



# ***State Conduct of MRIP APAIS***

***ASMFC/ACCSP  
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# MRIP Surveys



**Total Effort**

**×**

**Observed Catch**

**=**

**Expanded Estimates**

**Private/Shore**

**For-Hire**

**Large Pelagic**

**Dockside Interviews (APAIS)**

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# State Conduct Proposal



- Dockside data collection: **States**
  - MRIP Access Point Angler Intercept Survey
- Central Coordinator: **ASMFC/ACCSP**
  - Primary contact for NOAA fisheries & states
  - Coastwide implementation / administration
  - Central data entry and quality control
- Survey design, protocol, estimation: **MRIP**
- Target Date: **Jan 2016**

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# APAIS State Conduct



## Benefits

- Improve data quality
- Flexibility
  - Local knowledge applied
  - Streamline process
- Enhance partnership
- One voice to MRIP

## Challenges

- New task (6 states)
- Possible funding erosion

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# NOAA Fisheries Roles



- Leads MRIP survey design & protocols
- Cooperative Agreement with ASMFC for Atlantic coast recreational data collection
- Maintains angler, site, & vessel registries
- Performs site assignment draws
- Receives data from ASMFC/ACCSP
- Performs central calculation of estimates

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# ASMFC/ACCSP Roles



- Coordinates MRIP APAIS (Maine to Georgia) data collection via cooperative agreement
- Executes state contracts and payments
- Administration (e.g., hiring, pay, benefits) of ASMFC/ACCSP and some state staff
- Provide centralized training materials, procedures manual, and forms to states
- Performs data entry & QA/QC of intercept forms
- Delivers intercept data to NOAA-MRIP

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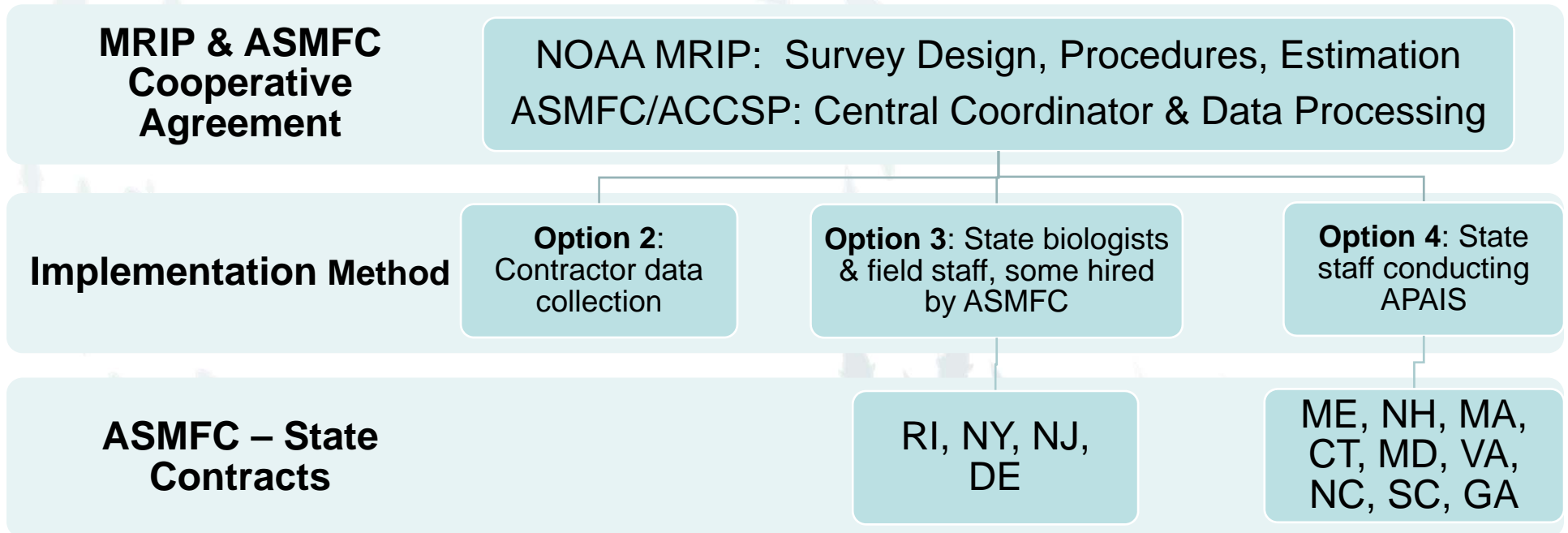
# State Agency Roles



- Contract w/ ASMFC - APAIS data collection tasks
- Provides supervisors, biologists & field staff
  - Some ASMFC staffing support (RI, NY, NJ, DE)
- APAIS staff training
- Conducts intercept survey using MRIP protocols
- Provides data sheets to ASMFC/ACCSP for entry and processing
- Participates in QA/QC of data

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# Implementation Methods



Note that Option 1 was status quo.

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# Staffing Via ASMFC



- ASMFC – 1 FTE
- ACCSP – 4 FTE
- RI – 2 FTE, 3 part time field staff
- NY – 5 FTE, 4 part time field staff
- NJ – 5 FTE
- DE – 3 FTE, 3 part time field staff
- **Total: 20 FTE, 10 part time field staff**

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# Transition Plan



- Approved by ACCSP Recreational Technical and Operations Committees
- ACCSP Coordinating Council approval needed
- Agreement on agency roles and responsibilities
- Confirmed state implementation methods
- Draft Cooperative Agreement SOW
- Draft State Contract SOW

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# 2015 Transition Support



- ASMFC/ACCSP, RI, NY, NJ, DE, MD, VA
  - Obtain staff, equipment, and materials
  - Implement administrative processes
  - Complete survey procedures training
  - Dry run tests (Nov-Dec 2015)

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# 2015 Timeline



- Jan 2015: Compile final budgets, hire ACCSP APAIS manager
- Mar 2015: Submit cooperative agreement package to NOAA
- Mar-Jun: State Contract draft / review
- Jul: Transition funding available
- Jul: Hire and train state lead biologists
- Oct: Hire and train state field staff
- Nov-Dec: Test data collection, processing, and delivery

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# Transition



Go live January 1, 2016

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# Recommendation



The Operations Committee recommends to move forward with the transition to state conduct of the APAIS in 2016 as documented in the Transition Plan with preparation starting in 2015.

**Action: Adopt the recommendation of the ACCSP Operations Committee.**

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