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day, the Biden-Harris Administration and NOAA announced they will award proximately \$2 million in <u>Inflation Reduction Act</u> funds to collect data and improve odeling through partnerships with the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission and e Cooperative Institute for Marine and Atmospheric Studies at the University of iami. These partnerships are critical to NOAA Fisheries' work to improve scientific ita and management decisions for red snapper in the Gulf of Mexico.

pllecting more fisheries data will enable NOAA Fisheries and state partners to better iderstand and adapt to the impacts of climate change, increase data reliability and ljust management decisions that will support red snapper populations.

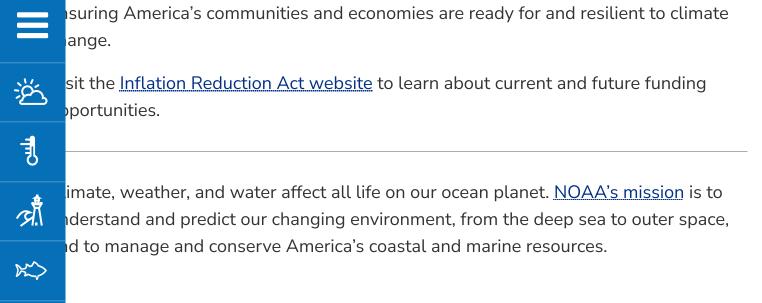
This \$2 million investment, made possible thanks to President Biden's historic flation Reduction Act, will boost NOAA's ability to support red snapper populations expanding scientific partnerships that improve data collection and help us inderstand and mitigate the impacts of climate change on fisheries in coastal regions ationwide," said U.S. Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo.

proximately \$1 million of this funding will go to the <u>Gulf States Marine Fisheries</u> <u>mmission</u> <u>to expand the for-hire at-sea program into the western Gulf of Mexico. DAA Fisheries and the Commission will deploy at-sea samplers in the Louisiana and exas for-hire fishery, extending the coverage of at-sea data collection programs. This fort will enhance recreational discard data, a key priority for NOAA Fisheries, and for e first time in history all five Gulf states will have active at-sea data collection ograms for for-hire fisheries in federal waters.</u>

Iditionally, approximately \$1 million will be distributed to NOAA's Cooperative stitute for Marine and Atmospheric Studies at the University of Miami to develop ext-generation surveys using acoustic technology to improve red snapper detection. This research will focus on leveraging advanced technology and artificial intelligence enhance red snapper surveys and abundance estimates in the Gulf of Mexico. The armessing the power of advanced technology and artificial intelligence is pivotal to proving the clarity and credibility of fisheries data.

IOAA Fisheries' collaborations with state and academic organizations are a critical art of strengthening scientific rigor and improving data collection for recreational sheries, leading to more timely and accurate information for managing red snapper and other reef fish," said Janet Coit, assistant administrator for NOAA Fisheries. Fireater data certainty will enable NOAA Fisheries and state partners to better ldress the effects of climate change on fisheries and fishing communities."

nis funding is part of NOAA Fisheries' <u>red snapper recovery efforts first announced in</u> ctober 2023. These investments are part of the historic \$3.3 billion in Inflation eduction Act investments first announced in June 2023, which are featured on

















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