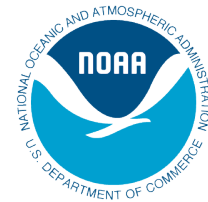


# Georgia Coastal Management Program

## Brownbag Presentation



*Please join us for the following presentation at the Susan Shipman Environmental Learning Center located in the Northeast corner of the parking lot at DNR's Coastal Regional Headquarters in Brunswick Georgia. Please feel free to bring your lunch. For questions contact Kelly Hill at (912) 264-7218.*

**Presentations Begin at Noon**

**July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

## ***Are Anglers and Fishing Guides Satisfied with CRD's Management of Marine Fisheries?***

**Kathy Knowlton, GADNR Coastal Resources Division**



In Fall of 2017, CRD contracted with a natural resources research company, Responsive Management, to survey Georgia resident saltwater anglers, as well as charter and headboat fishing guides. Anglers were randomly selected from a list of current Saltwater Information Program (SIP) permit holders, and all 134 licensed Georgia guides were invited to participate. Participants were asked to rank their top reasons for fishing, whether they are satisfied with current regulations and CRD's management of our Georgia natural resources. They were also asked specific questions about our top two targeted finfish species, spotted seatrout and red drum, such as satisfaction with number and size caught, as well as these species-specific current regulations. Overall, responses were very favorable, though responses between anglers and guides did vary for certain questions.

*Kathy Knowlton has worked within the Marine Fisheries Section of the Coastal Resources Division for twenty years. She is currently the Fisheries Statistics Unit Leader, and works with recreational, commercial and for-hire data collection.*