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Would You Like To Support Us?

Managing the future of fishing in Louisiana is a monumental task and in order for the RFRI to tackle fisheries, habitat, and coastal restoration projects, funding is required. Your contributions will greatly protect, enhance and maintain the Gulf Coast Marine Fishery through science, education and public involvement. **All donations are tax deductible.**



After nearly 20 years, the grassroots efforts of the RFRI continue to produce thriving projects and partnerships ensuring a future for fisheries resources of Louisiana. 🐟

The Recreational Fisheries Research Institute (RFRI) was founded in 1998 by Randy Pausina, Marine Fisheries Biologist and former Assistant Secretary Office of Fisheries for the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. Randy is credited with initiating many novel and highly successful programs, such as: La Creel, Tag Louisiana, Louisiana Saltwater Series, Louisiana Wild Seafood Certification Program, LDWF Recreational Fishing Outreach and Aquatic Education Section, LA Fisheries Forward...and many more!



The PASSION and the PURPOSE!

Louisiana

RFRI leads the way with novel ideas continuing to leave a legacy of leadership.

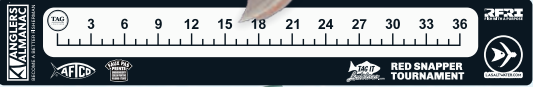
The Recreational Fisheries Research Institute (RFRI) is excited to share many of the successful and innovative projects that have been improving Louisiana's fisheries science while merging it with the depth of the recreational fishing public, who in turn benefit from their participation in the management process. The RFRI has developed ideas, processes, and software for a variety of related projects and we invite you to learn more about their successful implementation of them.

We welcome partners to join RFRI in this new approach to conservation combined with the full outdoor experience of great times on the water with family and friends. 🐟

Marine fisheries restoration through education and public involvement

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Outreach/Education GHOF Partnership

RFRI was founded upon the principals of education and public involvement. We are excited to introduce a partnership with the Guy Harvey Ocean Foundation. Their education initiative in Florida has led the way to bringing marine science and conservation to students. Together we are collaborating to bring these programs to Louisiana’s K-12 students. 🐟

Our mission is to create citizen scientists who will restore and promote our marine environment and animals.

Red Drum Stock Enhancement



This program will be beneficial to the environment and natural resources of Louisiana as the program is focused on enhancing Louisiana’s Red Drum populations. Elsewhere, supplemental, hatchery based stocking, in combination with standard management practices, has resulted in a successful and sustaining program of Red Drum enhancement. 🐟



TAG IT

For all anglers and communities who enjoy the benefits of longer red snapper seasons, the RFRI and the CCA Louisiana have a tournament for you. The Timau’s TAG IT Louisiana Red Snapper Tournament will parallel the Louisiana recreational red snapper season. Participants will compete for points and once registered, participation couldn’t be simpler. First, bow up on hard fighting red snapper; second snap a photo using the tournament’s Angler Almanac app to enter your fish. A tagged and released fish will get bonus points towards the win while helping gather real-time data which is crucial for continued local fishery management of red snapper. 🐟

CHECK OUT WWW.TAGITLA.COM TO LEARN MORE

RFRI Leaderboard Software

Fishing tournaments continue to grow in popularity and diversity of formats, but putting them on has never been easier with the development of the RFRI Leaderboard software. Offering anglers real-time leaderboard changes, text alerts, online viewing, and automatic updates. There is no easier way to advance your fishing rodeo or tournament to the next level than by using the best leaderboard system ever designed. 🐟



FISHIAL.AI

Recreational saltwater anglers will be interested in joining RFRI and The Wye Foundation in creating a highly-accurate fish identification database called “Fishial Recognition”. This open-source image database will help fishery scientists explore issues in a variety of gamefish species in coastal and offshore environments. 🐟



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