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Title: New Tools for Steelhead Outreach and Collaboration - SH Report Card Data Dashboard

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Abstract:

Human dimensions and behaviors of various demographics have been recognized as an important factor of fisheries management. Gusman Costa and Hause (2023) looked at angler demographics as a possible predictor of compliance with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's (CDFW) Steelhead Report and Restoration Card Program; which mandates anglers report their fishing effort and catch annually. In response to the findings, CDFW is in the process of implementing several new strategies in hopes of increasing angler participation in the fishery and improving reporting compliance. Some of these strategies include restructuring the card to a shorter timeframe to allow for the implementation of fines and/or license restrictions for non-reporters, increased outreach efforts, creative interactive tools so anglers can explore and utilize submitted catch data, and more. This presentation will explore the pathway that CDFW is taking to balance the need for increased public data reporting with the desires of anglers to fully participate in the steelhead fishery.