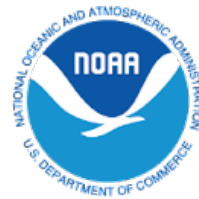




# 2022 NATIONAL SALTWATER RECREATIONAL FISHERIES SUMMIT



**NOAA**  
**FISHERIES**



March 29, 2022

Plenary and Opening Remarks

A scenic view of a lighthouse on a cliff overlooking the ocean. The lighthouse is white with a red band. The sky is filled with many seagulls in flight. A boat is visible on the water in the distance. The foreground shows the churning water of a boat's wake.

# Conservation and Recreational Fishing 2022

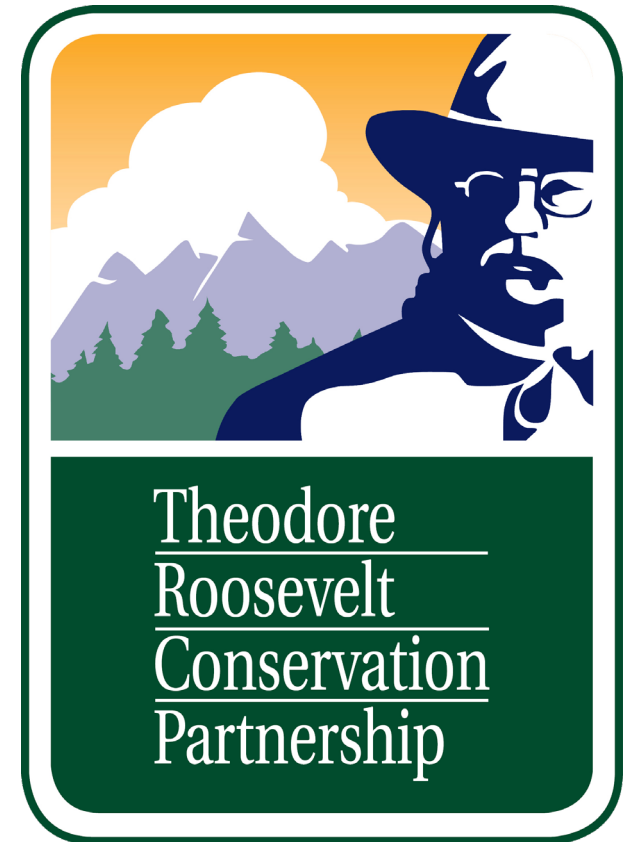
# Fishing and Boating in 2022

- 2019-2021: 50.4 million to 54.7 participants
- Overall fishing tackle sales grew by 17.1% in 2021 vs 2020
- BEA: Boating and fishing the largest segment of the \$684 billion outdoor recreation economy
- Anglers annually contribute \$1.7 billion to conservation efforts.
- The challenge: Ensuring a good experience



# Morris-Deal Report: A Vision for Managing America's Saltwater Recreational Fisheries

- Establishing a national policy for recreational saltwater fishing
- Adopting a revised approach to saltwater recreational fisheries management
- Codifying a process for cooperative management
- Conserving the forage base



# Alternative Management

- Red Snapper
- South Atlantic reef fish
- Mid Atlantic flounder, scup, black sea bass, bluefish



# Cooperative Management

- Louisiana's LA CREEL Program
- Florida State Reef Fish Survey



# Forage Fish

- Atlantic menhaden
- Gulf menhaden
- Forage Fish Conservation Act



# Challenges Ahead

- Striped Bass
- Forage Fish
- Climate
- Research and Science
- Infrastructure (IIJA)
- Collaboration



