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Mississippi Advisory Commission on Marine Resources

September 19, 2023



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Employment, Contracts and Procurement Updates September 19, 2023

Employment Updates

New-Hires:

- Glen Terrell – Deputy Administrators – Tier I - August 14, 2023 – Executive Office

Promotions:

- Chaz Newman – Promoted to Environmental/Natural Resources Specialist II - August 16, 2023 – Coastal Resource Management (Preserves)
- Nicholas McDaniel – Promoted to Law Enforcement Officer II (Corporal) – August 16, 2023 – Marine Patrol

Contracts and Procurements for September 2023

Service Contracts					
<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Procurement Method</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Funding Source</u>	<u>Commodity/Service Description</u>
NOARC	IFB	\$101,998.60	12 MONTHS	NFWF	Artificial Reef Sidescan data collection project



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Actions Update for September 19, 2023 Commission Meeting

Discussed at the August 2023 meeting:

- The Commission recommended and the Director approved the following motions:
 - 1) Motion to table Jay Rubenstein; On the Water, LLC; and Doug DeLuca – application for after-the-fact exclusion for boathouse and piers on Porteaux Road in Jackson County, Mississippi to provide the applicant the opportunity to submit a survey with dimensions in support of his application. The applicant's deadline for submitting a survey with dimensions to MDMR staff and Commission is August 29, 2023.
 - 2) Motion to request MDMR staff to review the last five (5) years of cobia regulations, recent information on cobia and consider potential changes to regulations.



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Mississippi Department of Marine Resources

Agency Financial Results
as of August 31, 2023

Key Metrics:

- State Revenue of \$3.2M
- Agency Revenue of \$3.4M
- State Net Income of \$2.4M
- Agency Net Income of \$1.2M

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Income Statement - Fiscal Year 2024

As of August 31, 2023

	Federal :		Operating		
	GOMESA				
	PHII:				
	NFWF:				
	<u>State</u>	<u>Non-Federal:</u>	<u>Subtotal</u>	<u>Tidelands</u>	<u>Total DMR</u>
Revenue:					
Off-road Fuel Tax	3,050,000	-	3,050,000	-	3,050,000
Federal/NonFederal Grants	-	57,194	57,194	-	57,194
Sales Revenue	176,443	-	176,443	-	176,443
Indirect Cost Recovery	32,180	-	32,180	-	32,180
Other Revenue	29,374	30,492	59,866	102,093	161,959
Current Budget Year Revenue:	3,287,997	87,686	3,375,683	102,093	3,477,776
Expenditures:					
Salaries, Wages, Fringe	788,769	459,550	1,248,319	144,462	1,392,781
Travel	9,989	5,712	15,701	2,858	18,559
Contractual Services	29,176	38,960	68,135	52,038	120,173
Commodities	21,223	24,447	45,671	3,578	49,249
Equipment	536	-	536	-	536
Subsidies, Loans, and Grants	-	591,919	591,919	9,735	601,653
Current Budget Year Expenditures:	849,693	1,120,588	1,970,281	212,670	2,182,951
Current Budget Year Net Income/(Loss):	\$ 2,438,304	\$ (1,032,902)	\$ 1,405,402	\$ (110,577)	\$ 1,294,825

Financial Budget Comparison

- After two months of Fiscal Year 2024:

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2024 Budget Comparison
As of August 31, 2023

