

Statistical Highlights Fisheries of the United States, 2007

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U.S. COMMERCIAL FISHERIES (Round weight)

World-wide catch by U.S. Vessels ⁽¹⁾:

9.4 billion pounds (4.3 million metric tons) - down 3%
Valued at \$4.2 billion - exvessel value - up 2%

Of 9.4 billion pounds:

8.4 billion pounds (3.8 million metric tons) of finfish - down 1%
1.0 billion pounds (463,148 metric tons) of shellfish - down 9%

U.S. Landings in the 50 United States ⁽²⁾:

9.2 billion pounds (4.2 million metric tons) - down 3%
Valued at \$4.1 billion - up 2%

Of 9.2 billion pounds:

7.5 billion pounds (3.4 million metric tons) for food - down 5%
1.7 billion pounds (801,149 metric tons) for industrial purposes - up 8%
(including bait and animal food)

Total supply (landings + imports - exports) of edible fishery products:

Total = 12.5 billion pounds (5.7 million metric tons) - up 1%
Landings = 7.5 billion pounds (3.4 million metric tons) - down 5%
Imports = 10.8 billion pounds (4.9 million metric tons) - up less than 1%
Exports = 5.8 billion pounds (2.6 million metric tons) - down 8%

Per capita consumption: 16.2 pounds (7.3 kilograms) edible meat - down 2%

FOREIGN TRADE (Product weight)

Imports - edible:

5.3 billion pounds (2.4 million metric tons) product weight
Valued at \$13.7 billion

Exports - edible:

2.9 billion pounds (1.3 million metric tons) product weight
Valued at \$4.3 billion

CATCH IN THE EEZ

Total - 6.2 billion pounds (2.8 million metric tons)

No foreign catch took place in the U.S. EEZ.

U. S. LANDINGS BY DISTANCE FROM SHORE⁽¹⁾

<u>Distance</u>	<u>Billion Pounds</u>	<u>Million Metric Tons</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Billion Dollars</u>	<u>Percent</u>
0-3 miles	3.0	1.4	32	1.7	41
3-200 miles	6.2	2.8	66	2.4	57
International	0.2	0.1	2	0.1	2
TOTAL	9.4	4.3	100	4.2	100

U.S. DOMESTIC LANDINGS - TOP FIVE SPECIES / GROUPS

<u>Volume:</u>				<u>Value:</u>			
<u>Rank</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>U.S. Dollars</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1	Pollock	3,084.6 million	33	1	Crabs	454.0 million	11
2	Menhaden	1,481.7 million	16	2	Scallops	386.6 million	9
3	Salmon	885.0 million	9	3	Lobster	381.2 million	9
4	Cod	505.2 million	5	4	Salmon	381.1 million	9
5	Flatfish	485.8 million	5	5	Shrimp	369.8 million	9

WORLD FISHERIES (Live weight, 2006) includes aquaculture and captured catch

Total catch 316.6 billion pounds (143.6 million metric tons)
U.S. catch 11.7 billion pounds (5.3 million metric tons)
(including weight of mollusk shells)

U.S. catch is 3.7 percent of world catch

COMMERCIAL FISHERIES CONTRIBUTION TO GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT (GNP)

U.S. consumers spent an estimated \$68.4 billion for fishery products.
In producing and marketing these items, the commercial fishing industry contributed \$34.2 billion in value added to the U.S. GNP.

MARINE RECREATIONAL FISHERIES⁽³⁾

MAJOR SPECIES

Atlantic and Gulf:

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Thousands of Fish Caught</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1	Spotted Seatrout	38,700	9
2	Atlantic Crocker	29,400	7
3	Bluefish	25,300	6
4	Summer Flounder	23,200	5
5	Spot	21,600	5

Pacific:

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Thousands of Fish Caught</u>	<u>Percent</u>
1	Kelp Bass	730	6
2	Black Rockfish	680	5
3	Barred Surfperch	463	4
4	White Croaker	438	3
5	Barred Sand Bass	387	3

2007 Atlantic and Gulf Coast (excluding Texas) catch: 450 million fish

2007 Pacific Coast (excluding Alaska and Hawaii) catch: 13 million fish

U.S. RECREATIONAL CATCH TYPES BY AREA FISHED

<u>Area</u>	<u>Thousand Pounds</u>	<u>Thousand Metric Tons</u>	<u>Percent of Catch</u>	<u>Thousands of Fish Harvested</u>	<u>Percent of Harvest</u>	<u>Thousands of Fish Released</u>	<u>Percent of Release</u>
Inland	108,400	49	43	120,000	61	164,300	60
STS	71,500	32	28	57,800	29	83,100	31
EEZ	75,200	34	29	18,600	10	24,600	9
Total	255,100	115	100	196,400	100	272,000	100

