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The Marine Recreational Information Program, or MRIP, is the way NOAA Fisheries is counting and reporting marine recreational catch and effort. It is a customer-driven initiative that not only produces better estimates, but does so through a process grounded in the principles of transparency, accountability, and engagement.

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National Academies of Sciences Hosts 2nd Meeting to Review MRIP

As part of its [current independent expert review](#) of the Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP), the National Academies of Sciences' Ocean Studies Board will host a meeting at the Courtyard Charleston Historic District, 125 Calhoun Street in Charleston, South Carolina from April 25-26. This review is intended to provide an objective analysis of how well NOAA Fisheries has incorporated and acted on the recommendations in [the Academies' 2006 report](#).

The public is invited to attend and observe the open sessions. There will be an opportunity to provide brief oral comments during a 30-minute period on Tuesday, April 26.

This independent review, which started in September, 2015, will assess MRIP's current approach to developing and implementing statistically sound recreational fisheries data collection programs that meet the needs of stock assessment scientists, fishery managers, and stakeholders. Based on this assessment, the committee may recommend new directions or changes that could better address emerging needs for more timely and accurate monitoring of marine recreational fishing catch and effort.

The Academies' Ocean Studies Board will host two additional regional meetings. Details still need to be finalized, but one meeting is planned for New Orleans, Louisiana from May 26-28 (tentative dates) and the other is planned for Irvine, California from July 11-13 (also tentative dates). For more details on the scope of the review, attending the public meetings, and how to provide input (either on-site or via email), please visit the [project website](#) or contact Stacey Karras, associate program officer with the Academies' Ocean Studies Board, at ckarras@nas.edu.

Ask MRIP

Do you have questions about MRIP or our surveys? Ask us and we'll answer your question in an upcoming newsletter. If you've got a question about MRIP that you'd like answered, please e-mail Leah Sharpe at Leah.Sharpe@noaa.gov.

To learn more about improvements MRIP is making, visit our website at www.countmyfish.noaa.gov.

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