	<i>Actual Year to Date Expenditures</i>			<i>Budget Year Totals</i>			<i>Percent Remaining</i>		
	Operating	Tidelands	Total	Operating	Tidelands	Total	Operating	Tidelands	Total
Expenditures:									
Salaries, Wages, Fringe	\$ 1,248,319	\$ 144,462	\$ 1,392,781	\$ 14,164,002	\$ 1,304,662	\$ 15,468,664	91.2%	88.9%	91.0%
Travel	15,701	2,858	18,559	205,186	25,000	230,186	92.3%	88.6%	91.9%
Contractual Services	68,135	52,038	120,173	13,383,163	1,651,000	15,034,163	99.5%	96.8%	99.2%
Commodities	45,671	3,578	49,249	3,395,771	360,000	3,755,771	98.7%	99.0%	98.7%
Other than Equipment	-	-	-	100,000	20,000	120,000	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Equipment	536	-	536	391,392	130,000	521,392	99.9%	100.0%	99.9%
Vehicles	-	-	-	-	150,000	150,000	-	100.0%	100.0%
Wireless Devices	-	-	-	6,250	-	6,250	100.0%	-	100.0%
Subsidies, Loans, and Grants	591,919	9,735	601,653	165,679,372	8,814,585	174,493,957	99.6%	99.9%	99.7%
Total Expenditures:	\$ 1,970,281	\$ 212,670	\$ 2,182,951	\$ 197,325,136	\$ 12,455,247	\$ 209,780,383	99.0%	98.3%	99.0%

- Operating Funds have 99.0% of Budget remaining
- Tidelands Trust Fund has 98.3% of Budget remaining



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Cobia Update

Advisory Commission of Marine Resources Meeting

Trevor Moncrief
September 19, 2023

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Background

- Coastal Migratory Pelagic
 - Broad Distribution
- Management is split across zones
 - Gulf
 - FLEC
 - Atlantic
- Mississippi's current regulations
 - Minimum size – 36" FL
 - 2 fish per person per day



Pertinent Regulations and Statutes

- MS Code § 49-15-3
 - “Game fish” means cobia, also known as ling or lemonfish (*Rachycentron canadum*). The cobia is classified as game fish.
- MS Code § 49-15-76
 - It is unlawful for any person to sell, barter or trade or to offer for sale, barter or trade any game fish.
- Title 22 Part 3 Chapter 8 section T
 - It is unlawful to sell, offer for sale, barter, trade, or purchase cobia landed in Mississippi.
- Size and bag limits
 - 36” FL (adopted in 2020)
 - 2 fish per person per day

