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Recreational Angler Management

Mississippi Recreational Angler Summit
Information



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Summit Format

- Date: May 6, 2014
- General Presentation*
- Clarified definitions
- Small group breakout sessions
- Reports from break-out session
- Electronic voting on suggestions from breakout sessions

** Summit focused on red snapper management however, many suggestions could be beneficial for other species*



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Questions

- What are your expectations for the recreational red snapper fishery, given the constraints listed in the presentation?
- What can be done to improve data collection from recreational red snapper fishermen and what data collection methods could you support?
- What management methods or new ideas would you like to see implemented to improve the recreational red snapper fishery?



Most Favorable Ideas (60 voting)

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- Mandatory reporting for all for-hire vessels
 - Method to report: App or website
- Participation in red snapper data collection program for private anglers*
 - Method to report: App
 - Would like access to real time data collected
- Multiple species open for harvest at the same time.
- Fall season for red snapper
- Regional Management that gives states authority to manage red snapper throughout Gulf also favored federal legislation for regional management
- Federal legislation to allow all Gulf states to manage fisheries 9nm
- Development and implementation of sampling that would directly affect accuracy of stock assessment.

** MS was piloting a voluntary program and the success of the program generated a mandatory program*



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Least Favorable

- Slot limit (split)
- One-fish bag limit (very unfavorable)
- Weekend only season (mostly unfavorable)
- Tagging system (mostly unfavorable private recs & CFH)
- Days-at-sea program (mostly unfavorable)
- Sector separation (mostly unfavorable private recs & others)
- Closure areas/Sanctuaries (mostly unfavorable)