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ACCSP Announces 2013 Funding Awards

Arlington, VA - The Atlantic Coastal Cooperative Statistics Program (ACCSP), a state and federal partnership for marine fisheries data collection and data management, has allocated nearly \$2 million to its state and federal partners for new and ongoing projects to improve data collection for coastal fisheries in 2013. The following projects will be awarded funding:

- ÉMaine Department of Marine Resources will receive 1) \$149,491 to continue management of dealer and harvester reporting in Maine, and 2) \$113,815 to continue portside commercial catch sampling and comparative bycatch sampling for Atlantic herring, Atlantic mackerel, and Atlantic menhaden;
- ÉMassachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries will receive \$53,504 to continue collecting trip-level reports for all Massachusetts commercial permit holders;
- ÉRhode Island Department of Environmental Management will receive \$82,272 to maintain and coordinate fishery-dependent data feeds to ACCSP from the state of Rhode Island;
- ÉNew Jersey Department of Environmental Protection will receive \$53,504 to further develop biological characterization and implementation of the SAFIS for the commercial fisheries in New Jersey;
- ÉMaryland Department of Natural Resources will receive \$81,632 to improve timeliness and reporting accuracy in Maryland and to expand online reporting for Maryland commercial fisheries;
- ÉSouth Carolina Department of Natural Resources will receive \$163,627 to continue instituting a collection method for ACCSP commercial module in South Carolina;
- ÉThe Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission will receive \$160,784 to conduct an observer program for the Mid-Atlantic (New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia) and Rhode Island small mesh otter trawl fishery;
- ÉThe NOAA - Southeast Fisheries Science Center will receive \$205,636 to process and age biological samples collected from the U.S. South Atlantic commercial and recreational fisheries in response to ACCSP bio-target samples;
- ÉThe ACCSP will receive \$141,756 to develop and test hand held platforms to enter data using SAFIS;
- ÉThe Recreational Technical Committee of the ACCSP will receive \$129,565 to increase at sea sampling levels for the for-hire survey headboat fishery on the Atlantic coast (New Hampshire through Florida).

Please note that these awards are contingent upon ACCSP receiving its funds. For more information on any of these projects please contact Ann McElhatton, Program Manager with ACCSP, at info@accsp.org or 703.842.0780.

About ACCSP

ACCSP is a cooperative state-federal program to design, implement, and conduct marine fisheries statistics data collection programs and to integrate those data into a single data management system that will meet the needs of fishery managers, scientists, and fishermen. It is composed of representatives from natural resource management agencies coastwide, including the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, the three Atlantic fishery management councils, the 15 Atlantic states, the Potomac River Fisheries Commission, the D.C. Fisheries and Wildlife Division, NOAA Fisheries and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. For further information please visit www.accsp.org.