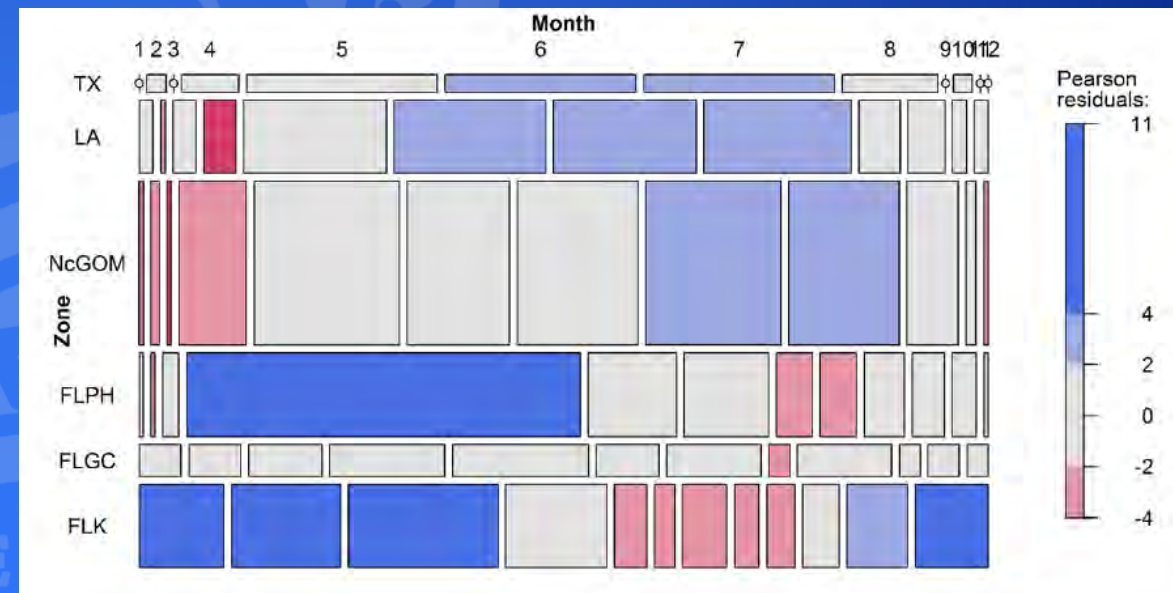
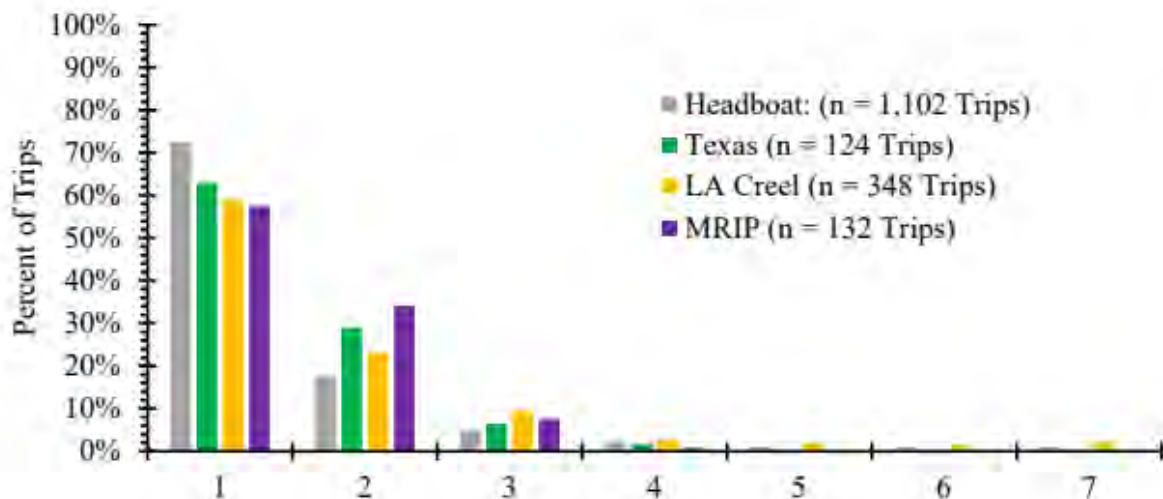
Recent Assessment and Regulations

- Length limit change to 36" FL (2020)
- SEDAR 28 (2021)
 - Overfishing occurring since 1975
 - Harvest reduced by 33%
- Federal Bag and Vessel limits established
 - 1 per person, 2 per vessel regardless of sector
- State and federal regulations to date