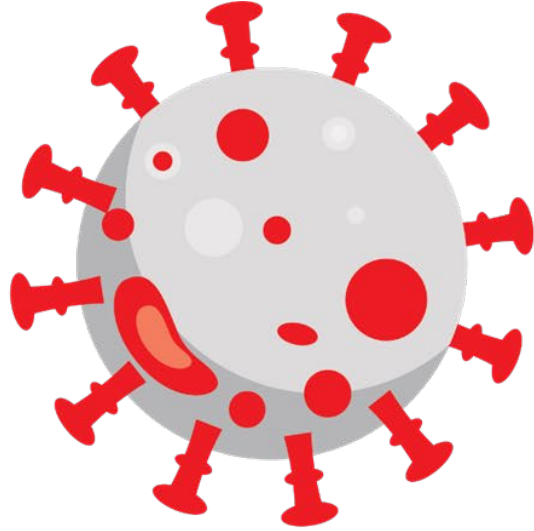


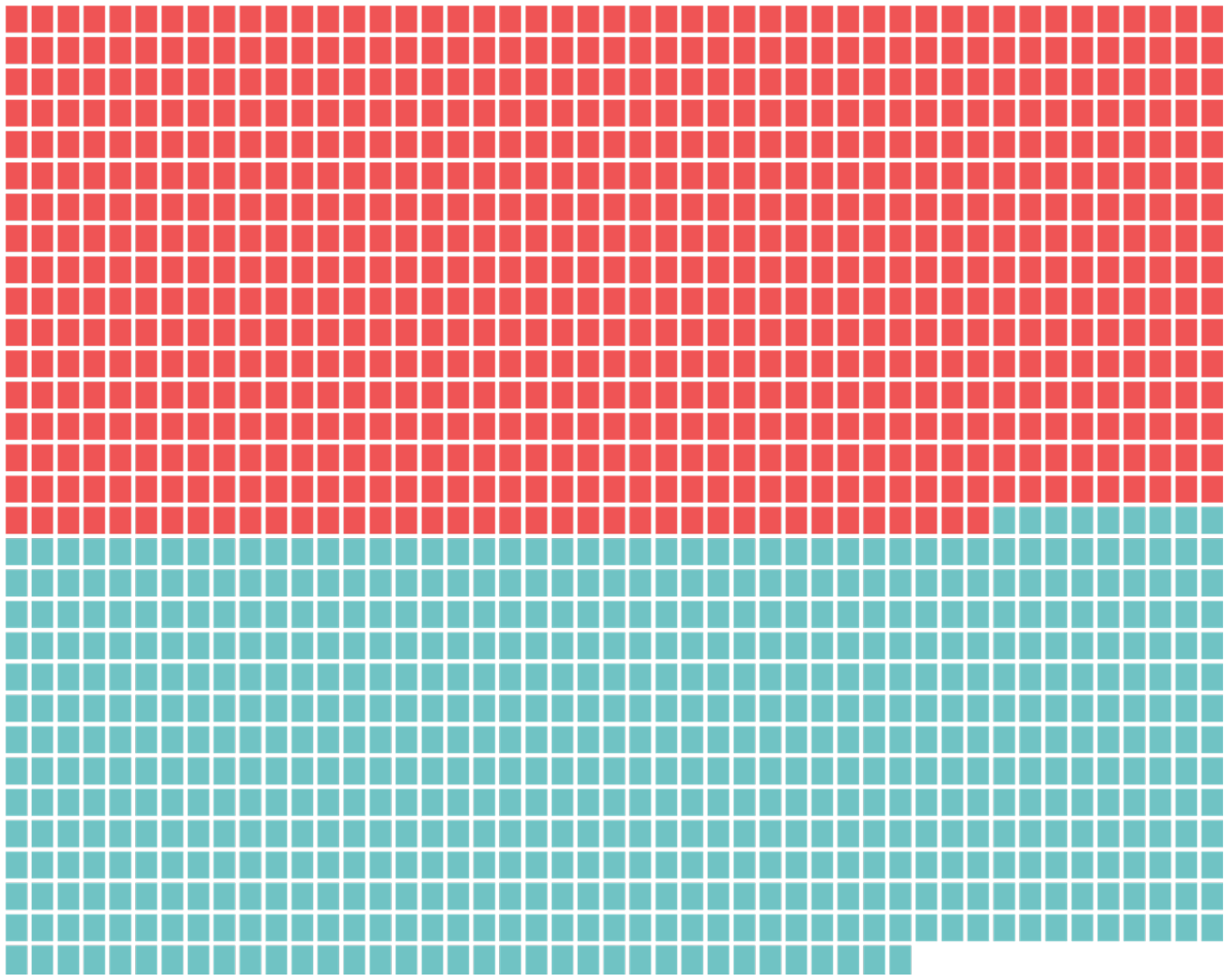
**REFLECTIONS SINCE THE 2018 SUMMIT  
AND THE PATH FORWARD**

