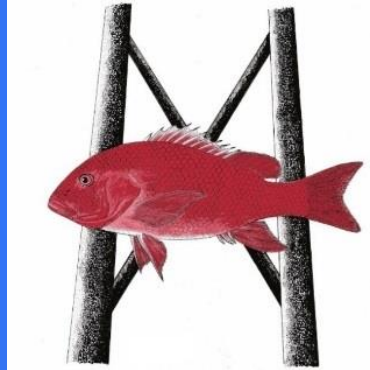




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2016 Mississippi Recreational Red Snapper Season

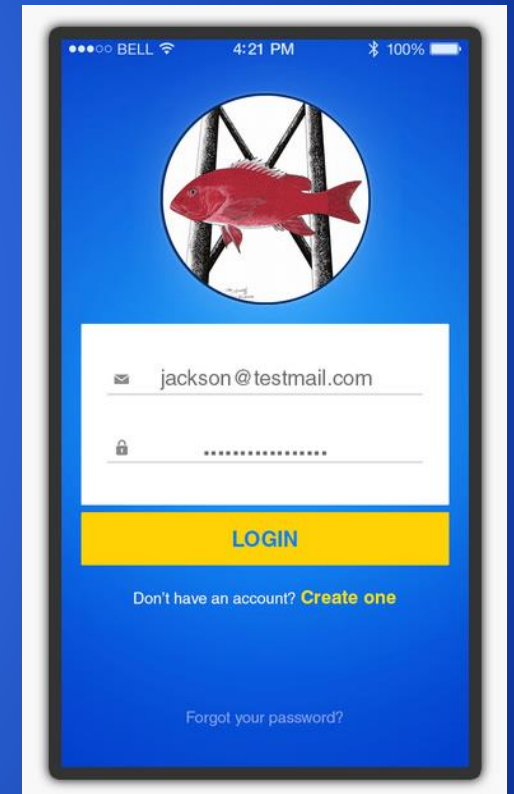


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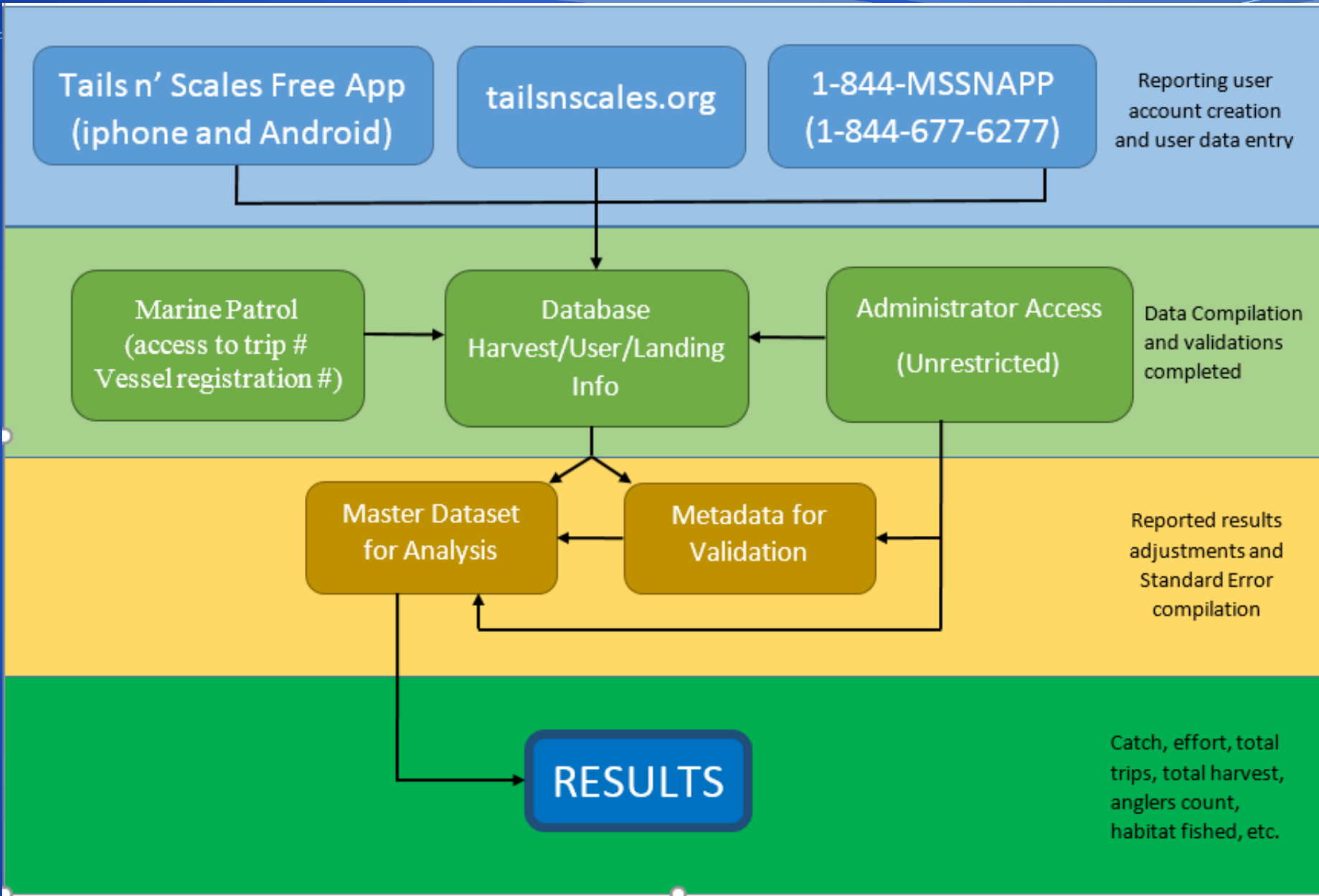
2016 Federal and State Seasons

