



Announcing a Fall 2025 Marine Resource Education Program (MREP) Workshop

The Gulf of Maine Research Institute is pleased to announce the Marine Resource Education Program (MREP) in the Southeast fishery region for November 2025.



**MREP Southeast
Fisheries Science & Management Workshop
November 17-21, 2025
Hyatt Place | St. Petersburg, FL**

By fishermen, for fishermen, MREP provides fishermen and others with an interest in federal fisheries with an opportunity to gain insight into how fisheries data are collected and how those data lead to regulations. MREP brings together commercial, charter and recreational fishermen with scientists, managers and other marine resource professionals from the South Atlantic, Gulf and the Caribbean to learn, share insights and network in a neutral and professional setting. Participants leave the program empowered and better prepared to be a voice in federal fisheries management.

The five-day workshop is free to selected participants and includes travel reimbursement, hotel accommodations and meals. Seats are limited, and preference will be given to applications received by July 13.

Applications to participate can be found at: <https://mrep.gmri.org/apply>

The program principals are available to respond to inquiries about the workshop:

- Ira Laks, charter captain F/V Relaks, (561) 719-8857
- Dylan Hubbard, owner, Hubbard's Marina, (727) 420-9485

General questions about the program should be directed to Courtney Pickett, MREP program manager, (207) 228-1645 or cpickett@gmri.org. Or visit <https://mrep.gmri.org/>

The Gulf Council Announces Name Change and Rolls-Out New Website and Logo

The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council announces that it will begin doing business as the “Gulf Council”, aligning with the president’s executive order officially renaming the Gulf of Mexico to the Gulf of America.

This strategic rebranding effort reflects the council’s commitment to maintaining consistency with federal nomenclature and ensuring clarity across all public communications and regulatory documentation.

As part of this transition, the Gulf Council unveils:

- A new logo that embodies its mission and evolving identity,
- A fully redesigned website optimized for user experience and accessibility,
- All current and future communications, outreach materials and regulatory documents will be updated to reflect the name change.



Executive director Carrie Simmons commented: “We remain dedicated to sustainable fisheries and marine resource management. While our name is evolving, our mission and service to the public remain unchanged.”

The Gulf Council encourages stakeholders, partners and the public to visit its updated website at www.GulfCouncil.org. The Gulf Council also kindly asks all partners to update its logo across their materials, where appropriate.

For a logo package, questions, or more information, contact: Emily Muehlstein, public information officer, at Social.Scientist@gulfcouncil.org or (813) 348-1630, Ext. 2380.

Jason Adriance, LDWF Finfish Program Manager, Named Conservation Professional of the Year by the Louisiana Wildlife Federation

At the Louisiana Wildlife Federation’s annual Conservation Achievement Awards banquet on April 25, Jason Adriance, LDWF Finfish Program Manager, was named Conservation Professional of the Year. The Louisiana Wildlife Federation describes Conservation Professional category as follows: “For outstanding accomplishments by a person who, in a compensated professional capacity, has made a significant contribution to the management, enhancement or protection of Louisiana’s fish, wildlife, air, water, soil or forest resources or related recreational opportunities.”

“Mr. Adriance’s commitment to the conservation, protection, and promotion of our aquatic resources for the past 23 years at LDWF is reflected in his work and passion for the species he manages,” said LDWF acting secretary Tyler Bosworth. “We would like to thank the Louisiana Wildlife Federation for acknowledging Mr. Adriance’s dedication.”

