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Angler Listening Sessions on NOAA Fisheries' Initiative to Modernize Recreational Fisheries Data Collection

NOAA Fisheries is hosting two national angler listening sessions in early December as part of its Recreational Angler Partnership Improvement Directive (RAPID), a nationwide initiative to remodel recreational fisheries data collection. RAPID was introduced in response to stakeholder feedback calling for additional regional flexibility and more reliable catch estimates to inform stock assessments and fisheries management.

The two virtual listening sessions will provide background information on RAPID and offer a space for comments, feedback, and questions. NOAA Fisheries wants to hear from the fishing public about, for example:

- What aspects of the current recreational fishing survey system work well? What isn't working?
- What changes would improve transparency and build stakeholder confidence in recreational fishing data?
- How would you prefer to participate in recreational fisheries data collection?

Input from the listening sessions will feed into eight regional workshops to be held in early 2027, at which regional, state, and federal partners will work to co-develop a framework for the future of recreational fisheries data collection.

RAPID Angler Listening Sessions:
Session 1: December 3, 2026 from 5–7 p.m. ET (Register)
Session 2: December 9, 2026 from 8–10 p.m. ET (Register)
Written comments can also be submitted via this form.

For more information on RAPID, please refer to NOAA Fisheries' webpage.