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EXECUTIVE STEERING COMMITTEE

The Executive Steering Committee is made up of the chairs of the interstate fisheries commissions, prominent members of the fishery management councils, and NOAA Fisheries. This state-federal group is the initiative's decision-making body.

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Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission
Caribbean Fishery Management Council
Western Pacific Fishery Management Council
Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission
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OPERATIONS TEAM

The Operations Team oversees the day-to-day work of the four expert work teams and reports directly to the Executive Steering Committee.

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NOAA Fisheries, Southeast Fisheries Science Center
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NATIONAL SALTWATER ANGLER REGISTRY TEAM

The Angler Registry team is in charge of creating a national phonebook of anglers to ensure that saltwater anglers are accurately accounted for. The team coordinates closely with the Operations Team, the Communication Team, and various work groups and reports directly to the Executive Steering Committee.

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COMMUNICATION AND EDUCATION TEAM

The Communications and Education team provides strategic communications advice to the Executive Steering Committee, Operations Team, and National Saltwater Angler Registry Team on ways to ensure partners and constituents are aware of the initiative and its activities.

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DATA MANAGEMENT AND STANDARDS WORK GROUP

This work group is charged with developing a common set of minimum data elements, setting national and regional standards for coding systems, and improving coordination between federal, state, and regional survey programs.

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DESIGN AND ANALYSIS WORK GROUP

The Design and Analysis Work Group will develop and test new data collection methodologies. Test assumptions, determine appropriate methodological changes to reduce bias in the estimates, and assess



sample sizes and survey approaches needed to provide the levels of resolution required by managers and scientists.

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FOR-HIRE WORK GROUP

The For-Hire Work Group will enhance the accuracy, timeliness, and accountability of data and statistics obtained from the for-hire sector.

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HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES WORK GROUP

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GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

