

# 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. Southeast representatives are:

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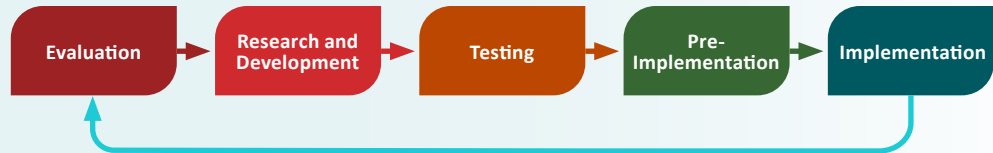
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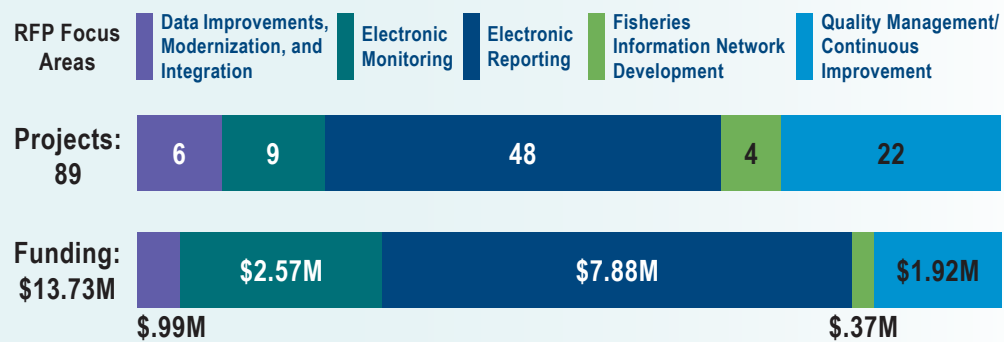
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# FIS in the Southeast

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 Southeast, nearly \$14 million has been awarded for 89 projects. These have been conducted by the Southeast Fisheries Science Center, the Southeast Regional Office, the Atlantic Coastal Cooperative Statistics Program, the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission, the Gulf Fisheries Information Network, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, and the North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries.



### 2024 Funded Proposals

For FY24, \$1,631,137 in funding was awarded to seven Southeast projects in four focus areas:

- Breaking the Data Bottlenecks: supporting SEDAR stock assessments with a modern and efficient life history data repository, while reducing compilation effort and errors (*Southeast Fisheries Science Center—\$195,500*)
- Improving data quality, statistical robustness, and cost-effectiveness of the Southeast Fisheries Science Center Shrimp Observer Program (*SEFSC—\$248,604*)
- Electronic monitoring in Gulf of Mexico commercial fisheries (*SEFSC—\$209,000*)
- Fishery-dependent intercept survey of commercial and recreational catch, effort, and size composition in the U.S. Virgin Islands: Pre-implementation to implementation (*SEFSC—\$248,083*)
- Southeast region permits system restructuring (*Southeast Regional Office—\$342,000*)
- Atlantic seaboard federal vessel/permit registry (*SERO—\$284,000*)
- Identification of best available morphometric conversions for the standardization and automation of datasets used in U.S. stock assessments and fisheries management (*SEFSC—\$103,950*)

For a complete list of FIS-supported projects since 2013, please visit [fisheries.noaa.gov/data-tools/fis-supported-projects](https://fisheries.noaa.gov/data-tools/fis-supported-projects).