A few of Adriance’s accomplishments in the last year include:

- In 2024, Jason Adriance was instrumental in providing stock status and scientific information and testimony to the Legislature on red drum in Louisiana, which led the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to change current size and bag limits that had been in place since the 1980s.
- Adriance provided the LDWF and the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission with scientific advice and data related to the commercial menhaden fishery. This helped guide the department and commission in establishing a one-half mile buffer from the coast, along with an additional one-mile fishing buffer off of Holly Beach in western Louisiana.
- Adriance assisted the stock assessment group of LDWF with conducting and co-authoring stock assessments of four species, which are required to be conducted every five years by legislative mandate. Adriance also coordinated the internal and external reviews of those stock assessments, along with presenting the results of the status of each stock to the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.
- Over the course of 2024, Adriance worked on implementing a new meat yield study for spotted seatrout and red drum to help the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission better understand the correlation between size and bag limit changes in relation to pounds of harvestable fillets.
- Adriance continues to serve and provide scientific expertise and advice on several national and regional scientific committees and advisory panels related to the conservation of fishery stocks in the Gulf of America and Louisiana.

Louisiana Private Recreational Red Snapper Season Opened May 1

The 2025 private recreational red snapper season began, May 1, 2025, in both state and federal waters for private recreational anglers and in state waters only within nine (9) miles for state charter vessels. The season will run seven days a week with a daily bag limit of four fish per person and a 16-inch total minimum length limit.

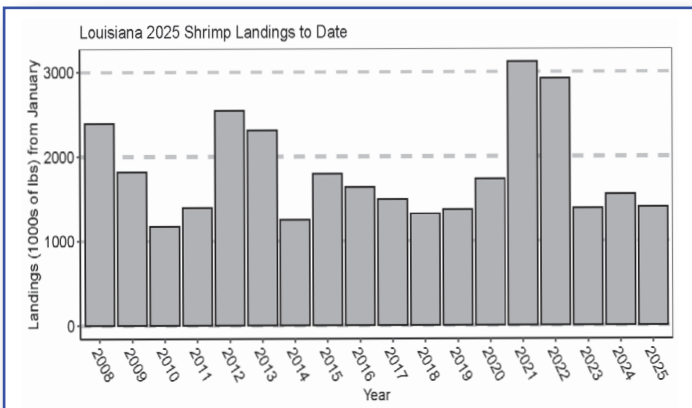
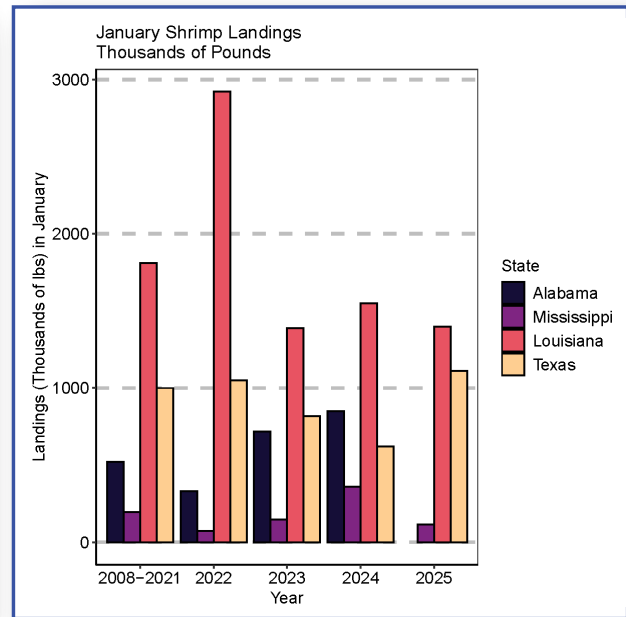
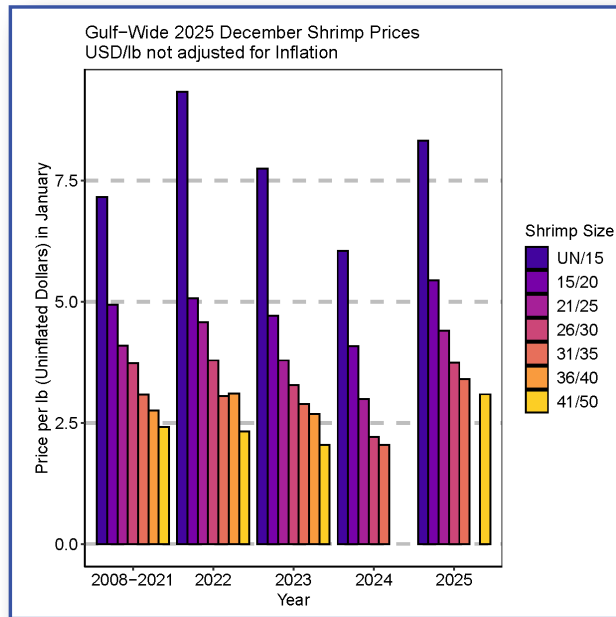
The season will remain open until recreational landings approach or reach Louisiana's annual private recreational allocation of 894,955 pounds, as monitored on a weekly basis by LA Creel. LA Creel is the active management method utilized by LDWF to estimate recreational and state charter harvest of fish species landed in Louisiana with the goal of providing anglers increased fishing opportunity.

