

www.gmri.org

