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Biden-Harris Administration, NOAA announce $2 million for partnerships to support red snapper recovery

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ank Williams, recreational angler, holds up a red snapper caught in the Gulf of Mexico on board a arter boat. (Image credit: Captain Grayson Shepard)

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Today, the Biden-Harris Administration and NOAA announced they will award approximately $2 million in [Inflation Reduction Act](#) funds to collect data and improve modeling through partnerships with the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission and the Cooperative Institute for Marine and Atmospheric Studies at the University of Miami. These partnerships are critical to NOAA Fisheries' work to improve scientific data and management decisions for red snapper in the Gulf of Mexico.

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

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

Approximately $1 million of this funding will go to the [Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission](#) ↗ to expand the for-hire at-sea program into the western Gulf of Mexico. NOAA Fisheries and the Commission will deploy at-sea samplers in the Louisiana and Texas for-hire fishery, extending the coverage of at-sea data collection programs. This effort will enhance recreational discard data, a key priority for NOAA Fisheries, and for the first time in history all five Gulf states will have active at-sea data collection programs for for-hire fisheries in federal waters.

Additionally, approximately $1 million will be distributed to [NOAA's Cooperative Institute for Marine and Atmospheric Studies at the University of Miami](#) ↗ to develop next-generation surveys using acoustic technology to improve red snapper detection. This research will focus on leveraging advanced technology and artificial intelligence to enhance red snapper surveys and abundance estimates in the Gulf of Mexico. Harnessing the power of advanced technology and artificial intelligence is pivotal to improving the clarity and credibility of fisheries data.

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

This funding is part of NOAA Fisheries' [red snapper recovery efforts first announced in October 2023](#). These investments are part of the historic [$3.3 billion in Inflation Reduction Act investments](#) first announced in June 2023, which are focused on

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