U.S. RECREATIONAL CATCH TYPES AND NUMBER OF TRIPS BY FISHING MODE

<u>Mode</u>	<u>Thousands of Fish Harvested</u>	<u>Percent of Harvest</u>	<u>Thousands of Fish Released</u>	<u>Percent of Release</u>	<u>Thousands of of Trips</u>	<u>Percent of Trips</u>
Shore	59,900	30	64,400	24	37,400	43
Private/Rental Boat	122,700	62	195,200	72	45,900	53
Party/Charter Boat	13,800	8	12,400	4	3,400	4
Total	196,400	100	272,000	100	86,700	100

U.S. RECREATIONAL TOP ENCOUNTERED SPECIES

Harvested:

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Thousands of Fish</u>	<u>Percent of Harvest</u>
1	Spot	15,900	8
2	Spotted Seatrout	13,200	7
3	Atlantic Croaker	12,000	6
4	Bluefish	8,700	4
5	Pinfish	7,900	4

Released:

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Thousands of Fish</u>	<u>Percent of Release</u>
1	Spotted Seatrout	25,600	9
2	Summer Flounder	19,800	7
3	Atlantic Croaker	17,500	6
4	Striped Bass	16,900	6
5	Bluefish	16,700	6

ENDNOTES

- (1) Commercial landings including all catches by U.S.-flag vessels landed in the continental United States, Hawaii, Puerto Rico and other foreign ports.
- (2) Commercial landings by U.S. fishermen at ports in the 50 United States, excluding catches by U.S.-flag vessels which are landed in Puerto Rico and other foreign ports.
- (3) Coverage of Recreational Fisheries Statistics Program, 1981 - 2007

The Recreational Fisheries Statistics Program provides coverage of saltwater sport fishing (including estuarine and brackish water) from private/rental boats, charter and head boats, and the shore on the Atlantic Coast (Maine - East Florida), Gulf Coast (Louisiana - West Florida), Puerto Rico, and Hawaii. Detailed information and access to the data are available on the Fisheries Statistics web page (<http://www.st.nmfs.noaa.gov/st1/>).

Exceptions Recreational Fisheries Statistics Program to Coverage

Care is advised when comparing catch estimates for the Recreational Fisheries Statistics Program time series because of differences in sampling coverage.

- In the South Atlantic and Gulf sub-regions (NC-LA) the Recreational Fisheries Statistics Program has not collected catch data from head boats since 1985, so estimates for these sub-regions now only include charter boats in the for-hire sector.
- Marine recreational fishing in Texas is monitored by the Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife.
- Prior to 1998, on the Pacific coast, ocean boat trips and salmon trips were not sampled during certain waves because they were surveyed by state natural resource agencies.
- Alaska conducts an annual mail survey and has never been surveyed by the Recreational Fisheries Statistics Program.
- West Pacific U.S. territories have not been surveyed by the Recreational Fisheries Statistics Program since 1981.
- Hawaii was not surveyed between 1981 and 2002.
- The U.S. Caribbean was not surveyed between 1981 and 2000.

Historically, only about five percent of the annual recreational catch on the Atlantic and Gulf coasts is taken during Wave 1 (January - February). Costs to sample these months are very high due to low fishing activity. Therefore, in Jan/Feb of 1981 the Recreational Fisheries Statistics Program was not conducted in any region. In 1982, Jan/Feb data collection resumed on the Pacific and Gulf coasts and also on the Atlantic coast of Florida. With few exceptions Recreational Fisheries Statistics Program has not been conducted in Jan/Feb on the Atlantic coast north of Florida since 1980.

Other Times / Areas of No Coverage

Nov/Dec (ME & NH) - 1987 to present	Nov/Dec (Oregon) - 1994
Mar/Apr (ME & NH) - 1986 to present	Nov/Dec (Washington shore modes) - 2003
Jan/Feb (No.CA-OR) - 1994	July - Dec (Oregon shore modes) - 2003
Jan/Feb (So. CA-OR) - 1995	All Waves (Washington) 1993 to 1994
All Waves (CA through WA) -1990 to1993, 2004 to present	

Note:-- Totals may not match due to rounding.

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