## In Blogs



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$R$ is a software environment for statistical analyses and graphics that has several characteristics that make it attractive for fisheries science work. Two good descriptions of these characteristics can be found on the Inside-R and R -project web pages. Because of these advantages the $R$ environment is rapidly gaining popularity, both generally and within the fisheries science field. However, because $R$ is a language that must be learned, many users may not adopt $R$ as an analytical tool. This website has been developed to provide examples of fisheries-related analyses that can be performed in $R$. It is my hope that these examples will inspire or motivate you to use $R$ or, if you are already an $R$ user, provide examples on which you can build your $R$ knowledge.
fishr.wordpress.com/2013/07/12/fsa-0-4-1

## In News

## New Fish Species Awaits AFS Name Approval



Photo credit: Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

A new species of Black Bass was discovered by scientists with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission in the Escambia, Perdido, Conecuh, Choctawhatchee, Yellow, and Blackwater Rivers, noting that the DNA profile was unique, belonging to no other recognized species. "We chose the name 'Choctaw bass' because the species' range overlaps the historic range of the Choctaw Indians," said Mike Tringali, who heads the genetics laboratory at the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's Fish and Wildlife Research Institute. "As for our recommended scientific name, Micropterus haiaka, 'haiaka' is a Choctaw word that means 'revealed.'" The AFS must approve the suggested scientific name for it to take effect.
www.northescambia.com/2013/06/scientists-discover-new-fish-species-in-escambia-perdido-rivers

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