

Review of the Marine Recreational Information Program Data Standards

GulfFIN Program Feedback



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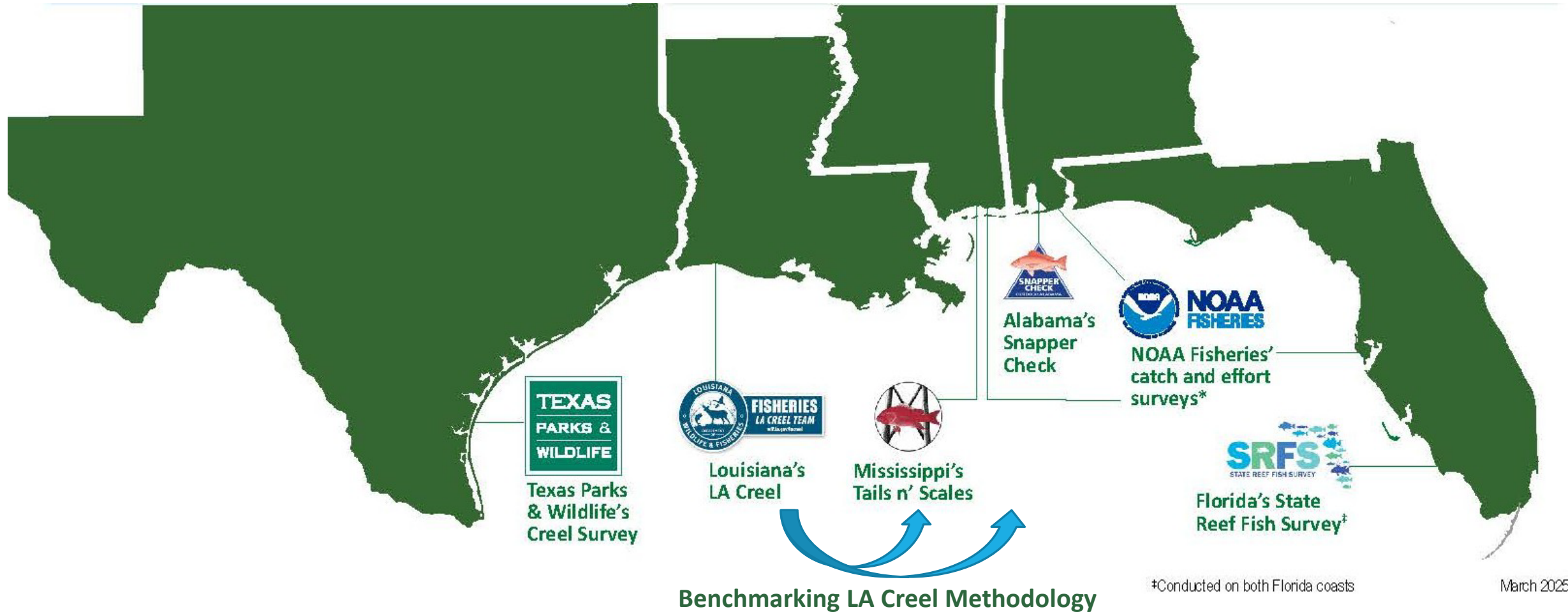
Outline

- GulfFIN – who we are, what we do
- Surveys – regional surveys of importance
- Current work – new developments in regional data systems
- Standards – how they impact us

GulfFIN

- State-federal cooperative program among agencies to collect, manage, and disseminate statistical data and information on the recreational and commercial fisheries of the Southeast Region.
- Includes 5 Gulf states, NOAA Fisheries, Gulf Council, US Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service, Caribbean Council, Puerto Rico and US Virgin Islands.
- We help with development, implementation, administration of state and federal fishery dependent monitoring programs.

Surveys



Current Work

- Through Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) funding, supporting testing of novel approaches to help improve recreational data collection methods
- Using IRA funding to develop a state recreational data warehouse located at GSFMC
 - Centralized storage and access
 - Improve quality control processes
 - Provide access to survey documentation
 - Provide access to data (estimates and raw survey) and summary reporting tools
 - Targeting January 1, 2026 to have Phase 1 in production

Survey and Data Standards

- GulfFIN data standards will largely reflect NOAA recreational survey and data standards
 - Commitment to transparency
 - Promoting data quality, consistency and comparability
- Standard 1.2 – Paperwork Reduction Act Compliance
- Standard 5.2 – Annual Reporting

Questions?