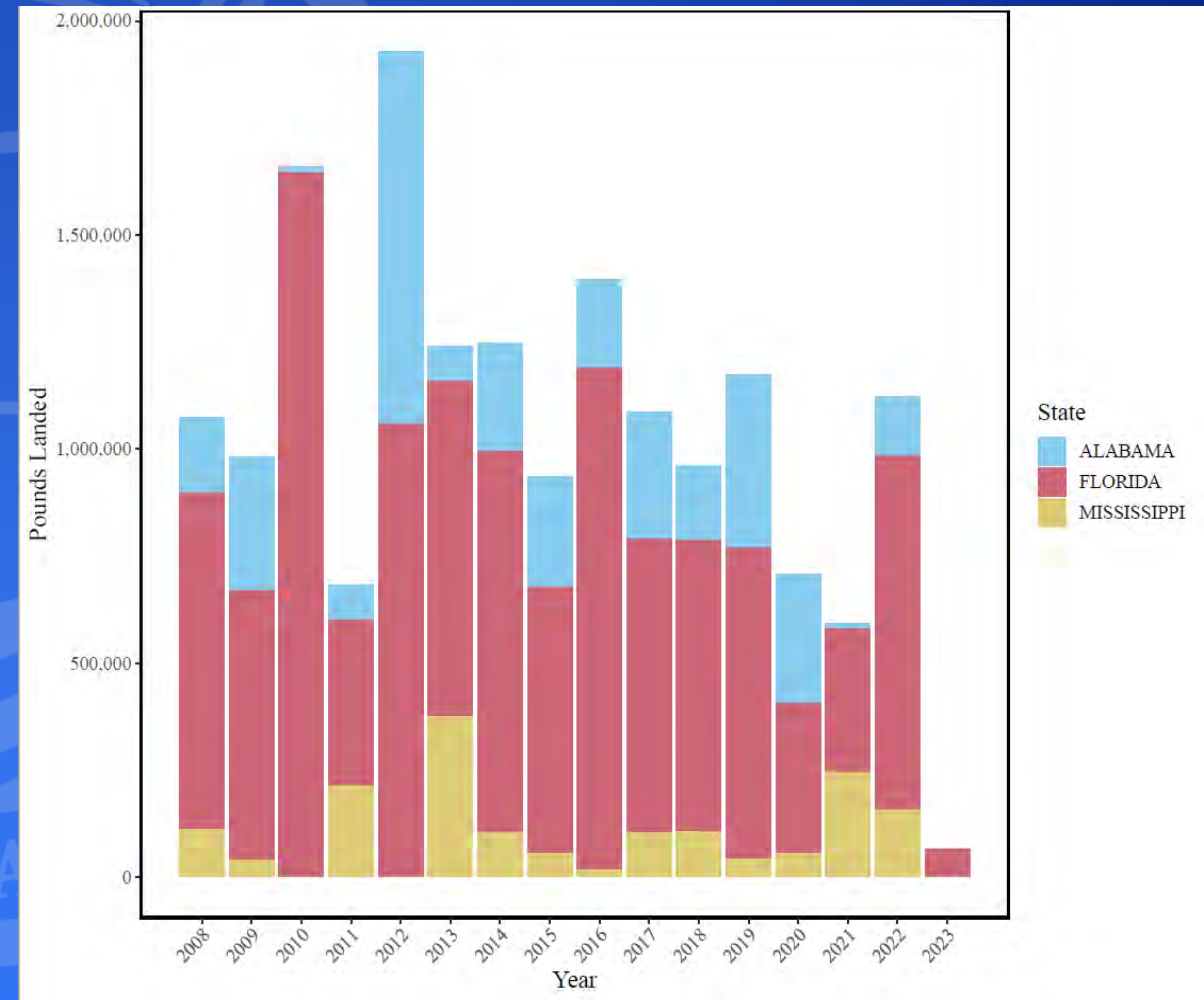
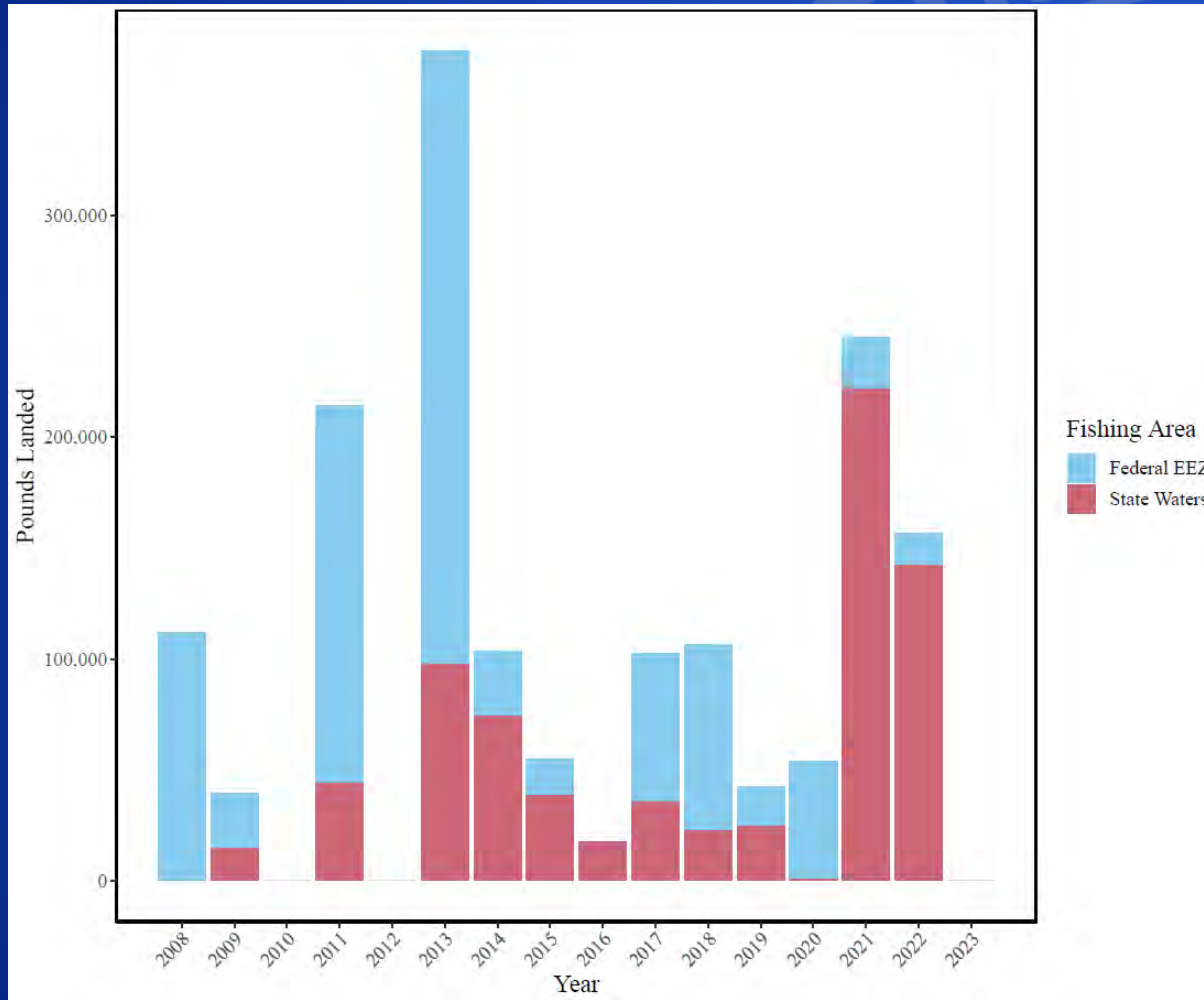
State	Length Limit	Bag Limit	Vessel Limit
Florida	36" FL	1 per person	2 per vessel
Alabama	36" FL	1 per person	2 per vessel
Mississippi	36" FL	2 per person	none
Louisiana	36" FL	1 per person	2 per vessel
Texas	40" TL	2 per person	none
GOM	36" FL	1 per person	2 per vessel