# March 2018

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# ENGAGEMENT



NEWS

# NOAA Announces a New Partnership with Leading Recreational Fishing Organizations

February 15, 2019

NOAA announces the signing of a Memorandum of Agreement with recreation industry intended to help communities realize greater social and economic benefits from sustainable recreational fishing and boating and inspire momentum for a healthy ocean.

[Leadership Message](#) | [National](#)



#### More Information

- > [NOAA and Partners to Strengthen Sustainable Fishing, Boating in Federal Waters](#)
- > [Recreational Fishing](#)

#### Recent News

##### FEATURE STORY

[Ask MRIP: Answering Your Questions About Survey Errors National](#)



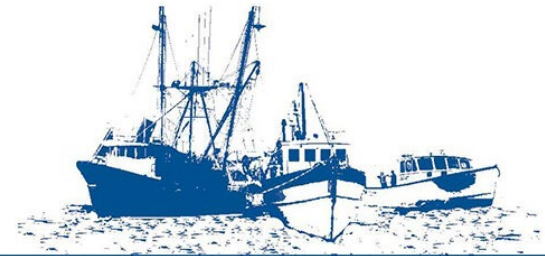
##### FEATURE STORY





# BRISTOL BAY FLY FISHING & GUIDE ACADEMY





## Marine Resource Education Program





A globe of the Earth is centered in the background. The lower portion of the globe is obscured by a light blue surgical face mask. Two hands are visible at the bottom, one on the left and one on the right, holding the white elastic straps of the mask. The background is a plain, light gray color.

**VIRTUAL HABITAT WORKSHOPS**

**RECREATIONAL VIDEO SERIES**

**NATIONAL BOATING & FISHING WEEK**

**VIRTUAL ROUNDTABLES**

**AQUACULTURE SESSIONS**

**PHOTO CONTESTS**

A blurred background image of a mountain valley. In the foreground, a river flows through a rocky, light-colored landscape. In the middle ground, a person is visible, possibly walking or standing near the river. The background features rolling hills and mountains under a bright, slightly overcast sky. A prominent yellow horizontal band is overlaid across the center of the image, containing the word 'SOCIOECONOMICS' in white, bold, uppercase letters.

