

SE Diamondback Terrapin Workshop
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Wilmington, NC

Funding for Bycatch Reduction Devices (BRDs)
Break out Session

Introduction: A BRD distribution project was started at the South Carolina aquarium, but further funding is needed to continue to expand this outreach effort. This group will explore options for funding new BRD distribution projects.

Notes from Breakout Session:

- Mississippi Marine Resources (state agency) is putting BRDs in can huggies when distributing at festivals to get people's attention
- Funding from NOAA disaster recovery for states affected by hurricanes?
- Cost of tied to education efforts (i.e. education people about why BRDs are needed)
- Money from state fishery management agencies? (i.e. NC recreation fishing license program offers funding for habitat enhancement programs)
- Target trap builders and trap material suppliers – have them include BRD with the crab trap
- South Carolina crab/oyster roasts, fundraisers for nonprofit groups, take a portion of this money raised to purchase BRDs
- Funding from NOAA section 6 endangered species?
- Tax crabs purchased? Economy problems may inhibit
- Target recreational fishermen – crab in areas where terrapins are (i.e. closer to shore, commercial fishermen usually go out further.)
- Piggyback on sea turtle TED education?
- Recreation crab pots are also linked to summer visitors – target this group through rental house management agencies
 - Add “pull up crab pot” on the checklist for vacating a summer property rental

Action Items:

- Identify contact for each state – that person should coordinate with state fishery and environmental management agency
 - Like creating a subgroup of the Diamondback Terrapin Working Group
- Identify target audience
 - Property owners with docks/piers
 - Summer visitors – through real estate rental agencies
 - Fishermen (commercial and recreational)
 - Crab pot builders and crab pot material suppliers
- Education of and BRD distribution to target audiences
 - Through existing fishery outreach – state fishery management agency
- Identify funding sources
 - NOAA endangered species

- NOAA fisheries restoration
- Sea Grant fishery grants
- Wetland Institute, Audubon (other nonprofits)
- Coastal Conservation Association (recreational fishermen association)
- Cost
 - \$2 per BRD, giveaway (such as a can hugger) and literature
 - 15,000 units per state (based on Mississippi resource manager estimate, state with more coastline would probably need more) = at least \$30,000 per state