Discussion of Regulatory Changes

- CMP life history and movement
- Harvest across states
- Vessel and angler harvest metrics
- Angler opportunity



MRIP Landings – MS and Gulfwide



The seal of the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources is a circular emblem. It features a central illustration of a fish, likely a bluefish, swimming in stylized waves. The fish is facing left. Above the fish, the word "MISSISSIPPI" is written in an arc. Below the fish, the words "DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES" are written in an arc. Two five-pointed stars are positioned on either side of the fish, separating the top and bottom text. The entire seal is rendered in a light blue color against a darker blue background.

Questions?

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State Saltwater Fishing Record

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All Tackle

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All Tackle Fishing Record

Black Triggerfish

Melichthys niger

New Record: 2lbs. 9.14 oz.

Angler: Bryon Ratliff

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All Tackle Fishing Record

Atlantic Blue Tang
Acanthurus coeruleus

New Record: 1lb. 3.2oz.

Angler: Sean Cook



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All Tackle Fishing Record

Yellowedge Grouper
Epinephelus flavolimbatus

Old Record: 35lbs. 5.70oz.

New Record: 41lbs. 12.8oz.

Angler: Wesley Butler

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The background features a large, faint, circular seal of the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources. The seal contains the text "MISSISSIPPI" at the top and "DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES" at the bottom. In the center, there is a depiction of a fish leaping from the water, with a star on either side.

Required: Motion to Adopt New State Records

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