

FISHERIES MANAGEMENT SECTION LEADS (Individual species in all caps denote state fishery management plan) Updated 1/16/2024

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