# SOCIOECONOMICS



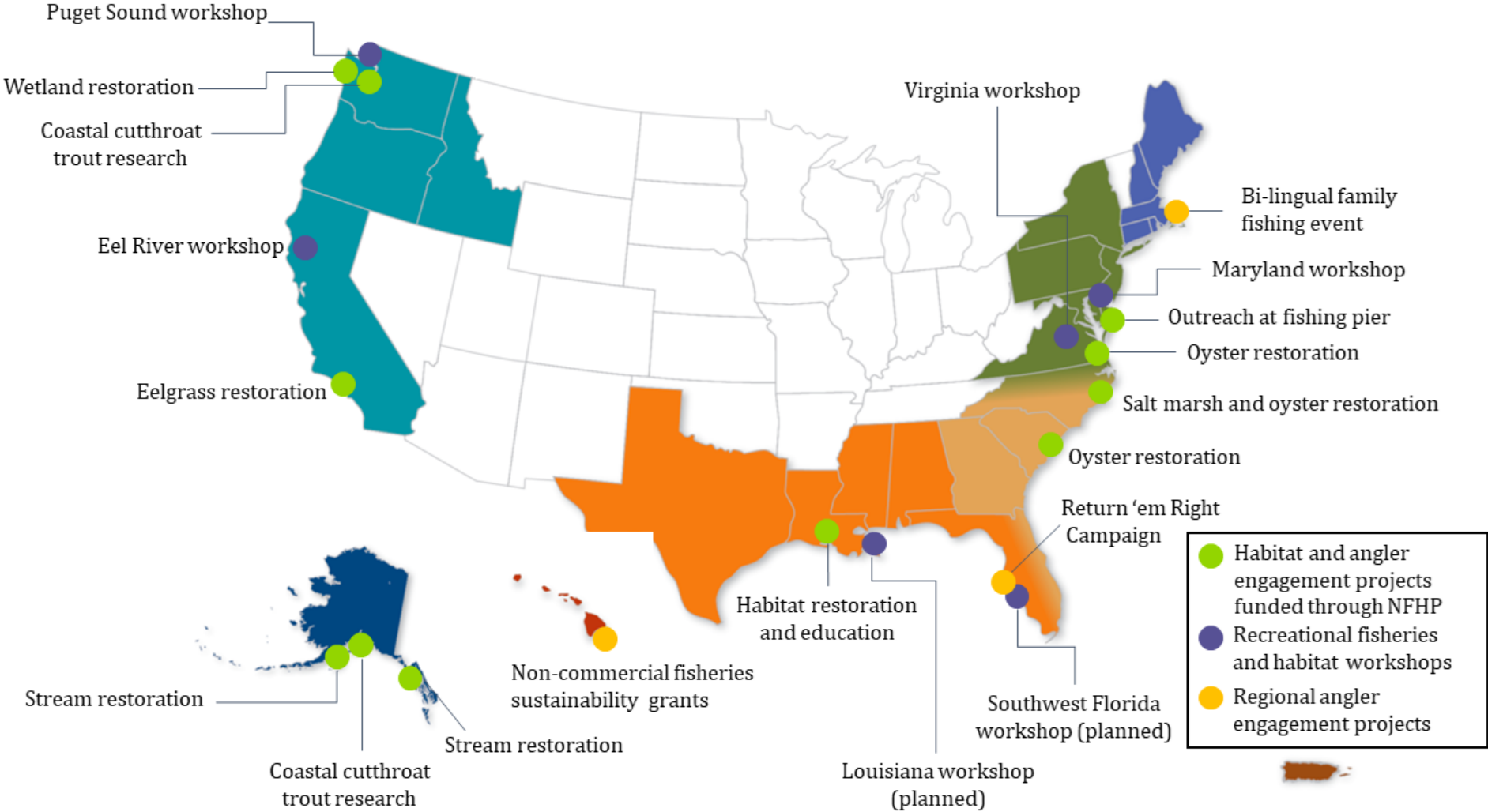
# DATA COLLECTION



# INNOVATIVE MANAGEMENT

A photograph of a sunset over the ocean, taken from the deck of a boat. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm orange and yellow glow. The water is dark with gentle ripples. In the foreground, parts of the boat's deck and rigging are visible, including a white box and various cables. A solid blue horizontal banner is overlaid across the middle of the image, containing the word "CONSERVATION" in white, bold, uppercase letters.

**CONSERVATION**



Puget Sound workshop

Wetland restoration

Coastal cutthroat trout research

Eel River workshop

Eelgrass restoration

Virginia workshop

Bi-lingual family fishing event

Maryland workshop

Outreach at fishing pier

Oyster restoration

Salt marsh and oyster restoration

Oyster restoration

Return 'em Right Campaign

Southwest Florida workshop (planned)

Louisiana workshop (planned)

Non-commercial fisheries sustainability grants

Habitat restoration and education

Stream restoration

Coastal cutthroat trout research

Stream restoration

- Habitat and angler engagement projects funded through NFHP
- Recreational fisheries and habitat workshops
- Regional angler engagement projects



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