

NOAA FISHERIES

Fisheries Information System Program

The Fisheries Information System program is a state-regional-federal partnership that supports sound, science-based fisheries management. We do so by fostering cross-disciplinary collaboration and funding innovative projects to improve the quality of fisheries-dependent data.

FIS supports Professional Specialty Groups addressing specific challenges. Currently, the three PSGs focus on issues related to Pacific highly migratory species; software coding, design, and development; and quality management and continuous improvement.

A Program Management Team, composed of members from each region, guides the work of FIS. Greater Atlantic representatives are:

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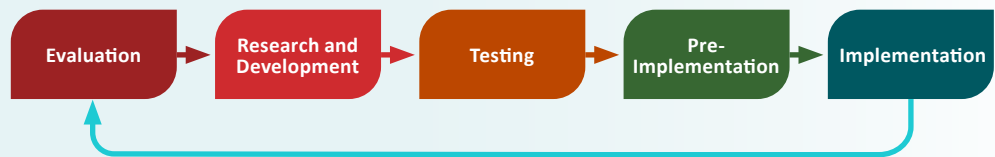
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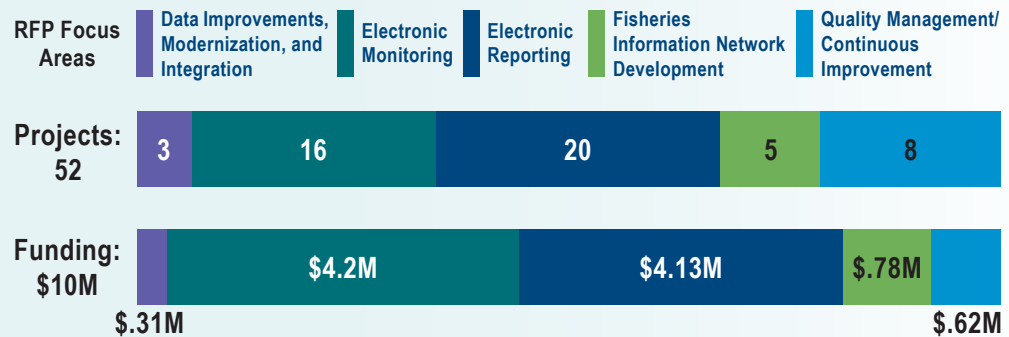
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FIS in the Greater Atlantic

A key FIS initiative is an annual competitive request for proposals. This process is funded in collaboration with the National Observer Program’s Electronic Technologies program and the National Catch Share Program. Since 2013, RFP awards have supported more than 300 projects that are improving fisheries-dependent data collection, reporting, management, and analysis across each stage of the project life cycle:



In the Greater Atlantic, more than \$10 million has been awarded for 52 projects. These have been conducted by the Atlantic HMS Management Division, the Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office, the Northeast Fisheries Science Center, the Atlantic Coastal Cooperative Statistics Program, and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.



FY2024 Funded Proposals

For FY24, \$1,017,639 in funding was awarded to four Greater Atlantic projects in two focus areas:

- Evaluating the effectiveness of electronic monitoring equipment to fill length data gaps in the golden tilefish assessment (*Northeast Fisheries Science Center—\$128,000*)
- Northeast cooperative research study fleet management system modernization (*NEFSC—\$450,000*)
- Operationalizing on-demand fishing: Data optimization, visualization, and automation (*NEFSC—\$198,639*)
- GARFO dealer data collection modernization (*Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office—\$241,000*)

For a complete list of FIS-supported projects since 2013, please visit fisheries.noaa.gov/data-tools/fis-supported-projects.