Anglers are also reminded that recreational greater amberjack season is closed until Sept. 1.



Louisiana Shrimp Watch

The shrimp watch data for the May issue includes data through January 2025. All landing data is based on trip ticket data provided by Gulf States Fisheries Commission and no estimations have been made.



Spring Shrimp Season to Open in Louisiana Inshore Waters

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission set the opening dates within state inshore waters based on information provided by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) biologists and public comments.

The commission action sets the opening date of the spring inshore shrimp season as follows:

- That portion of state inside waters from the Mississippi/Louisiana state line westward to the eastern shore of South Pass of the Mississippi River to open at 6 a.m. on Monday, May 19, 2025.
- That portion of state inside waters from the eastern shore of South Pass of the Mississippi River westward to the western shore of the Freshwater Bayou Canal to open at 6 a.m. on Thursday, May 8, 2025.
- That portion of state inside waters from the western shore of the Freshwater Bayou Canal westward to the Louisiana/Texas state line to open at 6 a.m. on Thursday, May 22, 2025.

LDWF biologists have monitored hydrological parameters and conducted weekly trawl samples throughout the state's estuarine and nearshore waters since early spring to develop recommendations for the opening of the spring shrimp season. LDWF sampling data were used to calculate a 'crossover' date, which is when a minimum of 50 percent of the inshore brown shrimp population reach 100-count per pound or larger.

The commission has granted authority to the secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to delay or advance these opening dates if biological and technical data indicate the need to do so, and to close any portion of Louisiana inside waters to protect small juvenile white shrimp if biological and technical data indicate the need to do so, or if enforcement problems develop. Notice of any opening, delaying or closing of a season by the secretary will be made by public notice at least 72 hours prior to such action.

Click here for a map detailing this opening. (<https://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/page/shrimp-season>)

For more information, contact Andrew Scalisi (337) 491-2243 or ascalisi@wlf.la.gov.



The Gumbo Pot

Quick Crawfish Cornbread*

Recipe courtesy of Ms. Sarah's Kitchen

From Ms. Sarah: Rounding out the last of the crawfish season, I am presenting my last crawfish recipe.

Utilizing your favorite boxed cornbread mix makes this recipe a quick time saver!

Please reach out to the editor on suggestions for recipes or ingredients to use in future editions.

We are always looking for feedback and improvement!



Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup cooked crawfish tails
- 2 small boxes favorite cornbread mix (including ingredients listed on box)
- 1 cup frozen corn
- 1 4 oz can of diced green chiles
- ½ tbsp Cajun seasoning

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Spray a 9x11 baking dish with cooking spray.
2. In a large bowl, add the ingredients from the cornbread mix and those listed on the box into the bowl, mix until well combined.
3. Add the corn, can of chiles, seasoning, and the crawfish tails and mix thoroughly. Pour into the greased baking dish.
4. Bake for about 40 minutes, checking to make sure the internal temperature reaches 165 degrees F.
5. Let cool, slather on your favorite butter and enjoy!

**Total time: 45 minutes. Feeds 4-10 people.*



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