- Federal Season
 - June 1st – 11th Private Anglers (11 days)
 - June 1st - July 16th Federal For-Hire (46 days)
- State Season
 - May 27th - September 5th (102 days)



Program Purpose

- CMR adopted a regulatory modification to Title 22 Part 9 *Statistical Reporting and Confidentiality of Statistical Data for Marine Fisheries* requiring reporting of Red Snapper landed in Mississippi.
- Anglers targeting Red Snapper must acquire a trip authorization number prior to fishing for them.
- Mississippi Department of Marine Resources is responsible for ensuring every angler can acquire a trip number 24 hours a day.
- The Tails n' Scales program began mandatory reporting 2015



2016 Updates

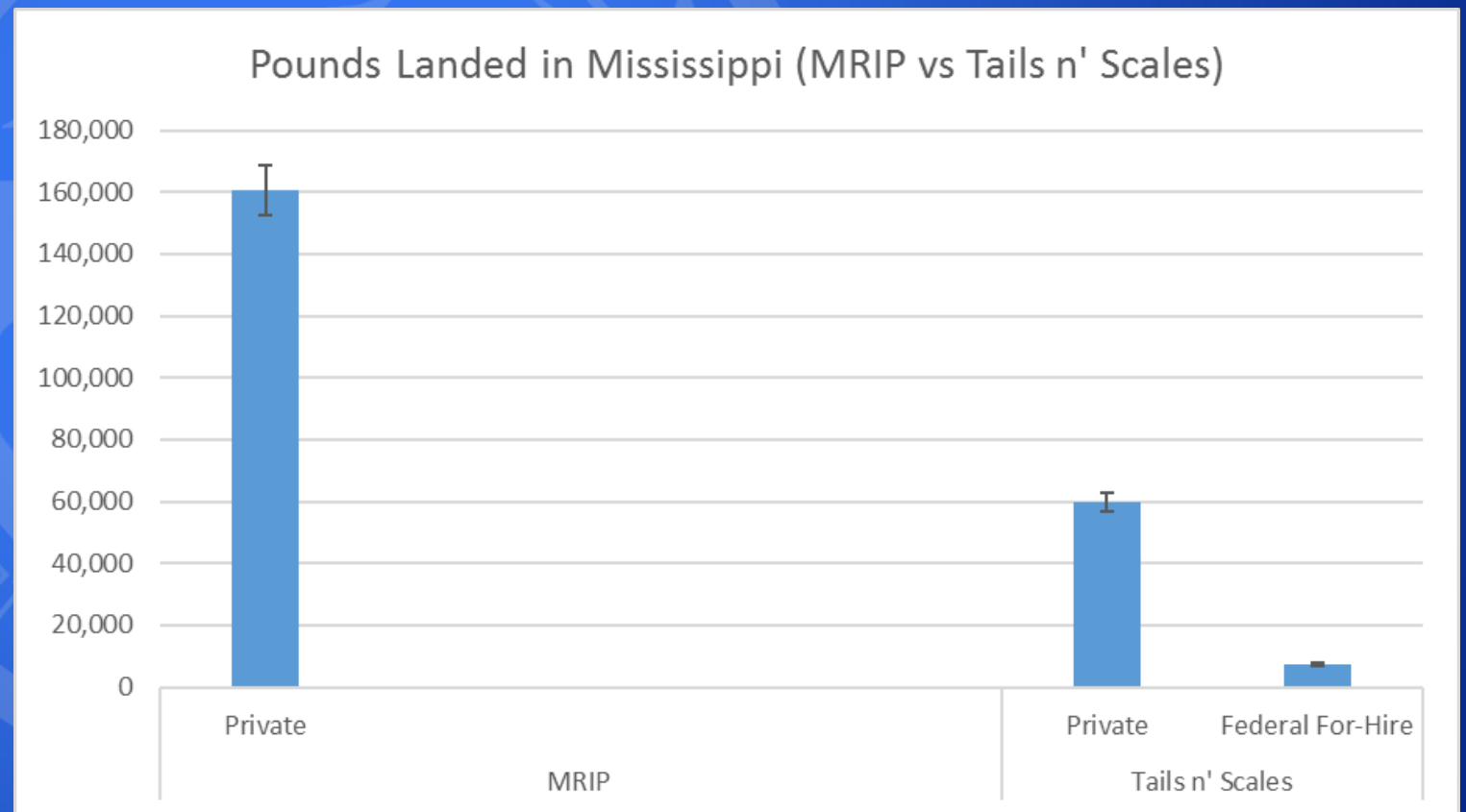
- Addition of email verification
- Archived 2015 data available to anglers
- Addition of reported discard data

Validation

- Dockside Interviews
- At-Sea observations (Vessel and Aircraft)
- Enforcement reports
- Trailer counts at selected docks
- E-Mail messaging and phone interviews for expired reports not completed by angler
- All reported trips have been accounted for

MS Red Snapper Landings During Federal Season

- MRIP
- Tails n' Scales



Preliminary Tails n' Scales Adjusted Results for 2016 Season

2016 (102 days)

- Total Harvest: 107,123 pounds
- Number Fish Harvested: 16,778
- Average Weight: 6.07 Pounds
- Average Length: 21.74 Inches
- Trips: 3,118 Completed
- Effort: 3.86 Anglers/Vessel/Trip
- Harvest: 1.40 Fish/Angler/Trip

2015 (153 days)

- Total Harvest: 97,454
- Number Fish Harvested: 17,048
- Average Weight: 5.15 Pounds
- Average Length: 19.56
- Trips: 2,184
- Effort: 4.37 Anglers/Vessel/Trip
- Harvest: 1.59 Fish/Angler/Trip

What Is The Value Of Mississippi's Reporting System?

- Season trends
- Effort analyses
- Stock assessments inputs (effort, landings, angler universe changes, biological data, etc.)
- Real time management
- Can be used as a float plan
- Monitors Mississippi's Red Snapper resource by providing accurate landings
- Understanding our universe and user groups of anglers better each year

Tails n' Scales Certification Process

- Met with representatives from AL, NOAA and three external consultants
- Presented validations and estimators to the consultants for their review
- Received positive feedback on 2015 methods and suggested changes to update estimators

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QUESTIONS?

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