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Good Afternoon:

Today, we are releasing a forward-looking [plan for implementing the National Saltwater Recreational Fisheries Policy](#). The plan provides details on approximately 50 national-level activities NOAA will be focusing on over the next 4 years to deliver quality science, service, and stewardship to the recreational fisheries community.

A few examples you may be interested in include:

- Commissioning an independent National Research Council review of the Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP) to assess our progress and ensure we're following a process that is scientifically sound, statistically robust, collaborative, and transparent.
- Expanding our capacity to engage the recreational community.
- Working with partners to advance electronic trip reporting for charter boats and head boats in the Gulf of Mexico and along the Atlantic coast.

We carefully selected these activities to support and complement your work and build on the progress we've made to enhance partnerships with the recreational fishing community and to improve stewardship.

I expect you'll find some of your interests reflected in the plan, and I'd welcome any opportunities for collaboration. I look forward to reporting back to you regularly on our progress. Please reach out to [Russ Dunn](#), National Policy Advisor for Recreational Fisheries, if you have any questions about the implementation plan or other recreational fishing related issues.

Regards,
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